# Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



## January 30, 2022 – 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 God's presence!

Choral Prelude

Sandra Perkins, Organist Gail Rollings, Pianist

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Rose Scott

**Passing of the Peace** 

Rev. Dr. Shelly Barrick Parsons

**Sharing of Joys/Concerns** 

Call to Worship [Pastor leads...] Adapted from Ps. 71: 1-6<sup>2</sup>

One: In you, O Lord, we take refuge;

All: Our rock and refuge, a strong fortress who saves us.

One: In you, O Lord, our hope rests,

All: You, Lord, are the one we've trusted since childhood One: Upon you we have leaned from our mothers' womb.

All: Our praise is continually of you.

\* Opening Hymn #15 "All Creatures of Our God and King"

# Call to Confession [Pastor]

## Prayer of Confession [All in unison]

Lord God, we do not know how to speak words of hope, because we listen to the purveyors of fear. We do not know how to be loving because our role models are ridicule and anger. We do not know how to be faithful to you, because at an early age, we learned to trust the promises of all the false prophets who entice us with their simple thoughts.

But you know how to forgive, God of kindness, so we pray you would pour out your mercy upon us. May faith abide in us, so we may serve others even as you have served us; may hope abide in us, so we may surround the broken with your compassion and grace; may love abide in us, not only in these moments of brokenness, but in every moment of our life with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who abides in us.

(A Moment of Silent Confession)

# Assurance of Pardon [Pastor leads...]

One: The good news is that, in our God, we find that safe place for our lives. In God's forgiveness, we are offered the healing we need.

All: In God's acceptance, we discover the love in which we may abide in every moment of our lives. Thanks be to God! Amen.

# Promise of God's Forgiveness [Pastor leads...]

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 "Glory Be to the Father"

#### **Scriptural Readings**

Old Testament: Jeremiah 1: 4-10<sup>2</sup> p.609-610 New Testament: 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13<sup>2</sup> p. 934 **Sermon** "When the Love Runs Out" Rev. Dr. Shelly Barrick Parsons

# Affirmation of Faith [All in unison]

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.

[Apostles' Creed 3]

### **Offering & Offertory**

\* **Doxology** Hymn #606 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer [Pastor leads...] All: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

\*Departing Hymn #475 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

\*Charge & Benediction

\*Postlude

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome Rev. Dr. Shelly Barrick Parsons to our pulpit today!

Next Sunday's guest preacher: Rev. Sylvester H. Bullock.

<u>Holy Communion (2022 schedule change)</u> – Our next Holy Communion will be <u>next Sunday</u>, Feb. 8. Holy Communion will be celebrated on 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays in even-numbered months: Feb., Apr., June, Aug., Oct., Dec.

Circle Meeting – Tuesday, Feb. 8 at 1:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall.

<u>Annual 2021 Congregational Meeting:</u> Today at 12:00 p.m. after worship service; Moderator: Dr. Parsons.

<u>Tri-Cities Workcamp Planning Meeting</u> – Today at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall; anyone interested in participating in this year's Workcamp is encouraged to attend. Contact: Valerie Harsh

We are indeed blessed! Our church organ has been repaired.

#### **GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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Pastor: As announced

Secretary: Nancy Adams (office@gregorymemorial.org)
Organist: Sandra Perkins
Treasurer: Kevin Foster
Pianist: Gail Rollings
Financial Sec.: Sandy Hunter

#### **Session Members**

(Term = 3 yrs.; \* indicates individual serves a partial term)

Mary Holc (2022); Sandy Hunter (2022); Charles Smyth (2022) Lisa Brown (2023); Donald Hunter (2023); William Shill (2023\*) Rose Scott (2024); David L. Johnson (2024\*); Susan Shockley (2024) Donald Hunter (Clerk of Session - 2022)

#### **Trustees**

Ron Recher (2022); Gail Rollings (2023); Donald Hunter (2024)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Resource: Hymns from <u>GLORY TO GOD</u>, <u>THE PRESBYTERIAN</u> HYMNAL, 2013 Westminster John Knox Press; public domain.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Resource: <u>THE HOLY BIBLE</u>, (NRSV) © Biblegateway.Com

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Resource: "Apostles' Creed", <u>BOOK OF ORDER, PC(USA)</u>

1/30	THESE TWO WEEKS AT	GREGOR	Y
	9:30a Sunday School	30	

S	9:30a Sunday School  10:15a 5th Sunday Fellowship Gathering, Fellowship Hall  11a Worship  *Guest preacher: Rev. Dr. Shelly Barrick Parsons  > Local Emergency Aid Offering  12p Stated Annual Congregational Meeting for 2021 after worship service  Moderator: Rev. Dr. Shelly Barrick Parsons  6p Tri-Cities Workcamp Planning Mtg., Fellowship Hall	30	9:30a Sunday School  11a Worship & Holly Communion  *Guest preacher: Rev. Sylvester H. Bullock	6
M	<b>2p</b> Committee reports due	31		7
Т	FEB. 6p GSA Tr 5000 (Fellowship Hall Reception Area, Kitchen & Dining Rm) 7p Congregational Care Com.	1	<ul><li>1p Circle</li><li>7p Christian Ed. Com.</li><li>7p Missions Com. Com.</li><li>7p Outreach Com.</li></ul>	8
W		2		9
T		3		10
F	10a Church cleaning	4	10a Church cleaning	11
S		5		13

ATTENDANCE:	WORSHIP	SUNDAY SCHOOL

	M	V	M	V
January 2, 2022	13	2	7	
January 9, 2022	20	5	7	
January 16, 2022*	0	0	0	0
January 23, 2022	19	6	7	
January 30, 2022				

M=Members V=Visitors
\* services canceled due to Winter Storm "Izzy"

#### **OUR PRAYERS & CONCERNS**

Amy Townson, Josh Ingram's sister

**Becky Scott Smith** 

Russell Heiser, Ingrid Phoenix's grandson (health issues)

Butch Meade, Glenda Mayhew's brother

Verne & Clara Smith

Peggy Allen

Eddie Frankenstein

Grace Cibula

Etta Holc

Jerry Hasky (health issue)

Pam Henry, Mary Holc's family member

Lee Harsh, Valerie Harsh's brother-in-law (health issue)

Sandra Elder, Kelly Knupp's mother (health issues)

Jennifer Caldwell, friend of Grace Cibula (health issue)

Reese Etheridge, Wayne Powers' uncle (health issue)

Dana Etheridge, Wayne Powers' cousin (health issue)

Randy Warthan (health issue)

Inez Paul, Mary Holc's mother (health issue, rehab)

Floyd M. Brown, Sr. (health issues)

Traci Wells, Glenda Mayhew's friend (health issue)

Larry Brown of Chesterfield, Larry Johnson's friend (health issue)

Billy Hudson, friend of Dianna Starr Lykins Flaherty,

Mary Lykins' daughter

Renee' Renier, Diana Flaherty's long-time friend (health issue)

Family/friends of Mildred Kephart, Grace Cibula's sister (d. 12/30)