

Gregory Memorial presbyterian Church



April 7, 2019 – 11:00 a.m.

5th 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

Mary Kay Schroeter

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Jason N. Cashing

Sharing of Joys/Concerns

Call to Worship

One: In times of security and times of uncertainty,

All: O Lord, hear our prayers.

One: Confident in your faithfulness,

All: We will ever praise your name.

One: Through the abundance of your steadfast love you have gathered us.

All: In the holiness of your presence, we worship and praise you!

***Opening Hymn #450 – "Be Thou My Vision"**

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Holy God, you promise a life full of blessing, but we do not always believe. You incite us to hope, but we fall back into fear. You urge us to give freely, but we cling to what we have. You call us to watch at all times for you, but we grow lazy and self-absorbed. Forgive us. Increase our hope, enlarge our hearts, and keep us alert to the wonders you work in the world every day. For the sake of Jesus we pray. 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 – "How Beautiful"

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 98:7-9	p480
2 nd Reading	Matthew 25:31-46	p807

Sermon "Simple Compassion" Rev. Jason N. Cashing

Reflective Hymn #216 – "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

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.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION [see insert]

***Departing Hymn** #213 – "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

***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!

The last **Lenten service for 2019** will be held on Thursday, April 11, beginning at 12 p.m., at **Bethlehem Congregational Church, 10501 Pole Run Road**, followed by a simple lunch. All are welcome!

Easter Egg Hunt - Once again Christian Ed will host an Easter Egg Hunt on 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!

Time to Update "Pocket" Directory - Please take a few minutes to review your listing in the draft of the Directory that's on the Narthex table, and make any needed changes or additions. The draft will be available until May 1. Plans are to have copies of the official Pocket Directory available for you in early June.

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)

Trustees

Morgan Ingram (2019); Donald Hunter (2020); John Carl Allen (2021)

4/7 THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

S	<i>5th Sunday in Lent</i> 9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship 11a Holy Communion 6p Tri-Cities Workcamp meeting	7	<i>Palm Sunday</i> 9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship	14
M		8		15
T	6:30p Missions-Outreach Com.	9	6p GS Tr5000	16
W	7p Choir practice	10	7p Choir practice	17
T	12p Lenten service & lunch, Host: Bethlehem Congregational Church 2p Church cleaning.	11	<i>Maundy Thursday</i> 2p News articles due 2p Church cleaning 7p Maundy Thursday service	18
F	6p Set-up for 4/13 event	12	6p <i>Good Friday</i>	19
S	5p Cub Pack 910 Spaghetti dinner fund-raiser, Fellowship Hall	13	<i>Holy Saturday</i> Rain date for Work Day PG Clean Community Day	20

SUNDAY SERVANTS

🗝️ GATEKEEPER: Charles Smyth

	APR. 7 5th Sun. in Lent	APR. 14 Palm Sunday
USHERS	Charles Smyth Austin Smyth Morgan Ingram Josh Ingram	Bobby Allen Donna Allen Velma Allen Larry Johnson
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Mary Kay Schroeter	Larry Johnson
NURSERY	Valerie Harsh Sandy Hunter	Linda Johnson Mary Lykins
COUNTING	Morgan Ingram Ron Recher	Donald Hunter Susan Shockley

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	\$2,101.00

ATTENDANCE

	Worship	Sun. School	Children	Youth
March 31, 2019	44	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 healthy birth of baby)
Cathy Moore, Glenda Mayhew's sister (health issue)
Moneka Surprenant, Sandy Eickmeyer's friend
Gwen Spicer Shea, Dianne Overstreet's friend
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
Family/friends of Rachel McCann, mother of Trisha Altman, Dianne Overstreet's friend
Family/friends of Edwin Barnes, Bobby Allen's friend (d. 3/16)