

# **Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church**



**October 13, 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: God has sent redemption to us.

**All: In this is the covenant God has made with us.**

One: Holy and awesome is God's name!

**All: Praise the Lord, all you peoples!**

**\*Opening Hymn #35 – "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"**

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

God of mercy and grace, we are meant to praise you and give thanks to you always. We confess that we do not live out of constant gratitude. We harbor resentment for what we lack. We blame you; we blame others. We doubt your compassion, and even your power; we find it hard to give ourselves away to you. Forgive us, we pray, for attitudes and behaviors that diminish thankfulness in us. Heal us and restore us to your ways. Help us live holy and joyful lives for the sake of your Kingdom. In Christ's name 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 - "Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm"**

## **Prayer for Illumination**

These are your words, O God. Humble us to speak their weight. Strengthen us to hear their truth. Unbind us to live their call. Through the power of your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

## Scriptural Readings

1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Ruth 1:1-17	p210
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Mark 3:33-35	p815

**Sermon** "Bound" Dr. Jason N. Cashing

**Reflective Hymn** #686 – "God of Our Life"

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### Affirmation of Faith

We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of the One God, maker and sustainer of earth, sea, and sky. Born of Mary's womb, faithful to the God of Abraham and Sarah, Jesus healed the sick, served the poor, and proclaimed Heaven on earth. Condemned by the religious, crucified by the state, he died but transformed even death and rose to life everlasting. He blessed the disciples with his Holy Spirit and sent them forth, East and West, North and South. We commit ourselves to Jesus, to one another as brothers and sisters, and to his mission in the world in the grace of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*[from the Iona Abbey Community]*

### Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

One: Lord, in your mercy,

**All: Hear our prayers.**

### Departing Hymn #612 – "We Praise You, O 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!

Did you ever want to know more about the **Protestant Reformation**? Curious about what led up to this event? Wondered why Martin Luther thought the best course was to nail a piece of paper to a door? Join Jason and the Sunday School class on October 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 9:45am, to look into the history of the Church and Reformation!

There will be a brief **Congregational Meeting** following worship on Sunday, October 27, with the sole purpose of electing officers for the church. A slate will be presented at that time, and the floor will be opened for further nominations.

### 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)

**10/13 THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY**

S	<b>9:45a</b> Sunday School <b>11a</b> Worship	13	<b>9:45a</b> Sunday School <b>11a</b> Worship	20
M	<b>"COLUMBUS DAY"</b> <b>6-9p</b> Crater BS Karakona Chapter Hallowe'en party (setup 1-5p), Fellowship Hall	14		21
T	<b>6p</b> GS Tr5000	15		22
W	<b>7p</b> Choir practice	16	<b>7p</b> Choir practice	23
T	<b>2p</b> News articles due in office <b>2p</b> Church cleaning <b>7p</b> Stewardship & Finance Com.	17	<b>2p</b> Newsletter out <b>2p</b> Church cleaning	24
F		18		25
S		19		26

**SUNDAY SERVANTS**

 GATEKEEPER: Charles Smyth

	<b>Oct. 13</b>	<b>Oct. 20</b>
USHERS	Wayne Powers Brenda Bond Glenda Mayhew Les Mayhew	Sheila Fields Janet Swinton Shill Marguerite Bishop Valerie Harsh
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Rose Scott	
NURSERY	Mary Webber Donald Hunter	Linda Johnson Mary Lykins
COUNTING	Sandy Hunter Megan Cashing	Morgan Ingram (Sub.)

**FACTS & FIGURES**

		YTD	Thru 6/30/19	Offrg.	Rec'd.
Pledged/proj. incr.	\$137,530	Inc.	\$76,027.28	10/6	\$2,930.65
Ann. Budget exp.	\$145,537	Exp.	( \$69,199.47)	10/13	\$
Mo. Budget needs	\$ 12,128	Diff.	\$ 6,827.81	10/20	\$
Wk. budget needs	\$ 2,799			10/27	\$

**ATTENDANCE**

	Worship	Sun. School	Children	Youth
Oct. 6, 2019	30	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 preemie twins)  
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 (health issue)  
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)  
Jane Jones (health issue)  
Gregg Webber (Johnston-Willis Neuro ICU)  
Elizabeth Scott (home hospice care)