

Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



September 1, 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

Larry Johnson

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Dr. Jason N. Cashing

Sharing of Joys/Concerns

Call to Worship

One: God calls us to service,

All: Rather than honor.

One: God calls us to love the unknown,

All: Rather than the familiar.

One: Come to worship trusting in the grace of Jesus Christ,

All: The One who is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

***Opening Hymn #20 – "All Things Bright and Beautiful"**

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Merciful God, forgive us for we exalt ourselves and mock the humble. We choose to believe we are self-sufficient rather than trust in your strength. Open us to your spirit, that we might serve all people without regard to the outcome, devoting ourselves to your honor alone. 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

Prayer for Illumination

Living Word, you still have many things to say to us. Speak, and we will try to bear them. By your Word, may the Spirit guide us into all truth, that our lives may glorify you. Amen.

Scriptural Readings

1 st Reading	Hebrews 11:1-16	p977
2 nd Reading	Matthew 8:5-10	p789

Sermon "Why Faith?" Dr. Jason N. Cashing

Reflective Hymn #796 – "We Come to You for Healing, Lord"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

[Apostles' Creed, p. 35 of Glory to God hymnal]

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

One: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayers.

***Departing Hymn #730 – "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"**

*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!

"Back to Church Sunday" is next Sunday (September 8)!

September is not just the beginning of a new school year but is a time for us to recommit ourselves to worshipping our Lord. To celebrate this recommitment the Christian Ed Committee has invited The Virginia Harmonheirs to join us in worship, followed by a covered dish luncheon.

The Virginia Harmonheirs is a southern gospel quartet from Central Virginia. They are known for singing of the love of Christ through traditional gospel songs, as well as, some originals and some that are a little more obscure. Their goal is to reach those who don't know Christ, inspire those who do and create an enjoyable and immersive musical experience for all.

Please plan on joining us Sept. 8. Take this opportunity to invite a friend and bring your favorite dish to share!

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); _____ (2021); _____ (2021)
Donald Hunter (Clerk of Session)

Trustees

Morgan Ingram (2019); Donald Hunter (2020); John Carl Allen (2021)

8/25 THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

S	SEP. 1 9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship	1	"BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY" 9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship	8
M	LABOR DAY	2	1p Worship Com.	9
T	1p Circle meeting; (G. Cibula home) 6p Congregational Care Com. 6p GS Tr5000	3	7p Facilities 7p Missions-Outreach Com.	10
W	7p Choir practice	4	7p Choir practice	11
T	2p Church cleaning	5	2p Church cleaning	12
F		6	.	13
S		7		14

SUNDAY SERVANTS

🔑 GATEKEEPER: Doug Holc

	SEP. 1	SEP. 8
USHERS	Bobby Allen Donna Allen Velma Allen Larry Johnson	Wayne Powers Brenda Bond Glenda Mayhew Les Mayhew
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Larry Johnson	Rose Scott
NURSERY	Megan Cashing Shirley MacNeill	Glenda Mayhew Judy Recher
COUNTING	Donald Hunter Megan Cashing	David Johnson (Sub.)

FACTS & FIGURES

		YTD	Thru 6/30/19	Offrg.	Rec'd.
Pledged/proj. incr.	\$137,530	Inc.	\$76,027.28	8/4	\$3,610.00
Ann. Budget exp.	\$145,537	Exp.	(\$69,199.47)	8/11	\$ 771.00
Mo. Budget needs	\$ 12,128	Diff.	\$ 6,827.81	8/18	\$1,525.55
Wk. budget needs	\$ 2,799			8/25	\$1,287.00

ATTENDANCE

	Worship	Sun. School	Children	Youth
Aug. 25, 2019	46	11		

OUR PRAYERS & CONCERNS

Amy Townson, Josh Ingram's sister
Doris Karnowski, Josh Ingram's grandmother
Mary Chadwick, Dink Armstrong's sister
Dink Armstrong's sister, "Shorty" (health issue)
Evelyn Lichvar, her brother, Martin, & her son, Rick (health issues;
Evelyn's now living in North Carolina)
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
Carol Bowman, Sharon Entwhistle's mother (health issue)
Peggy Allen
Eddie Frankenstein
Grace Cibula
Billy Robertson (health issue)
Jo Hatfield, Larry & Linda Johnson's friend (injuries from a fall)
Jerry Hasky (health issue)
Moneka Surprenant, Sandy Eickmeyer's friend
Gwen Spicer Shea, Dianne Overstreet's friend
Joseph & Lindsay Paul (newborn twins born prematurely)
Larry Hicks, Doreen Hicks's husband (health concerns)
Donna Wilson, Doreen Hicks's daughter
Cathy Rackley, friend of Doreen Hicks (heart catheterization)
Ed Seldon, future son-in-law of Doreen Hicks (upcoming heart
catheterization)
Doris Harmison (The Crossings at Ironbridge, Chester, Va.)
Tom Merritt (health issues)
Duane Callis, grandson of Larry Hicks (diabetes complications)
Mark Cheriton, Janet Swinton's son-in-law (returned health issues)
Montag Saldana, premie born of friends of Susan Shockley
Randy & Kay Recher, son & daughter-in-law of Ron & Judy Recher
(head-on crash in Oklahoma)
Corey Whelan, Pat Hunter's grandson (health issues)
T. R. Brockwell, Marguerite Bishop's son (health issues)
Melvin Huff, Marguerite Bishop's friend (health issues)
Judy Helm, Doug Holc's friend (health issues)
Pam Henry, Mary Holc's family member (health issue)
Etta Holc (mini-strokes; home)
Patsy Johnson (sepsis infection)