Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



May 19, 2019 - 11:00 a.m.

5th 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

Larry Johnson

Passing of the Peace

Led by Church Elder

Sharing of Joys/Concerns

Call to Worship

One: Alleluia! Christ is alive; let all the people praise him.

All: Let all creation sing with joy. Alleluia! One: This is the day that the Lord has made.

All: Let us rejoice, and be glad in it!

*Opening Hymn #236 – "The Strife is O'er"

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God of mercy, your command to love one another across all differences opens us to new horizons, yet we often respond with fear and judgment that hinders your goal for humanity. Forgive our sins, we pray, and give us a true repentance that leads to life for all creation. We pray in Jesus' name. 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 – "Because He Lives"

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 Romans 1:1-17 p917 2^{nd} Reading Matthew 9:10-13 p790

Sermon "A Letter to the Church" Led by Church Elder

Reflective Hymn #309 – "Come, Great God of All the Ages"

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 #691 – "Lord, When I Came into This Life"

*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 Sanctuary flowers: The flowers this morning are given by Rev. Dr. Jason Cashing, on the occasion of his graduation, as a sign of gratitude to the congregation for supporting him and journeying with him through this work. He is grateful to have been able to share it with you, and looks forward to seeing where God continues to lead us together.

Yard & Bake Sale – June 1. Missions, Outreach and Christian Ed Committees are sponsoring a Yard and Bake Sale, Saturday, June 1 here at the church from 8 a.m. to noon. We are depending on the congregation in several ways. First, we need sellers/vendors. We have flyers in the Narthex for you to take with you to give to family and friends or to post at work or other public places. Secondly, we need bakers!! Please be thinking of something you can make that can be sold at our Bake Sale. Besides baked goods, items can include jams, jellies, pickles, rolls, etc. Items can be brought to the church Friday evening, May 31, between the hours of 4 p.m. and 6.p.m. or Saturday morning, June 1, between 7:30 a.m. and 8 a.m. There is a signup sheet in the Narthex for your bake sale items. Profits from this sale will be used to support programs here at the church.

Flying Squirrels Game Tickets - We have 20 tickets reserved for the Squirrels Game, Saturday, June 29. Game begins at 6:05 p.m. and Fireworks will follow the game. We will meet in the church parking lot at 4:45 p.m. for any that would like to carpool. We have great field level seats, just above the Squirrels Dugout. The tickets are \$11 per ticket. All monies should be given to Patsy Johnson on or before June 21. If paying by check please make checks payable to Patsy Johnson. To reserve a ticket, please sign up on the "Sign-Up Sheet" located in the Narthex.

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

5/19 THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

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	5th Sunday of Easter	19	5th Sunday of Easter	26				
	9:45a Sunday School		9:45a Sunday School					
S	11a Worship		11a Worship					
3			- 5 Cents a Meal Offering					
	Flowers: J. Cashing		Flowers: R. Scott					
M		20	Tiowers. R. Scott	27				
IVI	Order of Arrow picnic,	20		21				
	Fellowship Hall							
Т	6p GS Tr5000	21	7p Session meeting	28				
1	7p Session meeting	21	7 b Session meeting	20				
W	7p Choir practice	22	7p Choir practice	29				
T	Last day of 2018-19	23	2p Church cleaning	30				
	Preschool year							
	2p Newsletter out							
	2p Church cleaning							
	6:30p Preschool graduation,							
	Sanctuary							
F		24	All day; set-up for 6/1 event	31				
			4-6p Drop-off off items for					
			Baked Goods Yard Sale					
S		25	JUNE	1				
			7:30- 8a Baked goods drop-off					
			8a-12 noon Yard Sale & aked					
			Goods Sale, church parking lot					

SUNDAY SERVANTS

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NURSERY

COUNTING

MAY 19 MAY 26 5th Sunday of Easter 6th Sunday of Easter Bobby Allen Wayne Powers Donna Allen Brenda Bond Velma Allen Glenda Mayhew Larry Johnson Les Mayhew Larry Johnson Rose Scott Morgan Ingram Megan Cashing

Shirley MacNeill

Sandy Hunter

Susan Shockley

O GATEKEEPER: Doug Holc

FACTS & FIGURES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

		YTD	Thru 4/30/19	Offrg.	Rec'd.
Pledged/proj. incr.	\$137,530	Inc.	\$44,610.75	5/5	\$2,351.00
Ann. Budget exp.	\$145,537	Exp.	(\$44,195.11)	5/12	\$1,594.55
Mo. Budget needs	\$ 12,128	Diff.	\$415.64	5/19	\$
Wk. budget needs	\$ 2,799			5/26	\$

Josh Ingram

Ron Recher

David Johnson

ATTENDANCE

	Worship	Sun. School	Children	Youth
May 12, 2019	40	10		

OUR PRAYERS & CONCERNS

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

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)

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)

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)

Moneka Surprenant, Sandy Eickmeyer's friend

Gwen Spicer Shea, Dianne Overstreet's friend

Joseph & Lindsay Paul (newborn twins born prematurely)

Cathy Rackley, friend of Doreen Hicks (heart catheterization)

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

Judy Helm, Doug Holc's friend (health issues)

Les Mayhew (health issue, testing)

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