

# **Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church**



**March 17, 2019 – 11:00 a.m.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

*We welcome you to worship with us this morning, as we gather in community to draw closer to God, made known in Christ. We pray you will know the presence of the Lord, through our worship, and through the work of the Spirit. We invite you to take these moments before worship to calm your hearts and minds and open yourself to the quiet stillness of the presence of God!*

## **GOD GATHERS THE PEOPLE**

**Prelude**

Sandra Perkins & Gail Rollings

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Welcome & Announcements**

Rose Scott

**Passing of the Peace**

Rev. Jason N. Cashing

**Sharing of Joys/Concerns**

## **Call to Worship**

One: O come, let us worship and bow down;

**All: Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.**

One: The hour is coming is now here.

**All: In spirit and truth, let us worship God!**

**\*Opening Hymn #32 – "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"**

## **Prayer of Confession (in unison)**

Lord, you know who we are. You know everything we have done. We thirst for things that will never satisfy us. We commit ourselves to things that will never last. We worship things that will never bring salvation. Still, you offer us the gift of living water. Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life. Forgive us, O Lord, and give us this living water, so that we may never thirst again. Amen.

*(A Moment of Silent Confession)*

## **Promise of God's Forgiveness**

One: Hear the good news of the gospel:

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, healed, and made whole.**

One: Know that we have been forgiven, and be at peace!

**All: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. Amen!**

**\*Congregational Response (Hymn #581)**

**The Giving of our Tithes, Gifts & Selves to God - Offertory**

**Congregational Response (Hymn #606)**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

## **WE ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD**

**Choral Anthem – "Near The Cross"**

## **Prayer for Illumination**

Almighty God, send your Spirit to open our hearts and minds as we listen to your word, hearing again of your holy mysteries and invitations to life, for the glory of your Kingdom. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

## Scriptural Readings

1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Psalm 16:5-8	p430
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Matthew 20:1-16	p801

**Sermon**                      “True Value”                      Rev. Jason N. Cashing

**Reflective Hymn #442** – “Just as I Am, Without One Plea”

## WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

### Affirmation of Faith

The good news of the Gospel is that the triune God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – creates, redeems, sustains, rules, and transforms all things and all people. This one living God, the Scriptures say, liberated the people of Israel from oppression and covenanted to be their God. By the power of the Spirit, the one living God is incarnate in Jesus Christ, who came to live in the world, die for the world, and be raised again to new life. The Gospel of Jesus Christ announces the nearness of God’s kingdom, bringing good news to all who are impoverished, sight to all who are blind, freedom to all who are oppressed, and proclaiming the Lord’s favor upon all creation. Amen.

*[from The PC(USA) Book of Order, F-1.01a]*

### Prayers of the People & Lord’s Prayer

One: Lord, in your mercy,

**All: Hear our prayers.**

**\*Departing Hymn #738** – “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

### \*Blessing

One: We have been blessed!

**All: We have met for divine worship, as God’s people.**

One: We have been blessed!

**All: Our sins have truly been forgiven.**

One: We have been blessed!

**All: We go out into the world as the body of Christ, bearing the good news of the gospel. We are blessed, indeed. Amen!**

**\*Pastoral Benediction**

**\*Choral Benediction & Postlude**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Parents of Little Ones:** We want worship to be a nurturing experience for your whole family. As such, Nursery services are available for your benefit and the enjoyment of your child. Let one of our greeters know and they'll help you get set up!

**Next Sunday, March 24, is "Preschool Sunday."** The morning worship service will include our Gregory Preschoolers.

**Cub Pack 910's Yard Sale** will be held in GMPC parking lot on Saturday, March 23, from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

**Spaghetti dinner (Tri-Cities Workcampers fund-raiser)** is set for Saturday, March 23. Dinner will be served beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Tickets are \$8/person. Contact Gregory workcampers for tickets. *Let's support our Gregory workcampers!*

**Lenten services** will be held at these area churches beginning at 12 p.m. on the dates given below. A simple lunch will follow. All are welcome!

**March 21 Trinity UMC**

10021 County Drive, Disputanta, Va.

**March 28 Sycamore UMC**

9710 Old Stage Road, Prince George, Va.

**April 4 Gary's UMC**

13501 Sunnybrook Road, Petersburg, Va.

**April 11 Bethlehem Congregational Church**

10501 Pole Run Road, Disputanta, Va.

**Reminder: Time to reserve your Easter lilies!** Deadline to receive your completed order forms with checks made payable to "Gregory Memorial Church" is Sunday, March 31. The lilies cost \$12 each. **Please** print your dedication information on the enclosed Order form and place with payment check in the collection plate. Order forms are also on the Narthex table!

