

Gregory Memorial presbyterian Church



September 15, 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

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Dr. Jason N. Cashing

Sharing of Joys/Concerns

Call to Worship

One: Rejoice with me, people of God!

All: God has gathered us in from the wilderness.

One: Rejoice with me, people of God!

All: God has swept away the darkness of the night.

One: Rejoice with me, people of God!

All: Today, there is joy in the presence of the angels!

***Opening Hymn #2 – "Come, Thou Almighty King"**

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Creator of the universe, author of Life and perfecter of faith, we imagine that we are in familiar territory, that we know what to expect in this hour, that we will leave much the way that we arrived. Do not abandon us to our foolishness, we pray. In your judgment, illumine our darkness. In your mercy, bear us home – until we recognize your presence wherever evil is confronted, truth is spoken, and life is restored. In the name of your Son, our Lord and Savior, we pray. 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 – "My Heart Rejoices"

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	Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7	p12; 14
2 nd Reading	Mark 10:27	p822

Sermon	"Impossible"	Dr. Jason N. Cashing
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Reflective Hymn #810 – "When in the Night I Meditate"

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 #459 – "O Word of God Incarnate"

***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 are given to the glory of God by the Hunters.

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)

9/15 THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

S	9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship	15	9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship	22
M	1p Worship Com.	16		23
T	6p GS Tr5000	17		24
W	7p Choir practice	18	5:30p BS Tr900 Honor Court & dinner 7p Choir practice	25
T	2p News articles due 2p Church cleaning 7p Stewardship & Finance Com.	19	2p Newsletter out 2p Church cleaning	26
F		20		27
S		21		28

SUNDAY SERVANTS

🔑 GATEKEEPER: Doug Holc

	SEP. 15	SEP. 22
USHERS	Sheila Fields Janet Swinton Shill Marguerite Bishop Valerie Harsh	John Carl Allen Dianne Overstreet Rose Scott Wayne Powers
ANNOUNCEMENTS		Valerie Harsh
NURSERY	Mary Kay Schroeter	Jennifer Smyth Charlie Smyth
COUNTING	Sandy Hunter Glenda Mayhew	Morgan Ingram Ron Recher

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	\$ 3,013.55
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. 8, 2019	67	6		

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)
Sandra Elder, Lauren Knupp's mother (health issues)
Jensen Gallaher, Kelly Knupp's daughter & Sandra Elder's granddaughter (recov., surgery)
Velma Allen (severe arthritis)