

# **Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church**



## **"2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS"**

**January 5, 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: Grace and peace to you in this new year.

**All: We will bless God who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing.**

One: In Christ we have obtained an inheritance.

**All: We have been redeemed as God's own people. Praise be to God!**

**\*Opening Hymn #140 – "Once in Royal David's City"**

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

God of love and compassion, you have come into the world and yet we have not recognized you. Forgive our lack of insight and open our eyes to see you here and now, that we may receive your grace through Jesus our Christ. 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**

## **Prayer for Illumination**

Holy One, through your Holy Spirit instruct us by the light of your prophets. Illumine our hearts, that we may hear your call to become your path into the world. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

## Scriptural Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading Psalm 103:1-5

p482

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Mark 1:21-45

p812

**Sermon** "Bless the Lord, My Soul" Rev. Dr. Jason N. Cashing

**Reflective Hymn** #146 – "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### Affirmation of Faith

I believe that Jesus is the Word of God, that he was with God at the beginning of Creation and, in fact, was God.

I believe that Jesus is the Light of God *that came into a darkened world* so that, through his light, all people might experience the gift of new life.

I believe that Jesus is Emmanuel, God who lived with us, as one of us, and that, as we trust our lives to him, we become children of God.

In him, we discover divine grace for a fresh start; we find the truth that sets us free from all that holds us back. Until the first Christmas, no one had ever seen God, but, in Jesus, we now know who God is and how much we are loved. Amen.

*[from "The Gospel of John", Chapter 1]*

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

One: Lord, in your mercy,

**All: Hear our prayers.**

**Departing Hymn** #150 – "As with Gladness Men of Old"

### \*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 we "**de-deck the halls**" after worship. Please join us in this necessary task.

Our **Annual Congregational Meeting for 2019** will be held following worship on Sunday, January 19. Lunch will be covered dish, so bring a dish to share. We will conduct the meeting after lunch. The business will include reviewing annual committee reports, voting on the Pastoral Covenant among other items. (Alternate date: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after, as weather permits.)

**A Pancake Breakfast** (fund-raiser for our Tri-Cities Workcamp group) will be held on Sunday, January 26 in the Fellowship Hall from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Free-will donations will be accepted.

### 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

Pat Hunter (2020); Susan Shockley (2020); Lisa Brown (2020)  
Blake Bishop (2021); Barbara Taliaferro (2021); Larry Johnson (2021)  
Sandy Hunter (2022); Mary Holc (2022); Charles Smyth (2022)  
Larry Johnson (Clerk of Session)

### Trustees

Donald Hunter (2020); John Carl Allen (2021); Ron Recher (2022)

# 1/5 THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

S	<b>9:45a</b> Sunday School <b>11a</b> Worship  <b>6:30p</b> Workcamp plan meeting	5	<b>9:45a</b> Sunday School <b>11a</b> Worship	12
M	<b>Epiphany</b> <b>1p</b> Worship Com.	6	<b>5:30p</b> Crater Karakona BS Chapter meeting; Fellowship Hall (setup 1p)	13
T	<b>1p</b> Circle (Host: TBA) <b>6p</b> Congregational Care Com. <b>6p</b> GS Tr5000 <b>6p</b> Facilities Com.	7	<b>7p</b> Missions-Outreach Com.	14
W	<b>7p</b> Choir practice	8	<b>7p</b> Choir practice	15
T		9	<b>2p</b> News articles due in office <b>2p</b> Church cleaning <b>7p</b> Stewardship & Finance Com.	16
F		10		17
S		11		18

## SUNDAY SERVANTS

 GATEKEEPER: Donald Hunter

	Jan. 5	Jan. 12
USHERS	John Carl Allen Rose Scott Wayne Powers	Charles Smyth Austin Smyth Morgan Ingram Josh Ingram
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Valerie Harsh	Mary Kay Schroeter
NURSERY		
COUNTING	Sandy Hunter Megan Cashing	Morgan Ingram (Sub.)

## FACTS & FIGURES

		YTD	Thru 10/31/19	Offrg.	Rec'd.
Pledged/proj. incr.	\$137,530	Inc.	\$110,661.63	12/1	\$1,674.00
Ann. Budget exp.	\$145,537	Exp.	(\$116,229.40)	12/8	\$2,680.60
Mo. Budget needs	\$ 12,128	Diff.	( \$ 5,567.77)	12/15	\$1,725.00
				12/22	\$2,865.00
				12/29	\$1,115.00

## ATTENDANCE

	Worship	Sun. School	Children	Youth
Dec. 29, 2019	24	8		

## 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 Entwistle, Barbara Taliaferro's friend  
Peggy Allen  
Eddie Frankenstein  
Grace Cibula  
Jerry Hasky (health issue)  
Doris Harmison (The Crossings at Ironbridge, Chester, Va.)  
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)  
Adele Linkenhoker, Barbara Taliaferro's friend (health concerns)  
Jackie Woodruff (health issues)  
Jane & Bob Jones (health issues)  
Junie "Bug" Treaster (recovering from brain surgery)  
Mark Cheriton, Janet Swinton Shill's son-in-law (hospice care; home)  
Lee Harsh, Valerie Harsh's brother-in-law (triple bypass)  
Betty Arthur, Mary Lykins' son-in-law's mother  
Rev. Paul Luthman, previously our pastor (recovering from back  
surgery)