

## ***We Welcome All Who Worship with Us this Morning!***

*If you are not active in a church home in this community, we invite you to consider joining our fellowship and sharing in this ministry of Christ here.*

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

We offer engaging classes each Sunday for all ages beginning at 9:45 am. Children, youth and one adult class meet on the second floor of the Educational Building, and another adult class meets downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for coffee in the kitchen before and after class!

### **NURSERY & JUNIOR CHURCH**

During the worship service, we provide loving child care for infants and toddlers. Children ages pre-K through 1<sup>st</sup> grade are invited to join their parents in the service through the *Time with Children* after which they can follow their leaders to a worship-based activity appropriate for their age.

For children who remain in the worship service, there are “worship boards” in a box in the front right pew for their learning and enjoyment during the service.

### **SESSION COMMITTEE MODERATORS**

<i>Christian Education</i>	Valerie Harsh	452-2548
<i>Congregational Care</i>	Rev. Sprowl	732-1081
<i>Facilities</i>	Bobby Allen	691-3337
<i>Missions</i>	Dianne Overstreet	862-4674
<i>Outreach</i>	Donald Hunter	733-8414
<i>Personnel</i>	Dianne Overstreet	862-4674
<i>Stewardship &amp; Finance</i>	Morgan Ingram	691-1032
<i>Worship</i>	Mary Holc	541-2565

### **PRIMARY CHURCH CONTACTS**

**Church Phone:** 804-732-1081 **Website:** <http://www.gregorymemorial.org>

**Church Office Hours:** Tuesday through Friday, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.

**Interim Pastor:** Mark Sprowl, cell 804-512-9197, [mesjlh@aol.com](mailto:mesjlh@aol.com)

(Substitute) **Secretary:** Carolyn Gentry [gregorymemorialoffice@verizon.net](mailto:gregorymemorialoffice@verizon.net)

**Organist:** Sandra Perkins, **Accompanist:** Gail Rollings

**Clerk of Session:** David Johnson

**Treasurer:** Kevin Foster, [kevin.foster@bsvnet.com](mailto:kevin.foster@bsvnet.com), phone 804-732-1096

**Financial Secretary:** Sandy Hunter



***Where is the child who is born King of the Jews?  
We saw his star and have come to worship him.***

## ***Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church***

***P.O. Box 182 – 6300 Courthouse Road  
Prince George, VA 23875***



## First Sunday after Christmas

Sunday, January 1, 2012 11:00 am

*Be still and know that I am God. (Psalm 46:10)*

*Let us prepare our hearts in silence  
to meet God's Spirit in worship!*

*Glorious now behold Him arise; King and God and sacrifice;  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Sounds through the earth and skies.  
O star of wonder, star of light, Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light.*

### GOD GATHERS THE PEOPLE

PRELUDE Gail Rollings & Sandra Perkins

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Dianne Overstreet

PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. Ann D. Cherry

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Although the beckoning star heeded by wise travelers long ago  
no longer leads the way,

**People: The manger born Christ is still to be found and followed.**

Leader: We are not brought to our knees in surprise as were those  
journeymen of old,

**People: Yet our desire to worship can be as deep as theirs.**

Leader: And though we do not bear gifts of gold, frankincense, and  
myrrh,

**People: We offer ourselves and what we have.**

Leader: The story continues. The good news abounds. There is a living  
Christ to discover and worship and serve.

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad!**

\*Those who are able, please stand Congregation reads BOLD face type

## This Week at Gregory January 1 - 8

Today	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship Service
Monday	2:00 pm	Line Dancing
	6:30 pm	Missions & Outreach
Tuesday	12:30 pm	Day Circle
	7:00 pm	Facilities & Worship
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Choir
Sunday	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship Service

### Sunday Servants

	Today	January 8
USHERS	Valerie Harsh Pamela Harsh Jerry Bond Debbie Smith	Wayne Powers Rose Scott Marguerite Bishop Dianne Overstreet
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Dianne Overstreet	Pat Hunter
NURSERY	Robbi Foster	Glenda Mayhew
JUNIOR SERMON	Lisa Hartsell	Mark Sprowl
JUNIOR CHURCH	Patsy Johnson Breeana Hunter	Morgan Ingram Josh Ingram
COUNTING	Sandy Hunter Evelyn Lichvar	Morgan Ingram Donald Hunter

