

Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



October 20, 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: No matter how far from God we seem to be, we do not lose heart:

All: For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.

One: No matter the obstacles we face in life, we do not lose heart:

All: For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.

One: Salvation is ours through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: How sweet are the promises of God, in the day of our Lord!

***Opening Hymn #197 – "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"**

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Merciful God, hope of your people in every age, we confess that we have sinned against you. We have wandered from your pathways, turned toward idols, lived without compassion, and disregarded the well-being of your creation. Do not turn away from us, O Lord, but renew your covenant, for only in you will our lives be healed. Guide us and lead us in your ways, for happy are those who live in your house. 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 – "Whisper A Prayer For Me"

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

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|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| 1 st Reading | 2 Samuel 5:1-5; 6:1-5 | p243; 244 |
| 2 nd Reading | Mark 11:8-10 | p823 |

Sermon "Restoration Dr. Jason N. Cashing

Reflective Hymn #175 – "Seek Ye First"

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 #327 – "From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

***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 Doug and Betsy Cashing on the anniversary of Jason's ordination.

WorkCamp 2020 will have its first organizational meeting this evening at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All persons interested in the upcoming WorkCamp are encouraged to attend.

A concert to honor wounded veterans will be held on Saturday, November 2 at the Beacon Theater (Don Vtipil, organizer). Tickets are available to GMPC members at no charge. For more information, contact Jason.

There will be a brief **Congregational Meeting** following worship on Sunday, October 27 for 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)

10/20 THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

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| S | <p>9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship</p> <p>6:30p WorkCamp 2020 organization meeting, Fellowship Hall</p> <p><i>Flowers: Doug & Betsy Cashing</i></p> | 20 | <p>9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship</p> | 27 |
| M | | 21 | | 28 |
| T | | 22 | 6p GS Tr5000 | 29 |
| W | 7p Choir practice | 23 | 7p Choir practice | 30 |
| T | 2p Newsletter out 2p Church cleaning | 24 | "HALLOWE'EN" 2p Church cleaning 2p Committee reports due | 31 |
| F | | 25 | NOV | 1 |
| S | | 26 | | 2 |

SUNDAY SERVANTS

 GATEKEEPER: Charles Smyth

| | Oct. 20 | Oct. 27 |
|---------------|--|---|
| USHERS | Sheila Fields Janet Swinton Shill Marguerite Bishop Valerie Harsh | John Carl Allen Rose Scott Wayne Powers |
| ANNOUNCEMENTS | | Valerie Harsh |
| NURSERY | Linda Johnson Mary Lykins | Donna Allen Mary Holc |
| COUNTING | Morgan Ingram (Sub.) | Donald Hunter Glenda Mayhew |

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 | \$1,895.00 |
| 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. 13, 2019 | 33 | 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 Scott Smith
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
Peggy Allen
Eddie Frankenstein
Grace Cibula
Jerry Hasky (health issue)
Moneka Surprenant, Sandy Eickmeyer's friend
Gwen Spicer Shea, Dianne Overstreet's friend
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)
Pam Henry, Mary Holc's family member (health issue)
Sandra Elder, Kelly Knupp's mother (health issues)
Velma Allen (severe arthritis)
Jane Jones (health issue)
Gregg Webber (Johnston-Willis Neuro ICU)
Etta Holc (broken foot; home)
Buck Nunnally (health issue)
Family/friends of Elizabeth Scott (d. 10/13)