

# **Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church**



**"2nd SUNDAY IN LENT"  
March 8, 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: O come, let us worship and bow down;

All: Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.

One: The hour is coming and is now here.

All: In spirit and truth, let us worship God!

**\*Opening Hymn #32 – "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"**

## **Prayer of Confession (in unison)**

Lord, you know who we are. You know everything we have done. We thirst for things that will never satisfy us. We commit ourselves to things that will never last. We worship things that will never bring salvation. Still, you offer us the gift of living water. Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life. Forgive us, O Lord, and give us this living water, so that we may never thirst again. 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**

## **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<sup>st</sup> Reading                      Psalm 34:11-14                      p441

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:                      Mark 10:32-52                      p823

**Sermon**                      “The Good Path”                      Rev. Dr. Jason N. Cashing

**Reflective Hymn #442** – “Just as I Am, Without One Plea”

## 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 #738** – “O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee”

### \*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!

**GMPC Brunswick Stew & Bake Sale - March 14 from 1-4 p.m.**  
\$8/qt. pre-pay orders only; pay checks to Gregory Memorial Church; all church members selling; order deadline: March 11.  
See March newsletter for instructions to stew-prep volunteers.  
Contact: Sandy Hunter 804.731.0082

**Volunteers are needed to bake items for the Bake Sale:** Please contact Lisa Brown ([Impbrown73@gmail.com](mailto:Impbrown73@gmail.com)) if you are able to provide items for the bake sale and for drop-off times. Your participation will be greatly appreciated!

**Schedule for Lenten services** followed by a simple lunch as follows; all are welcome!

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

**Cub Pack 910 Spaghetti** dinner fund-raiser will be held Saturday, March 28 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the GMPC Fellowship Hall; dinner is \$7 per person; tickets by advance order and also at door that evening; Contact: Tammy Lively 804.931.4680

### GMPC Information

[www.gregorymemorial.org](http://www.gregorymemorial.org) [www.facebook.com/gmpcva](http://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](mailto:Jason@gregorymemorial.org))  
Secretary: Nancy Adams ([office@gregorymemorial.org](mailto: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)

### 3/8 THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

S	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> 2a Begin Daylight Saving Time (" <i>Spring forward</i> ") <b>9:45a</b> Sunday School <b>11a</b> Worship <i>Order Easter lilies</i>	8	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent</b> <b>9:45a</b> Sunday School <b>11a</b> Worship <b>12:30p</b> Session Business Mtg (Shockley res.) <i>Order Easter lilies</i>	15
M	<b>6p</b> Crater BSA Karakona Chapter meeting	9	<b>9a-4p</b> James House Cookie Bake project, Fellowship Hall & kitchen	16
T	<b>7p</b> Missions Com.	10	<b>6p</b> GSA Tr5000	17
W	<b>7p</b> Choir practice	11	<b>5:30p</b> BSA Tr900 Honor Court & dinner, Fellowship Hall & kitchen (setup 1p) <b>7p</b> Choir practice	18
T	<b>12p</b> Lenten service & lunch (Host: Sycamore UMC) <b>2p</b> Church cleaning	12	<b>12p</b> Lenten service & lunch (Host: GMPC) <b>2p</b> News articles due <b>2p</b> Church cleaning <b>7p</b> Stewardship & Finance Com.	19
F	<b>6p</b> Stew prep	13		20
S	<b>5a</b> Cook stew <b>1-4p</b> GMPC Stew & Bake Sale	14		21

### SUNDAY SERVANTS



GATEKEEPER Charles Smyth

	Mar. 8	Mar. 15
USHERS	Bobby Allen Donna Allen Larry Johnson	Wayne Powers Brenda Bond Glenda Mayhew Les Mayhew
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Larry Johnson	Rose Scott
NURSERY	Sheila Field Mary Kay Schroeter*	Jennifer Smyth Charles Smyth
COUNTING	Morgan Ingram Patsy Johnson	David Johnson Megan Cashing

\* 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	3/1	\$2,492.00
Ann. Budget exp.	\$145,537	Exp.	(\$10,744.39)	3/8	\$
Mo. Budget needs	\$ 12,128	Diff.	( \$ 2,559.84)	3/15	\$
				3/22	\$
				3/29	\$

### ATTENDANCE

	Worship	Sun. School	Children	Youth
Mar. 1, 2020	39	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  
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)  
Pam Landrum, Doris Harmison's daughter (orthopedic issue)  
Trevor Fine, Susan Shockley's neighbor's son (health issue)