

Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



January 26, 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

Rose Scott

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Dr. Jason N. Cashing

Sharing of Joys/Concerns

Call to Worship

One: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

All: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined.

One: Thanks be to God for such joyful Truth!

All: Thanks be to God, the Light of our lives!

One: How shall we respond to the One who gives so generously?

All: We shall raise our voices in grateful song & proclamation to God's glory!

***Opening Hymn #610 – "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"**

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Almighty God, we confess that we have not been faithful to you in our thoughts and actions. We have been selfish in our desires and quarrelsome in our relationships. We have allowed fear to divide us from those who seem different, and let distrust separate us from our brothers and sisters. Shine your light into our darkened hearts. Save us from our divisive ways. Unite us in the same mind as Jesus Christ who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit in perfect harmony. 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 – "Precious Name"

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

1 st Reading	Psalm 89:1-4	p475
2 nd Reading:	Mark 5:1-20	p816

Sermon "News Proclaimed" Rev. Dr. Jason N. Cashing

Reflective Hymn #792 – "There Is a Balm in Gilead"

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 #67 – "My Song Forever Shall Record"

***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!

1/26 THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

S	9-10:00a Pancake Breakfast (GMPC's Workcamp group Fund-raiser); Fellowship Hall 9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship 5 Cents a Meal Offering 12:30p Session mtg	26	9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship Holy Communion 6:30p Workcamp plan mtg	2
M		27	1p Worship Com.	3
T		28	1p Circle 6p Congregational Care Com. 6p GS Tr5000 7p Christian Ed. Com. 7p Facilities Com.	4
W	8a-1p PG F & EMS staff mtg, Fellowship Hall 7p Choir practice 7p GS Tr5000 suppl.plan mtg	29	7p Choir practice	5
T	2p Church cleaning	30	9a-6p Event set-up for 2/7 2p Church cleaning	6
F		31	5p Rotary Club Silent Auction & dinner, Fellowship Hall	7
S		FEB 1		8

SUNDAY SERVANTS

🗝️ GATEKEEPER: Donald Hunter (Jan.)
 Doug Holc (Feb.)

	Jan. 26	Feb. 2
USHERS	Wayne Powers Brenda Bond Glenda Mayhew Les Mayhew	Sheila Fields Marguerite Bishop Valerie Harsh
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Rose Scott	
NURSERY		
COUNTING	David Johnson Ron Recher	Sandy Hunter Susan Shockley

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	\$2,090.00
				1/26	\$

ATTENDANCE

	Worship	Sun. School	Children	Youth
Jan. 19, 2020	40	11		

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)
Sharon Reed & family, Susan Shockley's co-worker (brain tumor
diagnosis)
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)
Family/friends of Donald Bagshaw (d. 1/17)