

Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



**May 5, 2019 – 11:00 a.m.
3rd Sunday of Easter**

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

Valerie Harsh

Passing of the Peace

Led by Church Elder

Sharing of Joys/Concerns

Call to Worship

One: O Lord our God, we praise you.

All: We cried to you for help and you answered us.

One: You have restored our lives;

All: You have rescued us from the grave.

***Opening Hymn #254 – "That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright"**

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Lord God, in the light of your glory we see the evil we have done, the suffering we have caused, the good we have refused, and the truth we have denied. Heal us of our sin, wash us in your mercy, and feed us with your grace, so that we may follow your way and tell the good news of the gospel. 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**

Minute for Missions

Grace Cibula

WE ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

Choral Anthem – "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

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

1st Reading Acts 10:1-17, 34-48

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2nd Reading Matthew 9:36-37

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Sermon "Go Forth With Abundance" Led by Church Elder

Reflective Hymn #318 – "In Christ There Is No East or West"

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** #159 – "O Sing a Song of Bethlehem"

*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!

Today's worship service will be Elder-led, as Pastor Jason is away attending a family wedding.

Tri-Cities Workcamp meeting will be held today at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Circle meeting – 1 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9, at home of Evelyn Foster.

Next Sunday is Mother's Day. An envelope for the Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering will be provided in the May 12 bulletin.

Draft Pocket Directory - Today is the last day to make changes before it is printed. Plans are to have the official copies available to you by June. Any info left "as-is" will be reprinted in the 2019 Pocket Directory.

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)

5/5 THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

S	3rd Sunday of Easter 9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship - <i>Minute for Missions (G. Cibula)</i> 6p Tri-Cities Workcamp meeting	5	4th Sunday of Easter "Mother's Day" 9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship - <i>Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering</i>	12
M		6	1-9p Crater District Scouts Order of Arrow picnic, Fellowship Hall	13
T	1p Circle (Host: E. Foster) 6p Congregational Care Com. 6p GS Tr5000	7	6p Preschool Board meeting, Fellowship Hall	14
W	7p Choir practice	8	7p Choir practice	15
T	11a Preschool Mother's Day celebration 2p Church cleaning	9	2p News articles due in office 2p Church cleaning 7p Finance & Stewardship Com.	16
F		10		17
S		11		18

SUNDAY SERVANTS

 GATEKEEPER: Doug Holc

	MAY 5 3 rd Sunday of Easter	MAY 12 4 th Sunday of Easter
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	Marguerite Bishop Blake Bishop	Lisa Brown Evelyn Foster
COUNTING	Morgan Ingram Rose Scott	Donald Hunter Glenda Mayhew

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	\$1,434.00

ATTENDANCE

	Worship	Sun. School	Children	Youth
April 28, 2019	29	8		

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 Entwistle, 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 Entwistle'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

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)

Doris Harmison (moved to The Crossings at Ironbridge, Chester, Va.)