

Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



February 13, 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

Larry Johnson

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Colleen Earp

Sharing of Joys/Concerns

Call to Worship [*Pastor leads...*]

Leader: Blessed are the poor, the hungry, and the weeping.

All: God is with us now.

Leader: Blessed are the people whose reward is great in heaven.

All: God is with us now.

Leader: Rejoice in the day!

All: God is with us now. Let us worship God together!

*** Opening Hymn #475 "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"¹**

Call to Confession [*Pastor*]

In humility and in faith, let us confess our sins to God.

Prayer of Confession [*All in unison*]

O God, You are steadfast in your love and presence. You bless and honor all who are suffering. We are eager to identify as your blessed people, but we are slow to recognize the poor, the brokenhearted, and the empty all around us. We are hesitant to let the kingdom be theirs. We forget to fill them up. We struggle to let them laugh and be joyful. Forgive us. Have mercy on us, O God. Let us delight in your law and seek your righteousness. Help us to honor and bless all you have created, including one another. [*Pause for silent confession*] Amen.

Assurance of Pardon [*Pastor*]

Hear and believe the Good News: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen!

***Congregational Response** Hymn #581 "Glory Be to the Father"¹

Prayer for Illumination [*All in unison*]

Blessed are you, O God. When you are present, let us notice. When you speak, let us listen. When you teach, let us learn. You have blessed the poor, the hungry, and the weeping. May we honor them. Let us work to see you and follow you. Let us rejoice and be glad as we worship God---God who was with the disciples on the level place, God who is with those who are suffering, God who is with us now. Blessed are you, O God. Amen.

Scriptural Readings

Hebrew Testament: Psalm 1² p. 424

Gospel: Luke 6:17-26² p. 838

Sermon [Untitled] Rev. Colleen Earp

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

Call for Offering [Pastor]

Let us share something of our time, our treasure, and our talents with our tithes and offerings.

Offering & Offertory

* **Doxology** Hymn #606 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"¹

Prayer of Dedication [Pastor]

Blessed are you, Eternal God, maker of all things. We give thanks for the gifts of our time, our possessions, and ourselves. Bless these offerings that we might use them to your glory, to share your love and presence in this world. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer [All in unison...]

God, who is with us, we rejoice in this day you have made. We give you thanks that we can gather as a crowd of your followers, even under the strange and trying circumstances of our times. Blessed are you, O God. Grant that we may listen to what your Spirit is saying to us today, that we might go out to act in ways that honor your beloved and blessed people. Help us to recognize your presence with the poor, and to offer them your kingdom now. Help us to recognize your presence with the hungry, and to fill them now. Help us to recognize your presence with those who weep, and to bring them encouragement now. Help us recognize our wealth, so we might better share it with those in need. Help us recognize our fill, so we might better hunger for justice for those who are empty and oppressed. Help us recognize our joy, so we might better be present with those who grieve. O God, we pray that we may be steadfast in our faith, even when people revile us. Help us to understand the different experiences in your world around us, and recognize your presence not with those who find consolation elsewhere from you, but with those who are suffering the most. We pray for our families and our friends. [Pause] We pray for our neighbors and our enemies. [Pause] We pray for people who are sick in body, mind, and spirit. [Pause] We pray for our community, our country, and our world, and all of its leaders and representatives. [Pause] We pray for all who are gathered here today, online, and in spirit. [Pause] We lift up to you the concerns of this congregation. [Pause] O God, we also remember Camp Hanover and Massanetta Springs. We celebrate the good ministry that happens there. Bless and keep all who love and serve and visit that place, that the lessons learned and the rest experienced might inspire us all to practice your presence elsewhere in this world. God, we are glad to be part of your multitude. Help us to be living examples of Christ's teachings from the Sermon on the Plain and the Spirit's advocacy and guidance today. We pray all this in the way Jesus taught us to pray together, saying, "*Our Father*"²..."

