

Gregory Memorial presbyterian Church



April 21, 2019 – 11:00 a.m.

Easter 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

Choral Prelude: "Easter Carol" Sandra Perkins & Gail Rollings
CCLI #3162073

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Rose Scott

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Jason N. Cashing

Sharing of Joys/Concerns

Call to Worship

One: Beloved church, behold the victory of our God:

All: Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave. Christ is risen! Alleluia!

One: Sin and death shall reign no more.

All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

One: Let this place resound with joy.

All: Christ is risen! Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

***Opening Hymn #232 – "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"**

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Lord Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit we have been raised from the waters of baptism to share in your glorious resurrection. Yet we have not lived as Easter people. We are unsure of your promise, confused about your will, and afraid in the face of danger. Like Mary, we weep at the tomb, but do not recognize your presence. Call us by name, risen Lord, that we may know you with confidence. Whenever we are tempted to fear death, give us courage to confess your Easter victory. Whenever we are distracted by petty conflicts, keep our minds on your reconciling love. Whenever we are overwhelmed by the power of evil, reveal again to us your triumph over the destructive powers of oppression. Forgive us our sin and let our lives be a testimony to your salvation, through the love of God and by the power of the Holy Spirit. 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 – "Resurrection Alleluias"

Time for Children – Easter Egg Hunt for children ages 12 & under

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 118:19-24	p493
2 nd Reading	Matthew 28:1-10	p811

Sermon "Open Graves" Rev. Jason N. Cashing

Reflective Hymn #246 – "Christ Is Alive!"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Affirmation of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen. *[from A Brief Statement of Faith]*

Baptism of Carrie Jane Ruth Cashing

(Parents, Jason & Megan Cashing)

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

One: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayers.

***Departing Hymn** #233 – "The Day of Resurrection!"

*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!

Our Easter lilies are dedicated to the glory of God in honor of/in memory of those we wish to remember as indicated in the enclosed dedication sheet. Please, remember to take your lilies home today after worship.

Today we celebrate the baptism of Miss Carrie Jane Ruth Cashing, daughter of Rev. Jason and Mrs. Megan Cashing. The Cashings are joined today by Carrie's grandparents, Doug and Betsy Cashing and Paul and Lynn Hornbuckle, and great-grandmother, Carol Hornbuckle. There will be a brief celebratory reception in the Fellowship Hall to which everyone is invited, following this morning's worship service.

An **Easter Egg Hunt** is being hosted by Christian Ed during the Time for Children for children ages 12 and under.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering envelope is enclosed for your use today.

Reminder: 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

4/21 THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

S	Easter Sunday 21 6:30a Sunrise service, followed by breakfast in Fellowship Hall 9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship - Easter Egg Hunt - Infant Baptism - <i>1 Gr. Hr Sharing Offrg.</i> Reception follows worship	9:45a Sunday School 28 11a Worship - <i>5 Cents a Meal Offrg.</i>
M	Easter Monday 22	29
T	23	8a-12p PG Fire & EMS staff meeting 2p Committee reports due 6p GS Tr5000 30
W	7p Choir practice 24	MAY 1 8a-12p PG Fire & EMS staff meeting 7p Choir practice
T	2p Newsletter out 25 2p Church cleaning	2p Church cleaning 2
F	26	3
S	27	4

SUNDAY SERVANTS

🔑 GATEKEEPER: Charles Smyth

	APR. 21 Easter Sunday	APR. 28
USHERS	Wayne Powers Brenda Bond Glenda Mayhew Les Mayhew	Sheila Fields Janet Swinton Shill Marguerite Bishop Valerie Harsh
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Rose Scott	Dianne Overstreet
NURSERY	Donna Allen Mary Holc	Rose Scott Susan Shockley
COUNTING	David Johnson Blake Bishop	Sandy Hunter Megan Cashing

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	\$3,540.00
Mo. Budget needs	\$ 12,128	Diff.	\$780.11	4/21	\$
Wk. budget needs	\$ 2,799			4/28	\$

ATTENDANCE

	Worship	Sun. School	Children	Youth
April 14, 2019	58	14		

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, her brother, Martin, & her son, Rick (health issues)
Becky Smith & 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)
Moneka Surprenant, Sandy Eickmeyer's friend
Gwen Spicer Shea, Dianne Overstreet's friend
Reese Etheridge, Wayne Powers' uncle (injured 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)
Inez Paul, Mary Holc's mother (health issues)
Cathy Moore, Glenda Mayhew's sister (recov., surgery; good prognosis)
Family/friends of Larry Carmichael, brother of Alan Carmichael, member,
Board of Supervisors - Election District 1