### GMPC Information

[www.gregorymemorial.org](http://www.gregorymemorial.org) [www.facebook.com/gmpcva](https://www.facebook.com/gmpcva)

804.732.1081 Office Hours: Tuesday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Jason Cashing ([Jason@gregorymemorial.org](mailto:Jason@gregorymemorial.org))

Secretary: Nancy Adams ([office@gregorymemorial.org](mailto:office@gregorymemorial.org))

Organist: Sandra Perkins Pianist: Gail Rollings

Treasurer: Kevin Foster

Financial Sec.: Sandy Hunter

### Session Members

Sandy Hunter (2019); Patsy Johnson (2019); Charles Smyth (2019)

Pat Hunter (2020); Susan Shockley (2020); \_\_\_\_\_ (2020)

Blake Bishop (2021); Dianne Overstreet (2021); \_\_\_\_\_ (2021)

Donald Hunter (Clerk of Session)

### 3/17 THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

S	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> <b>St. Patrick's Day</b> 9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship 12:30p Session meeting	17	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent,</b> <b>St. Patrick's Day</b> <b>Preschool Sunday</b>  9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship 11a 5 Cents a Meal Offering 12:30p Session meeting	24
M		18		25
T	<b>6p</b> GS Tr5000	19		26
W	<b>7p</b> Choir practice	20	<b>5:30p</b> BS Tr900 qtrly dinner mtg., Fellowship Hall <b>7p</b> Choir practice	27
T	<b>12p</b> Lenten service & lunch, Host: Trinity UMC <b>2p</b> News articles due in office <b>2p</b> Church cleaning <b>7p</b> Stewardship & Finance Com.	21	<b>12p</b> Lenten service & lunch, Host: Sycamore UMC <b>2p</b> Newsletter out <b>2p</b> Church cleaning	28
F	6p Set-up for Cub Scouts' 6/23 event	22		29
S	<b>8a</b> Cub Scouts Yard Sale, GMPC parking lot <b>6p</b> Spaghetti Dinner workcampers' fund-raiser, Fellowship Hall; set-up all day	23		30

### SUNDAY SERVANTS

🔑 GATEKEEPER: Gregg Webber

	<b>MAR. 17</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sun. in Lent</b>	<b>MAR. 24</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sun. in Lent</b>
USHERS	Wayne Powers Brenda Bond Glenda Mayhew Les Mayhew	Sheila Fields Janet Swinton Shill Marguerite Bishop Valerie Harsh
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Rose Scott	Dianne Overstreet
NURSERY	Jennifer Smyth Charlie Smyth	Pat Hunter Patsy Johnson
COUNTING	Donald Hunter Megan Cashing	David Johnson Rose Scott

### FACTS & FIGURES

		YTD	Thru 1/31/19	Offrg	Rec'd.
Pledged/proj. incr.	\$137,530	Inc.	\$11,380.55	3/3	\$4,519.00
Ann. Budget exp.	\$145,537	Exp.	(\$10,510.98)	3/10	\$2,560.55
Mo. Budget needs	\$ 12,128	Diff.	(\$869.57)	3/17	
Wk. budget needs	\$ 2,799			3/24	
				3/31	

### ATTENDANCE

	Worship	Sun. School	Children	Youth
March 10, 2019	49	10		

## OUR PRAYERS & CONCERNS

Amy Townson, Josh Ingram's sister  
Doris Karnowski, Josh Ingram's grandmother  
Mary Chadwick, Dink Armstrong's sister  
Evelyn Lichvar, brother, Martin, & her son, Rick (health issues)  
Becky Smith  
Russell Heiser, Ingrid Phoenix's grandson (health issues)  
Kenneth Andrews, Childress family's friend  
Butch Meade, Glenda Mayhew's brother  
Jane Arehart, Glenda Mayhew's friend (health issues)  
Gladys Wiseman  
Steve "Dee" Shortt, Kim Helmer Shortt's husband (health issue)  
Verne & Clara Smith  
Scott Guelcher, Larry Johnson's friend (health issues)  
Sharon Entwhistle, Barb Taliaferro's friend  
Elizabeth Scott  
Peggy Allen  
Dink Armstrong's sister, "Shorty" (health issue)  
Eddie Frankenstein  
Erle Potter, the Hasky family's friend (treatment for health issue)  
Grace Cibula  
Nancy Willis, (terminal diagnosis), Corey Whelan's grandmother;  
Corey's also Pat Hunter's grandson  
Carol Bowman, Sharon Entwhistle's mother (health issue)  
Michelle Daschner, PG Fire & EMS office intern (health issue)  
Pam Henry, Mary Holc's family member (health issue)  
Larry Hicks, Doreen Hicks's husband (health concerns)  
Donna Wilson, Doreen Hicks's daughter  
Doris Harmison (Colonial Heights Health Care)  
Billy Robertson (health issue)  
Jaime Meurer (recov., car accident)  
Jo Hatfield, Larry & Linda Johnson's friend (injuries from a fall)  
Jerry Hasky (health issue)  
Mattie-Lynn's Metschke's brother, Montana (in VCU  
w/failed placenta)  
Mary Holc (recov., surgery)  
Patsy Johnson (recov., surgery)  
Courtney Stewart, celebrating healthy birth of baby  
Cathy Moore, Glenda Mayhew's sister (health issue)  
Family/friends of Ellen Zaborsky (d. 2/26)  
Family/friends of Trevor Aldridge (d. 3/9)  
Moneka Surprenant, Sandy Eickmeyer's friend  
Gwen Spicer Shea, Dianne Overstreet's friend