

# **Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church**



**November 17, 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: Sing praises to the Lord, for God has done gloriously;

**All: Let us sing God's praises throughout all the earth!**

One: Shout aloud and sing for joy,

**All: From the highest peaks, to the deepest caverns.**

One: Shout aloud and sing for joy!

**All: As we come to worship the God of all creation!**

**\*Opening Hymn #265 – "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"**

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

God of peace, we confess that we are a people of fear. We have let anxiety rule our days and worry our nights. We have been distracted by nerves and focused on tension. We confess that we have ignored your command not to be afraid, and this has impacted the way we see your world. Forgive us, O God. Calm our hearts, settle our stomachs, and renew in us the ability to find comfort in you. 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 – "River in Judea"**

## **Prayer for Illumination**

Pour out your Spirit upon us, O God; with your Word enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we might live in hope; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## Scriptural Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7; 11:1-5

p552; 558

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

Mark 12:1-3

p824

**Sermon**

“Tending the Vineyard”

Dr. Jason N. Cashing

**Reflective Hymn** #494 – “Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”

## WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

### Affirmation of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen.

*[from The PC(USA) Brief Statement of Faith]*

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

One: Lord, in your mercy,

**All: Hear our prayers.**

**Departing Hymn** #32 – “I Sing the Mighty Power of 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!

**Paper Products Needed** - The Congregational Care Committee is seeking donations of paper products for church use (paper towels, toilet tissue).

**It's Time to Order Christmas Poinsettias!** – Order forms for Christmas Poinsettias will be included in the Sunday bulletins from today through Dec. 1 (last day to order). Cost is \$13 (includes \$1 delivery fee). Please make check payable to: Gregory Memorial Church. Plants will be delivered in time for display beginning Dec. 15. This year, you may choose either red or white plants. If you do not mark your color preference, a red plant will be ordered for you. So be sure to indicate your color choice on the form!

**Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser** – Next Sunday, Nov. 24, from 9-10 a.m. our 2020 WorkCampers will have a Pancake Breakfast fundraiser in the Fellowship Hall. Donations will be accepted.

**Following worship on Sunday, November 24, we will be "decking the halls" with our Advent/Christmas decorations.** Bring a bagged lunch and come ready to prepare our space for the season to come!

**Thanksgiving Ecumenical Worship Service** will be held by Church of the Sacred Heart in New Bohemia on Sunday, November 24, 2019 beginning at 5:00 p.m., followed by Thanksgiving dinner served by Knights of Columbus #14511 from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in the church's Parish Hall. All are welcomed to this ecumenical event.

### 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)

## 11/17 THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

S	<b>9:45a</b> Sunday School <b>11a</b> Worship  <b>12:30p</b> Session meeting  <i>Order Xmas Poinsettias;                  Cut-off date is 12/1</i>	17	<b>9:00a</b> Pancake Breakfast <b>9:45a</b> Sunday School <b>11a</b> Worship  Bring a bagged lunch; after lunch we'll decorate church for Advent & Xmas  <b>5p</b> Thanksgiving Ecumenical Worship Service, Church of the Sacred Heart (followed by dinner at 6p in Parish Hall)  <i>Order Xmas Poinsettias;                  Cut-off date is 12/1</i>	24
M		18	<b>9a-2p</b> Church office open	25
T	<b>6p</b> GS Tr5000	19	<b>9a-2p</b> Church office open	26
W	<b>7p</b> Choir practice	20	<b>9a-2p</b> Church office open <b>7p</b> Choir practice	27
T	<b>2p</b> Newsletter out <b>2p</b> Church cleaning <b>7p</b> Stewardship & Fin. Com.	21	THANKSGIVING DAY	28
F		22	<b>2p</b> Church cleaning	29
S		23	<b>2p</b> Committee reports due	30

### SUNDAY SERVANTS

 GATEKEEPER: Doug Holc

	Nov. 17	Nov. 24 *
USHERS	Wayne Powers Brenda Bond Glenda Mayhew Les Mayhew	Sheila Fields Janet Swinton Shill Marguerite Bishop Valerie Harsh
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Rose Scott	
NURSERY	Lisa Brown Evelyn Foster	Morgan Ingram Josh Ingram
COUNTING	Morgan Ingram Blake Bishop	Donald Hunter Megan Cashing

\* 5 Cents a Meal Offering

### FACTS & FIGURES

		YTD	Thru 9/30/19	Offrg.	Rec'd.
Pledged/proj. incr.	\$137,530	Inc.	\$103,022.67	11/3	\$2,198.00
Ann. Budget exp.	\$145,537	Exp.	(\$102,985.22)	11/10	\$1,536.55
Mo. Budget needs	\$ 12,128	Diff.	\$ 37.45	11/17	\$
Wk. budget needs	\$ 2,799			11/24	\$

### ATTENDANCE

	Worship	Sun. School	Children	Youth
Nov. 10, 2019	39	10		

## OUR PRAYERS & CONCERNS

Amy Townson, Josh Ingram's sister  
Mary Chadwick & Adelaide "Shorty" Smith, "Dink" Armstrong's sisters  
(health issues)  
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)  
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)  
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)  
Etta Holc (broken foot; home)  
Buck Nunnally (health issues)  
Jim & Adele Linkenhoker, Barb Taliaferro's friends (health concerns)  
Jackie Woodruff (health issues)  
Shirley MacNeill (heart attack; recovering at home)  
Jane & Bob Jones (health issues)  
Family/friends of Helen Williams, Patsy Johnson's aunt (d. 11/9)  
Family/friends of Gregg Webber (d. 11/13)