

Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



January 19, 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

Larry Johnson

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Dr. Jason N. Cashing

Sharing of Joys/Concerns

Call to Worship

One: Sing a new song, a song of worship and praise!

All: Why shall we sing such a song?

One: For God has done wondrous deeds, and is great beyond compare!

All: Let our voices reflect the depth of our joy!

One: Let our hearts desire be echoed in our songs!

All: God is wondrous indeed, and greatly to be praised!

***Opening Hymn #634 – "To God Be the Glory"**

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Loving God, who guides us in your paths, we confess we have chased after foolish things, and spent our strength on vanity; our labor has been in vain. Deliver us from ignorance and forgive our self-concern, that we may find our reward with you, as servants of your dream. Through Jesus Christ 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 – "I Feel Like Travellin' On"

Prayer for Illumination

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove: Open our ears to the truth of your Word, that the testimony of Christ may be strengthened among us and the glad news of deliverance revealed. Amen.

Scriptural Readings

1st Reading Psalm 126:1-6

p499

2nd Reading: Mark 4:1-34

p815

Sermon "Those Who Dream" Rev. Dr. Jason N. Cashing

Reflective Hymn #74 – "When God Restored Our Common Life"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Affirmation of Faith

The good news of the Gospel is that the triune God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – creates, redeems, sustains, rules, and transforms all things and all people. This one living God, the Scriptures say, liberated the people of Israel from oppression and covenanted to be their God. By the power of the Spirit, this one living God is incarnate in Jesus Christ, who came to live in the world, die for the world, and be raised again to new life. The Gospel of Jesus Christ announces the nearness of God's Kingdom, bringing good news to all who are impoverished, sight to all who are blind, freedom to all who are oppressed, and proclaiming the Lord's favor upon all creation. Thanks be to God! Amen.

[from The PC (USA) Book of Order, F-1.01a]

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

One: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayers.

Departing Hymn #774 – "There Is Now a New Creation"

*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 hold our **Annual Congregational Meeting for 2019** following worship and our covered dish lunch in the Fellowship Hall. The business will include reviewing annual committee reports, voting on the Pastoral Covenant among other items.

Don't forget: 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)

1/19 THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

S	9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship 12:15p Ann. Congregational Meeting for 2019 after covered dish lunch in Fellowship Hall	19	9-10:00a Pancake Breakfast (GMPC's Workcamp group Fund-raiser); Fellowship Hall 9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship 5 Cents a Meal Offering	26
M	<i>ML King Day</i>	20		27
T	6p GS Tr5000	21		28
W	7p Choir practice	22	8a-1p PGF&EMS admin mtg, Fellowship Hall 7p Choir practice	29
T	2p Newsletter out 2p Church cleaning	23	2p Church cleaning	30
F		24		31
S		25	FEB 1	

SUNDAY SERVANTS

 GATEKEEPER: Donald Hunter

	Jan. 19	Jan. 26
USHERS	Bobby Allen Donna Allen Larry Johnson	Wayne Powers Brenda Bond Glenda Mayhew Les Mayhew
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Larry Johnson	Rose Scott
NURSERY		
COUNTING	Donald Hunter Glenda Mayhew	David Johnson Ron Recher

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	\$1,863.55
Mo. Budget needs	\$ 12,128	Diff.	(\$ 5,567.77)	1/19	\$
				1/26	\$

ATTENDANCE

	Worship	Sun. School	Children	Youth
Jan. 12, 2020	44	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 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)
Rev. Paul Luthman, previously our pastor (recovering from back
surgery)
Irene Ondisko, Donna Allen's mother (hospitalization & health issues)
Family/friends of Betty Arthur, Mary Lykins' son-in-law's mother
Family/friends of Gene Reed, husband of Velma Allen's cousin (d. 1/11)