

Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



"TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD"

February 23, 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

Session Elder

Sharing of Joys/Concerns

Call to Worship

One: The Holy One is our sovereign.

All: Let us praise God's great and awesome name!

One: God is our mighty ruler, the lover of justice.

All: God has established fairness among us.

One: The Light of the Lord shines upon the earth.

All: And all that see it are strengthened and made whole!

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

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Glorious God, you are all wisdom and a lamp to our feet, yet we fail to listen to you and neglect to follow your guidance. Forgive us, heal us, and lead us on, that we may walk in your ways and be happy in your refuge; in 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 – "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

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 27:1-4	p437
2 nd Reading:	Mark 8:27-9:8	p820

Sermon	"No Fear"	Session Elder
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Reflective Hymn #835 – "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

[The Apostles' Creed]

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

One: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayers.

Departing Hymn #726 – "Will You Come and Follow Me"

*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!

Shrove/"Fat" Tuesday Dinner and Service for the burning of palms is scheduled for Tuesday, February 25 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall and worship service with burning of palms will follow.

Ash Wednesday Service will be held on February 26, at 7:00 p.m.

Lent begins February 27. Schedule for Lenten services followed by a simple lunch as follows; all are welcome!

March 5	Gary's UMC
March 12	Sycamore UMC
March 19	GMPC
March 26	Church of the Sacred Heart
April 2	Bethlehem Congregational Church

Holy Week+: April 5-12:

April 5	Palm Sunday
April 9	Maundy Thursday
April 10	Good Friday
April 11	Great Vigil of Easter
April 12	Resurrection of the Lord/Easter

The Herald newsletter for March will be available on Thursday, February 27.

Brunswick Stew & Bake Sale – March 14. Stew is \$8/quart, by advance payment to GMPC. Orders to be taken by all, then called in to Sandy Hunter 804.731-0082 by March 11 deadline. Details TBA

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)

2/23 THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

S	9-10a TWC'20 Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser 9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship 5 Cents a Meal Offering	23	MARCH 1 9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship 6:30p Workcamp plan meeting, Fellowship Hall	1
M		24		2
T	SHROVE "FAT" TUESDAY 6:30p Shrove/"Fat" Tuesday dinner followed by burning of palms, Fellowship Hall	25	1p Circle (Host: TBA) 6p Congregational Care Com. 6p GSA TR5000	3
W	ASH WEDNESDAY 2p Annual reports to Presbytery 7p Ash Wednesday. service 7p Choir practice	26	7p Choir practice	4
T	BEGIN LENT 2p Church cleaning	27	12p Lenten service & lunch (Host: Sycamore UMC) 2p Church cleaning	5
F		28		6
S	2p Committee reports due	29		7

SUNDAY SERVANTS

 **GATEKEEPER** Doug Holc (Feb.)
Charles Smyth (Mar.)

	Feb. 23	Mar 1
USHERS	Bobby Allen Donna Allen Larry Johnson	Charles Smyth Austin Smyth Morgan Ingram Josh Ingram
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Larry Johnson	Mary Kay Schroeter
NURSERY		
COUNTING	David Johnson Randy Recher	Sandy Hunter Susan Walker

FACTS & FIGURES

		YTD	Thru 1/31/20	Offrg.	Rec'd.
Pledged/proj. incr.	\$137,530	Inc.	\$ 8,184.55	2/2	\$2,845.00
Ann. Budget exp.	\$145,537	Exp.	(\$10,744.39)	2/9	\$1,383.05
Mo. Budget needs	\$ 12,128	Diff.	(\$ 2,559.84)	2/16	\$2,216.00
				2/23	\$

ATTENDANCE

	Worship	Sun. School	Children	Youth
Feb. 16, 2020	37	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
Steve "Dee" Shortt, Kim Helmer Shortt's husband (health issue)
Verne & Clara Smith
Peggy Allen
Eddie Frankenstein
Grace Cibula
Etta Holc
Jerry Hasky (health issue)
Doris Harmison (The Crossings at Ironbridge, Chester, Va.)
Kay Recher, daughter-in-law of Ron & Judy Recher
(head-on crash in Oklahoma)
Melvin Huff, Marguerite Bishop's friend (health issues)
Pam Henry, Mary Holc's family member
Sandra Elder, Kelly Knupp's mother (health issues)
Velma Allen (health issue)
Adele Linkenhoker, Barbara Taliaferro's friend (health concerns)
Jane & Bob Jones (health issues)
Junie "Bug" Treaster (recovering from surgery)
Lee Harsh, Valerie Harsh's brother-in-law (health issue)
Rev. Paul Luthman, previously our pastor (recovering from surgery)
Sharon Reed & family, Susan Shockley's co-worker (health issue)
Jennifer Caldwell, friend of Grace Cibula (health issue)
Reese Etheridge, Wayne Powers' uncle (health issue)
Randy Warthan (health issue)
David Minor (health issue)
Chris Harvey (MCV, burns accident)
Inez Paul, Mary Holc's mother (health issue, rehab)
Ron Recher (recov. from surgery)
Floyd Brown, Sr. (SRMC, health issues)
Family/friends of Irene Ondisko, Donna Allen's mother (d.2/17)
Family/friends of Irene Floyd, Les Mayhew's mother (d. 2/17)
Family/friends of Jackie Woodruff, Chris Harvey's mother (d.2/18)
Family/friends of Gladys Wiseman, Rose Scott's & Marguerite Bishop's
mother (d. 2/19)