

Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



April 28, 2019 – 11:00 a.m.

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

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: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed!

One: Alleluia! Celebrate God in this sacred space! Celebrate God in all places under heaven!

All: Give praise for God's mighty deeds! Give praise for God's resurrecting power!

One: Praise God by all means possible!

All: Let everything with life and breath praise God!

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

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God of the empty tomb and our empty hearts, when we are afraid to speak our faith in this world, forgive us and help us find our voice. When we are afraid to forgive and love again, forgive us and give us the power to forgive. When we are afraid to stand up to misguided authority, join with the weak to make us all strong. When we are confined by our hurts, touch us with your wounded hands and set us free. When we are locked behind our doubts and fears, pass through our barricades, open our hearts, and grant us your peace. 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 – "Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers"

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 40:9-10	p446
2 nd Reading	Matthew 28:16-20	p812

Sermon "Euangelion" Rev. Jason N. Cashing

Reflective Hymn #238 – "This Is the Glory"

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]*

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

One: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayers.

***Departing Hymn** #299 – "You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim"

***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!

Tri-Cities Workcamp meeting will be held Sunday, May 5, 2019 at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

The following announcement to the Gregory Congregation:

"We are pleased to announce that Jason Neal Cashing has met the requirements for the degree Doctor of Ministry. Conferral of degrees will be during commencement exercises of May, 2019." Jason will receive his degree at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary on Sunday, May 19. Congratulations, Pastor Jason! Well done!

If you haven't already done so, please check your contact information in the draft Pocket Directory on the Narthex table today. Next Sunday is the last day to make changes!

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

4/28 THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

S	9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship - 5 Cents a Meal Offrg.	28	9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship 6p Tri-Cities Workcamp meeting .	5
M		29		6
T	8a-12p PG Fire & EMS staff meeting 2p Committee reports due 6p GS Tr5000	30	1p Circle 6p Congregational Care Com. 6p GS Tr5000	7
W	MAY 8a-12p PG Fire & EMS staff meeting 7p Choir practice	1	7p Choir practice	8
T	2p Church cleaning	2	11a Preschool Mother's Day celebration 2p Church cleaning	9
F		3		10
S		4		11

SUNDAY SERVANTS

🔑 GATEKEEPER: Charles Smyth (Apr.)
Doug Holc (May)

	APR. 28 1 st Sunday after Easter	MAY 5 2 nd Sunday after Easter
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	Rose Scott Susan Shockley	Marguerite Bishop Blake Bishop
COUNTING	Sandy Hunter Megan Cashing	Morgan Ingram Rose Scott

FACTS & FIGURES

		YTD	Thru 3/31/19	Offrg.	Rec'd.
Pledged/proj. incr.	\$137,530	Inc.	\$34,403.00	4/7	\$2,765.55
Ann. Budget exp.	\$145,537	Exp.	(\$33,915.19)	4/14	\$3,540.00
Mo. Budget needs	\$ 12,128	Diff.	\$487.81	4/21	\$2,230.00
Wk. budget needs	\$ 2,799			4/28	\$

ATTENDANCE

	Worship	Sun. School	Children	Youth
April 21, 2019	110	12		

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