

Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



5TH SUNDAY IN LENT

April 3, 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

Sandy Hunter

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Dr. Errol G. Rohr

Sharing of Joys/Concerns

Call to Worship [*Led by Pastor*]

One: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Jesus says, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away."

* **Opening Hymn** #460 "Break Thou the Bread of Life"

Call to Confession [*Pastor*]

Prayer of Confession [*Congregation in unison*]

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

(A time for silent prayer of confession.)

Declaration of Forgiveness [*Pastor*]

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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

Prayer for Illumination [*Pastor*]

Scriptural Readings

Old Testament: Psalm 32 p. 440

New Testament: 2 Corinthians 5: 16-21 p. 940

Sermon "Forgive Us Our Sins" Rev. Dr. Errol G. Rohr

Affirmation of Faith (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.

Call for the Offering [*Pastor*]

Offering, Offertory

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

Prayer of Dedication [*Pastor*]

Prayers of the People concluded with Lord's Prayer

[*Pastor offers prayers, each prayer ending with:*]

One: Lord in your mercy...

All: **Hear our prayer.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION [*Follow insert*]

***Departing Hymn** #224 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

***Charge & Benediction** [*Pastor*]

***Postlude**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome back the Rev. Dr. Errol G. Rohr to our pulpit!

The Pulpit line-up for April:

April 3: 5th Sunday in Lent — Rev. Dr. Errol G. Rohr

April 10: Palm Sunday – Rev. Marvin Daniel

April 17: Easter Day – Rev. Beverly Sherrill Bullock

April 24: Rev. Beverly Sherrill Bullock & Rev. Sylvester H. Bullock

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering – See enclosed flyer. Offering envelopes to be provided in the April 10 worship service bulletin.

"THESE DAYS" (April-May-June) daily devotional magazine is here. Be sure to pick up your free copy from the Narthex table today!

Newsletter articles are needed! If you have an article you'd like to share in our The Herald newsletter, or one that you have clipped that you would like us to re-print (*with permission, of course!*) please leave in Nancy's office door mailbox, or, send it in to the church office by email: office@gregorymemorial.org. We've had some really good ones, and have now run out.

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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)
Shirley MacNeill (health issue)

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Hymns for Worship Service – April 3, 2022 (Holy Communion)

Resource: Hymns from GLORY TO GOD, THE PRESBYTERIAN HYMNAL, 2013 Westminster John Knox Press; public c

Opening Hymn #460 "Break Thou the Bread of Life"

- 1) Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as thou didst break the loaves beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord. My spirit pants for thee, O living Word!
 - 2) Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, now unto me, as thou didst bless the bread by Galilee. Then shall
all bondage cease, all fetters fall. And I shall find my peace, my all in all.
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TEXT: Mary Ann Lathbury, 1877, alt.; public domain.

MUSIC: William Fisk Sherwin, 1877, alt.; public domain

Departing Hymn #224 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

- 1) When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but
loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.
 - 2) Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God; all the vain things that
charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.
 - 3) See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down; did e'er such love and
sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?
 - 4) Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.
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MUSIC: Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature, 1783; harm. Edward Miller, 1790; public domain.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us pray:

All: Loving God, through your goodness, we have this bread and cup to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. May we know your presence in the sharing of this bread, so that we know your touch in all bread, all matter. We celebrate the life that Jesus has shared among his community through the centuries, and shares with us now. Made one in Christ and one with each other, we offer these gifts, and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice. Amen.

One: Among friends, gathered round a table, Jesus took bread ... [*Minister continues ...*] The gifts of God for the people of God.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE [From pews]

One: Let us give thanks together:

All: We offer you praise, dear God, and hearts lifted high, for in the communion of your love Christ comes close to us, and we come close to Christ. Therefore, with the whole realm of nature around us, with earth, sea and sky, we sing to you. And with our loved ones, on earth and in your heavenly host, with brothers and sisters around the world, we join in the song of your unending greatness. Amen.

Adapted from the Iona Abbey Community, Scotland