

Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



March 31, 2019 – 11:00 a.m.

4th 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

Valerie Harsh

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Jason N. Cashing

Sharing of Joys/Concerns

Call to Worship

One: O mortal, can these bones live?

All: Only the Lord God knows.

One: O people, hope in the Lord.

All: With the Lord there is steadfast love and great power to redeem.

***Opening Hymn #645 – "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"**

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

O Lord, if you held our sin against us, who could live, who could stand? We seem to have more faith in death than hope in your promise of life. We seek peace through war and find security in weapons. We abandon the hungry, sick, and dying, and pursue wealth by making others poor. And even so, you love us; still there is forgiveness with you! Therefore we worship you; for you alone, O Lord, can save us from death and redeem us from our sin. 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 – "More Than A 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 st Reading	Psalm 43:3-4	p448
2 nd Reading	Matthew 25:1-13	p806

Sermon "Trimmed and Burning" Rev. Jason N. Cashing

Reflective Hymn #265 – "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

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** #370 – "This Is My Father's World"

*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!

Last day to order your Easter lilies! Easter lilies will be delivered to the church Sanctuary the week of April 7. The lilies cost \$12 each. To order, please print your dedication information on the enclosed Lily Order form and place with payment check payable to "Gregory Church" in the collection plate.

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

April 4 Gary's UMC

13501 Sunnybrook Road, Petersburg, Va.

April 11 Bethlehem Congregational Church

10501 Pole Run Road, Disputanta, Va.

Christian Ed is asking for help with filling Easter Eggs. In the Narthex there are bags with 12 plastic Easter Eggs in each bag. We need ten people to take a bag home with them today and fill the eggs with either candy or other items. Other items could be coins or small items from Dollar Tree, Michaels etc., just to give you a few ideas. You will need to return your eggs no later than Sunday, April 14. Thank you so much for helping.

Easter Egg Hunt - Once again Christian Ed will host an Easter Egg Hunt Easter Sunday, April 21. The Egg Hunt will be for any child 12 and under and will be held during Junior Church time. We look forward to a fun time so be sure to invite your family and friends.

"These Days" (Apr.-Jun.) - Summer quarter issues have arrived! A small quantity (20) is available in the Narthex. Pick up a copy today while supply lasts for some inspirational reading!

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

3/31 THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

S	4th Sunday in Lent 31 9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship 11a Local Emergency Aid Offering	5th Sunday in Lent 7 9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship 11a Holy Communion 6p Tri-Cities Workcamp meeting
M	APRIL 1 1p Worship Com.	8
T	Presch. Spring Break Apr. 2-4 2 1p Circle 6p Congregational Care Com. 6p GS Tr5000 7p Facilities Com.	6:30p Missions-Outreach Com. 9
W	Presch. Spring Break Apr. 2-4 3 7p Choir practice	7p Choir practice 10
T	Presch. Spring Break Apr. 2-4 4 11a Lily order placed w/florist 12p Lenten service & lunch, Host: Gary's UMC 2p Church cleaning.	12p Lenten service & lunch, Host: Bethlehem Congregational Church 2p Church cleaning. 11
F	5	6p Set-up for 4/13 event 12
S	8a Church Work Day, starting with breakfast for Work Day volunteers 6	5p Cub Pack 910 Spaghetti dinner fund-raiser, Fellowship Hall 13

SUNDAY SERVANTS

🗝️ GATEKEEPER: Gregg Webber (Mar.)
Charles Smyth (Apr.)

	MAR. 31 4th Sun. in Lent	APR. 7 5th Sun. in Lent
USHERS	John Carl Allen Dianne Overstreet Rose Scott Wayne Powers	Charles Smyth Austin Smyth Morgan Ingram Josh Ingram
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Valerie Harsh	Mary Kay Schroeter
NURSERY	Mary Webber Donald Hunter	Valerie Harsh Sandy Hunter
COUNTING	Sandy Hunter Glenda Mayhew	Morgan Ingram Ron Recher

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	\$1,010.28
				3/31	

ATTENDANCE

	Worship	Sun. School	Children	Youth
March 24, 2019	69	11		

OUR PRAYERS & CONCERNS

Victims of recent area bus accidents
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 and her mother Elizabeth Scott
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
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, Corey Whelan's grandmother (terminal diagnosis)
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)
Courtney Stewart (celebrating birth of healthy baby)
Cathy Moore, Glenda Mayhew's sister (health issue)
Moneka Surprenant, Sandy Eickmeyer's friend
Gwen Spicer Shea, Dianne Overstreet's friend
Ed Barnes & family, Bobby Allen's friend (Ed has been missing at Kerr Lake for more than a week)
Family/friends of Billy Ingram, Josh Ingram's father (d. 3/21)
Reese Etheridge, Wayne Powers' uncle (burned in house fire)
Chris Lawrence (injured in house fire)
Joseph & Lindsay Paul (newborn twins born prematurely)
Lynn Bond (recov., appendicitis & preparing for marriage)
Cathy Rackley, friend of Doreen Hicks (heart catherization)
Family/friends of Percy Ashcraft's brother
Family/friends of Bill Russell's mother