

Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



March 24, 2019 – 11:00 a.m.

3rd Sunday in Lent

"Preschool Sunday"

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

Dianne Overstreet

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Jason N. Cashing

Sharing of Joys/Concerns

Call to Worship

One: Jesus, Light of the World,

All: Give us eyes to see as you see!

One: Once we lived in darkness, but now -

All: As children of light, we are called to what is good and right and true.

One: Jesus, Light of the World,

All: Give us eyes to see as you see!

***Opening Hymn #39 – "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"**

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Healing God of majesty and glory, we are thirst for your grace. You made a way for us in the wilderness, and still, in our foolishness, we go astray. We hide our eyes from your presence. We do not listen to your word. We are lifeless when we ought to dance and speechless when we ought to sing. Forgive us, O Lord. Speak peace to our fearful hearts, strengthen our weak hands, and make firm our feeble knees as we seek to follow in your holy way. 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

Program Celebrating "Preschool Sunday"

Our Gregory Memorial Preschool students will perform a short musical program under guidance of Ms. Janet Lammey, Preschool Director/Instructor of 4-Year-Old Class, and Mrs. Sandra Biggs, Instructor of 3-Year-Old Class.

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 st Reading	Psalm 45:6-7	p449
2 nd Reading	Matthew 22:1-14	p803

Sermon "Dress For Success" Rev. Jason N. Cashing

Reflective Hymn #829 – "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

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 #816** – "If Thou but Trust in God to Guide 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!

Today's Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Jimmy Wiseman by the family.

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

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.

Church Work Day – Saturday, April 6, beginning with breakfast for volunteers in Fellowship Hall, 8 a.m.

Reminder: Time to reserve your Easter lilies! Deadline to receive your completed order forms with checks made payable to “Gregory Memorial Church” is next 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 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)

Secretary: Nancy Adams (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)

3/24 THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

S	3rd Sunday in Lent, "Preschool Sunday" 9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship 11a 5 Cents a Meal Offering	24	4th Sunday in Lent 9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship 11a Local Emergency Aid Offering 2p Committee reports due	31
M		25	1p Worship Com.	1
T		26	1p Circle 6p Congregational Care Com. 7p Christian Ed Com. 7p Facilities Com.	2
W	5:30p BS Tr900 quarterly dinner mtg., Fellowship Hall 7p Choir practice	27	7p Choir practice	3
T	12p Lenten service & lunch, Host: Sycamore UMC 2p Newsletter out 2p Church cleaning.	28	12p Lenten service & lunch, Host: Gary's UMC 2p Church cleaning	4
F		29		5
S		30	8a Church Work Day, starting with breakfast for Work Day volunteers	6

SUNDAY SERVANTS

 GATEKEEPER: Gregg Webber

	MAR. 24 3 rd Sun. in Lent	MAR. 31 4 th Sun. in Lent
USHERS	Sheila Fields Janet Swinton Shill Marguerite Bishop Valerie Harsh	John Carl Allen Dianne Overstreet Rose Scott Wayne Powers
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Dianne Overstreet	Valerie Harsh
NURSERY	Pat Hunter Patsy Johnson	Mary Webber Donald Hunter
COUNTING	David Johnson Rose Scott	Sandy Hunter Glenda Mayhew

FACTS & FIGURES

		YTD	Thru 2/28/19	Offrg	Rec'd.
Pledged/proj. incr.	\$137,530	Inc.	\$21,971.13	3/3	\$4,519.00
Ann. Budget exp.	\$145,537	Exp.	(\$21,191.02)	3/10	\$2,560.55
Mo. Budget needs	\$ 12,128	Diff.	\$780.11	3/17	\$1,983.00
Wk. budget needs	\$ 2,799			3/24	
				3/31	

ATTENDANCE

	Worship	Sun. School	Children	Youth
March 17, 2019	45	12		

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 Trevor Aldridge (d. 3/9)
Moneka Surprenant, Sandy Eickmeyer's friend
Gwen Spicer Shea, Dianne Overstreet's friend