

# **Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church**



**September 8, 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**

Rose Scott

**Passing of the Peace**

Rev. Dr. Jason N. Cashing

**Sharing of Joys/Concerns**

## **Call to Worship**

One: Happy are those who delight in the Word of God!

**All: They are like trees planted by streams of water!**

One: By life-giving streams they will flourish!

**All: Made strong by God's Word, they bring forth life!**

One: Let us worship our God together!

**All: Let us sing praises to the Lord of Life!**

**\*Opening Hymn #14 – For the Beauty of the Earth**

## **Prayer of Confession (in unison)**

Holy God, we confess that we fail to put our trust in you completely. Instead, we calculate our gains and losses, hoarding the things that do not lead to abundant life. Forgive us, and help us to treasure only you, that we may follow you faithfully and discover the blessings only you can give. 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**

## **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<sup>st</sup> Reading

Genesis 2:4b-25

p2

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

Mark 10:6-8

p822

## Special Music by

**The Virginia Harmonheirs, A Southern Gospel Quartet**

## 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.**

### \*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, we celebrate "Back to Church Sunday!"** 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. A covered dish lunch will follow morning's informal worship service.

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.

### 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)

## 9/8 THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

|   |                                                                                                            |    |                                                                                |
|---|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| S | <b>"BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY"</b> 8<br>9:45a Sunday School<br>11a Worship<br>Covered dish lunch after worship | 15 | 9:45a Sunday School<br>11a Worship                                             |
| M | 1p Worship Com. 9                                                                                          | 16 | 1p Worship Com.                                                                |
| T | 7p Facilities 10<br>7p Missions-Outreach Com.                                                              | 17 | 6p GS Tr5000<br>.                                                              |
| W | 7p Choir practice 11                                                                                       | 18 | 7p Choir practice                                                              |
| T | 2p Church cleaning 12                                                                                      | 19 | 2p News articles due<br>2p Church cleaning<br>7p Stewardship & Finance<br>Com. |
| F | .                                                                                                          | 20 | .                                                                              |
| S | .                                                                                                          | 21 | .                                                                              |

### SUNDAY SERVANTS

🔑 GATEKEEPER: Doug Holc

|               | SEP. 8                                                     | SEP. 15                                                                    |
|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| USHERS        | Wayne Powers<br>Brenda Bond<br>Glenda Mayhew<br>Les Mayhew | Sheila Fields<br>Janet Swinton Shill<br>Marguerite Bishop<br>Valerie Harsh |
| ANNOUNCEMENTS | Rose Scott                                                 |                                                                            |
| NURSERY       | Glenda Mayhew<br>Judy Recher                               | Mary Kay Schroeter                                                         |
| COUNTING      | David Johnson<br>(Sub.)                                    | Sandy Hunter<br>Glenda Mayhew                                              |

### FACTS & FIGURES

|                     |           | YTD   | Thru 6/30/19   | Offrg. | Rec'd.     |
|---------------------|-----------|-------|----------------|--------|------------|
| Pledged/proj. incr. | \$137,530 | Inc.  | \$76,027.28    | 9/1    | \$2,526.00 |
| Ann. Budget exp.    | \$145,537 | Exp.  | ( \$69,199.47) | 9/8    | \$         |
| Mo. Budget needs    | \$ 12,128 | Diff. | \$ 6,827.81    | 9/15   | \$         |
| Wk. budget needs    | \$ 2,799  |       |                | 9/22   | \$         |
|                     |           |       |                | 9/29   | \$         |

### ATTENDANCE

|              | Worship | Sun. School | Children | Youth |
|--------------|---------|-------------|----------|-------|
| Sep. 1, 2019 | 35      | 10          |          |       |

## 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)  
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, preemie 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)  
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)  
Sandra Elder, Lauren Knupp's mother (health issues)  
Jensen Gallagher, Kelly Knupp's daughter & Sandra Elder's  
granddaughter (recov., surgery)