

Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



"BAPTISM OF THE LORD"

January 12, 2020 – 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

Mary Kay Schroeter

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Dr. Jason N. Cashing

Sharing of Joys/Concerns

Call to Worship

One: In the beginning, at creation, the Spirit hovered over the waters of the deep.

All: In the waters of the flood, God cleansed the earth and humankind.

One: God caused the waters to part so that Israel could cross from slavery to liberation.

All: God formed Jesus in the waters of Mary's womb.

One: Today we celebrate the baptism of Jesus, the Christ.

All: God meant for Jesus to be the firstborn in a large family. Praise be to God!

***Opening Hymn #475 – "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"**

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God, you show no partiality, yet we are not always as tolerant and accepting. Forgive our intolerance, and help us to see as you see, that we may be found acceptable in your sight 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 – "What Meekness and What Majesty"

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 st Reading	Psalm 103:6-14	p482
2 nd Reading:	Mark 2:1-22	p813

Sermon "Mercy of the Lord" Rev. Dr. Jason N. Cashing

Reflective Hymn #435 – "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Affirmation of Faith

We proclaim that in humble submission to John's baptism, Christ joined himself to humanity in its need and entered upon his ministry of reconciliation in the power of the Spirit. Christian baptism marks the receiving of the same Spirit by all his people. Baptism with water represents not only cleansing from sin, but a dying with Christ and a joyful rising with him to new life. It commits all Christians to die each day to sin and to live for righteousness. In baptism, the church celebrates the renewal of the covenant with which God has bound his people to himself. By baptism, individuals are publicly received into the church to share its life and ministry, and the church becomes responsible for their training and support in Christian discipleship. Thanks be to God. Amen.

[from The Confession of 1967]

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

One: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayers.

Departing Hymn #482 – "Baptized in Water"

*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!

Our **Annual Congregational Meeting for 2019** will be held following worship next 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: 1st 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

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

Trustees

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

1/12 THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

S	9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship	12	9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship 12:15p Annual Congregational Meeting; for 2019; covered dish lunch; Fellowship Hall	19
M	5:30p Crater Karakona BS Chapter meeting; Fellowship Hall (setup 1p)	13	ML King Day	20
T	7p Missions-Outreach Com.	14	6p GS Tr5000	21
W	7p Choir practice	15	7p Choir practice	22
T	2p News articles due in office 2p Church cleaning 7p Stewardship & Finance Com.	16	2p Newsletter out 2p Church cleaning	23
F		17		24
S		18		25

SUNDAY SERVANTS

 **GATEKEEPER:** Donald Hunter

	Jan. 12	Jan. 19
USHERS	Charles Smyth Austin Smyth Morgan Ingram Josh Ingram	Bobby Allen Donna Allen Larry Johnson
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Mary Kay Schroeter	Larry Johnson
NURSERY		
COUNTING	Morgan Ingram (Sub.)	Donald Hunter Glenda Mayhew

FACTS & FIGURES

		YTD	Thru 10/31/19	Offrg.	Rec'd.
Pledged/proj. incr.	\$137,530	Inc.	\$110,661.63	1/5	\$2,861.00
Ann. Budget exp.	\$145,537	Exp.	(\$116,229.40)	1/12	\$
Mo. Budget needs	\$ 12,128	Diff.	(\$ 5,567.77)	1/19	\$
				1/26	\$

ATTENDANCE

	Worship	Sun. School	Children	Youth
Jan. 5, 2020	42	9		

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)
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)
Family/friends of Mark Cheriton, Janet Swinton Shill's son-in-law (d.12/29)