

Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



September 22, 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

Valerie Harsh

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Dr. Jason N. Cashing

Sharing of Joys/Concerns

Call to Worship

One: Praise the Lord, O servants of the Living God!

All: Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and evermore.

One: From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the Lord be praised.

All: Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and evermore!

***Opening Hymn #327 – "From All That Dwell Below the Skies"**

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Gracious God, you know our sin: we have squandered the gifts you have given us. We have failed to forgive our debtors as you have forgiven us. We have been unfaithful and dishonest in small things and great things alike. We are shrewd in seeking wealth and foolish in following your way. Forgive our sins, O Lord, for your name's sake. Make us faithful stewards of the grace you have given, generous in forgiving others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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**

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WE ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

Choral Anthem – "O Lord, You're Beautiful"

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

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| 1 st Reading | Genesis 32:22-30 | p26 |
| 2 nd Reading | Mark 14:32-36 | p827 |

Sermon "Blessings in the Dark" Dr. Jason N. Cashing

Reflective Hymn #675 – "All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night"

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 #361 – "O Christ, the Great Foundation"

***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!

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)

9/22 THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

| | | | | |
|---|----|---|--------|--|
| S | 22 | 9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship 12:30p Session meeting <i>5 Cents A Meal Offering</i> | 29 | 9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship <i>Local Emergency Aid Offering</i> |
| M | 23 | | 30 | |
| T | 24 | | OCT. 1 | 1p Circle meeting 6p Congregational Care Com 6p GS Tr5000. 7p Facilities Com. |
| W | 25 | 5:30p BS Tr900 Honor Court & dinner 7p Choir practice | 2 | 7p Choir practice |
| T | 26 | 2p Newsletter out 2p Church cleaning | 3 | 2p Church cleaning |
| F | 27 | | 4 | |
| S | 28 | | 5 | |

SUNDAY SERVANTS

 GATEKEEPER: Doug Holc

| | SEP. 22 | SEP. 29 |
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| 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 | Jennifer Smyth Charlie Smyth | Pat Hunter Patsy Johnson |
| COUNTING | Morgan Ingram Ron Recher | Donald Hunter Susan Shockley |

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 | \$1,045.00 |
| Wk. budget needs | \$ 2,799 | | | 9/22 | \$ |
| | | | | 9/29 | \$ |

ATTENDANCE

| | Worship | Sun. School | Children | Youth |
|---------------|---------|-------------|----------|-------|
| Sep. 15, 2019 | 31 | 9 | | |

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 Entwistle, Barbara Taliaferro's friend
Carol Bowman, Sharon Entwistle'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)
Family/friends of Judge(Ret.) James D'Alton (d. 9/13)