

Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



**"1st SUNDAY IN LENT"
March 1, 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: Come to the Lord with openness.

All: We seek God's presence, whatever it brings.

One: Bring your doubts; bring your belief.

All: We will seek the Lord, that we may live!

***Opening Hymn #35 – "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"**

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Gracious God, we come before you in need of forgiveness and grace. You call us to trust in you completely, but we do not. We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead. We justify our actions and words, though we know they are not what you require. We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers, preferring old habits to risky change. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to be born again into the life of Christ, trusting that you have included us by grace in the family of faith. In Christ's name 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 – "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

Prayer for Illumination

O Lord, we wait for you, and in your Word we trust. By the power of your Spirit, set our hearts and minds on the source of life and peace: Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Scriptural Readings

1 st Reading	Psalm 19:7-10	p433
2 nd Reading:	Mark 10:17-31	p822

Sermon "More Than Gold" Rev. Dr. Jason N. Cashing

Reflective Hymn #438 – "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

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, the 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. 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 #716 – "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

***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!

Daylight Saving Time begins next Sunday, March 8 at 2 a.m. Remember to set all clocks forward 1 hour!

Brunswick Stew & Bake Sale – March 14 from 1-4 p.m. Stew is \$8/quart, by advance payment. Orders to be taken by all, then called in to Sandy Hunter 804.731-0082 by March 11 deadline. See March newsletter for details.

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

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)

3/1 THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

MARCH		1	8
S	<u>1st Sunday in Lent</u> 9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship 6:30p Workcamp plan meeting, Fellowship Hall <i>Order Easter lilies</i>		<u>2nd Sunday in Lent</u> 2a Begin Daylight Saving Time <i>("Spring forward...")</i> 9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship <i>Order Easter lilies</i>
M		2	9
T	1p Circle (Host: TBA) 6p Congregational Care Com. 6p GSA TR5000	3	10
W	7p Choir practice	4	11
T	12p Lenten service & lunch (Host: Gary's UMC) 2p Church cleaning	5	12
F		6	13
S		7	14

SUNDAY SERVANTS

🔑 GATEKEEPER Charles Smyth

	Mar. 1 1st Sunday in Lent	Mar. 8 2nd Sunday in Lent
USHERS	Charles Smyth Austin Smyth Morgan Ingram Josh Ingram	Bobby Allen Donna Allen Larry Johnson
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Mary Kay Schroeter	Larry Johnson
NURSERY	Glenda Mayhew Judy Recher*	Sheila Field Mary Kay Schroeter*
COUNTING	Sandy Hunter Megan Cashing	Morgan Ingram Patsy Johnson

* Choir member goes to Nursery after Choral Anthem

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	\$1,098.00

ATTENDANCE

	Worship	Sun. School	Children	Youth
Feb. 23, 2020	27	7		

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 (d. 2/19)
Pam Landrum, Doris Harmison's daughter (orthopedic issue)
Trevor Fine, Susan Shockley's neighbor's son (health issue)