

# **Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church**



**April 14, 2019 – 11:00 a.m.**

## **Palm 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**

Larry Johnson

**Passing of the Peace**

Rev. Jason N. Cashing

**Sharing of Joys/Concerns**

## **Call to Worship**

One: Awake to the day of triumph for our Savior!

**All: Give thanks for this day that leads to the cross!**

One: Come with your branches, hosannas and songs!

**All: Fill the air with welcome to the Lord!**

One: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

**All: Hosanna in the highest!**

**\*Opening Hymn #197 – "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"**

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

Lord Jesus Christ, how well you know our hearts, and still you love us – you have loved us to the end. We have denied you, and we have denied our calling to serve one another. We have betrayed you, and we have betrayed your commandment to love one another. Pour out your Spirit of grace upon us. Teach us to love and serve you faithfully and to love and serve one another by the example you have set for us; in your holy name 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 – "Jesus Christ Triumphant"**

## **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 118:25-29	p493
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Matthew 21:1-17	p802

**Sermon** "Right Acclaim" Rev. Jason N. Cashing

**Reflective Hymn** #196 – "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

## **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** #198 – "Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!"

### **\*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!

**Please join us for our Sunrise service** on next Sunday, Easter, at 6:30 a.m. Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall will follow the service.

**Easter Egg Hunt** - Once again Christian Ed will host an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday, April 21 for children ages 12 and under. The Egg Hunt will be held during the Time for Children. We look forward to a fun time so be sure to invite your family and friends!

**The baptism of Miss Carrie Jane Ruth Cashing**, daughter of Rev. Jason and Mrs. Megan Cashing, will be held next Sunday, during Easter worship service. There will be a brief reception following worship, to which all are invited, in Fellowship Hall.

A brochure for our Easter offering, **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering**, is enclosed for your information. Offering envelopes will be provided in the Easter bulletin.

**Time to Update "Pocket" Directory** - Please review and make any needed changes to your listing in the draft of the Directory that's on the Narthex table 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)

#### 4/14 THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

S	<b>Palm Sunday</b> 9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship	14	<b>Easter Sunday</b> 6:30a Sunrise service, followed by breakfast in Fellowship Hall 9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship - Easter Egg Hunt - Infant Baptism - 1 Gr. Hr Sharing Offrg. Reception follows worship	21
M		15	<b>Easter Monday</b>	22
T	6p GS Tr5000	16		23
W	7p Choir practice	17	7p Choir practice	24
T	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> 2p News articles due 2p Church cleaning 7p Maundy Thursday service	18	2p Church cleaning	25
F	6p <b>Good Friday</b>	19		26
S	<b>Holy Saturday</b> Rain date - Church Work Day PG Clean Community Day	20		27

#### SUNDAY SERVANTS

🗝️ GATEKEEPER: Charles Smyth

	APR. 14 Palm Sunday	APR. 21 Easter Sunday
USHERS	Bobby Allen Donna Allen Velma Allen Larry Johnson	Wayne Powers Brenda Bond Glenda Mayhew Les Mayhew
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Larry Johnson	Rose Scott
NURSERY	Linda Johnson Mary Lykins	Donna Allen Mary Holc
COUNTING	Donald Hunter Susan Shockley	David Johnson Blake Bishop

#### FACTS & FIGURES

		YTD	Thru 2/28/19	Offrg	Rec'd.
Pledged/proj. incr.	\$137,530	Inc.	\$21,971.13	4/7	\$2,765.55
Ann. Budget exp.	\$145,537	Exp.	( \$21,191.02)	4/14	\$
Mo. Budget needs	\$ 12,128	Diff.	\$780.11	4/21	\$
Wk. budget needs	\$ 2,799			4/28	\$

#### ATTENDANCE

	Worship	Sun. School	Children	Youth
April 7, 2019	40	13		

## 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

Sharon Entwhistle, Barbara 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

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 catheterization)

Ed Seldon, future son-in-law of Doreen Hicks (upcoming heart catheterization)

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)