***Departing Hymn #472 "Kum Ba Yah"¹**

***Charge & Benediction**

Go with the love of God, and the peace of Christ, and the unity of the Holy Spirit, this day and always. Amen.

***Postlude**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome Rev. Colleen Earp to our pulpit today! Rev. Earp serves as the Program Director at Massanetta Springs in Harrisonburg, VA. She previously served at Camp Hanover as Associate Director, and recently completed a chaplain residency at UVA Children's Hospital. She getting to know the forests, wildflowers, waterways, and trails of the Shenandoah Valley, but remains a minister member of the Presbytery of the James.

Guest preacher for next Sunday, Feb. 20: Rev. Andrew Meyers.

Movie Night, Wednesday, Feb. 23 - Don't forget to mark your calendars for **Wednesday, Feb. 23rd**! The Missions & Outreach Committee will be hosting ***Dinner and a Movie in the Fellowship Hall***. A **Hot Dog Dinner** will be served at **6 p.m.** and the movie, "**Jesus**", will begin at **6:30 p.m.** Come and join us for a great night of fellowship. Bring a friend! [*Missions & Outreach Committee*]

Newsletter - If anyone has a short story/poem/anecdote to share in the upcoming March or April newsletter, please put it in the office door mailbox or send it to Nancy at office@gregorymemorial.org.

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² Resource: THE HOLY BIBLE, (NRSV) © 1989 by Div. of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America, All rights reserved. Published by Zondervan.

³ Resource: "Apostles' Creed", BOOK OF ORDER, PC (USA)

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Pastor: As announced

Secretary: Nancy Adams (office@gregorymemorial.org)

Organist: Sandra Perkins Pianist: Gail Rollings
Treasurer: Kevin Foster Financial Sec.: Sandy Hunter

Session Members

*(Term = 3 yrs.; * indicates 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)

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)

2/13 THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

S	<p>9:30a Sunday School</p> <p>11a Worship</p> <p>*Guest preacher: Rev. Colleen Earp</p>	13	<p>9:30a Sunday School</p> <p>11a Worship</p> <p>*Guest preacher: Rev. Andrew Meyers</p> <p>12p Session Meeting Moderator: Rev. Andrew Meyers</p>	20
M	<u>St Valentine's Day</u>	14	<u>Washington's Birthday</u>	21
T	<p>6p GSA Tr 5000 (Fellowship Hall Reception Area, Kitchen & Dining Rm)</p>	15		22
W		16	<p>2p Reports to Presbytery</p> <p>6p Movie Night: "Jesus" in Fellowship Hall; Hot dog dinner, 6p Movie, 6:30p</p>	23
T	<p>6a Church cleaning</p> <p>2p News articles due</p> <p>7p Stewardship & Finance Com.</p>	17	<p>6a Church cleaning</p> <p>2p Newsletter out</p>	24
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S		19		26

ATTENDANCE:

WORSHIP

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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Feb. 6, 2022	23	6	5	1
Feb. 13, 2022				
Feb. 20, 2022				
Feb. 27, 2022				

M=Members

V=Visitors

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Hymns for Worship Service – February 13, 2022

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Hymn # 475 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

1) Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!

2) Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

3) O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

TEXT: Robert Robinson, 1758, alt.; public domain.

MUSIC: Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, 1813; public domain.

Hymn #472 "Kum ba Yah*"

1) *Kum ba yah, my Lod, kum ba yah! Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!

Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!

2) Someone's crying, Lord, kum ba yah! Someone's crying, Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone's crying, Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba ya!

3) Someone's singing, Lord, kum ba yah! Someone's singing, Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone's singing, Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba ya!

4) Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah! Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba ya!

TEXT and MUSIC: African American spiritual; public domain.

****Come by here***

Hebrew Testament: Psalm 1

Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his law day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers.

Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous. For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.

Gospel: Luke 6:17-26

He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coastal region around Tyre and Sidon, who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by impure spirits were cured, and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all.

Looking at his disciples, he said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

“But woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort. Woe to you who are well fed now, for you will go hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.