### Prayer Concerns

Dick Mann	Ruby Hasky
Christine Belsches	Katherine Tompkins
Aida Faries	Tammy Pelter ( <i>Gladys Vtipil's niece</i> )
June Hawks	Mary Chadwick ( <i>Dink Armstrong's sister</i> )
Marian McDonald	Virginia Mika ( <i>sister of Grace and Helen Cibula</i> )
Peggy Surfield	Matt Mauger
Helen Cibula	Amy Harte ( <i>David Johnson's cousin</i> )
Harry Johns	Family of Marie Allen
Don Vtipil	Gloria Singletary



## - WELCOME TO GREGORY MEMORIAL! -

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*We hope and pray that as you worship with us today you may experience the love of God and be encouraged for the coming week. Visitors, make sure to let us know of your presence by completing one of the registration cards in the pews and placing it in the offering plate. Both visitors and "regulars" may use the cards to let us know of prayer requests or special needs.*

**FLOWERS** for today's service are provided by

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!** – On this first Sunday of the new year, we welcome once again the Rev. Ann D. Cherry to our pulpit. Ann is a minister member of the Presbytery of the James and has served five churches as an interim pastor since 1992. She is the mother of three teenage boys and is currently serving as the Director of Recruitment for Richmond Teacher Residency (RTR), an innovative teacher preparatory graduate program at VCU. Rev. Sprowl is on vacation and will return to the office on Tuesday.

**SPECIAL WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY** – Next Sunday, January 8, we will ordain and install our new ruling elders and give thanks for the service of our outgoing elders. Join us for this special service that has its roots in the first century church.

**ANNUAL MEETING AND POTLUCK LUNCHEON** - We invite you to attend this Annual Meeting of our congregation on Sunday, January 22 after worship. At the meeting, we will elect three new members to the Congregational Nominating Committee ("CNC") and hear reports from Session committees, the Pastor Nominating Committee, other church groups and a summary of the church's financial position. Although only members may vote for CNC representatives, all are invited to attend the meeting and potluck. Please be thinking about whether you would be willing to serve on the CNC or know of another who would be interested.

**NEW CHURCH OFFICE HOURS** – Julie Jacobs, our church secretary, is on maternity leave until sometime in February. To help us out during Julie's absence, Carolyn Gentry will be working Wednesday through Friday, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.

**VISITOR INFORMATION** – We have special informational packets for our visitors, both adults and children. Please ask an usher for assistance.

**DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS** – Free copies of the popular guide, *These Days*, January - March, are available in the sanctuary lobby.

\*HYMN #185

*Hark, the Herald Angels Sing*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of perfect light, lead us as we proceed through life.  
Forgive us when, like Herod,  
selfish ambition makes us willing to hurt others.  
Forgive us when, unlike the magi,  
we refuse to follow the light you give us.  
Shine in our lives through the light of your Christ,  
in whose name we pray...**

*(An opportunity for personal confession in silence.)*

PROMISE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Leader: ...Amen. Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ,  
and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, and Christ reigns for us.  
Friends believe the good news.

**People: In Jesus Christ, all of our sins are forgiven!**

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (#734 *Gloria Patri*)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.**

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES, GIFTS AND SELVES TO GOD

OFFERTORY

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (#34 *Doxology*)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise him, all creatures here below.  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**WE ENCOUNTER GOD’S WORD**

TIME FOR CHILDREN Lisa Hartsell

CHOIR ANTHEM A New Star Adult Choir

*(Children ages 3 – 1<sup>st</sup> grade are invited to leave for Junior Church; Older children may pick up a “Worship Board” in the right front pew for their use.)*

BIBLE READING Matthew 2:1-12 *Magi from the East*

MESSAGE *Star Light, Star Bright* The Rev. Ann D. Cherry

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

\*HYMN #233 *We Three Kings*

\*WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH - *The Apostles’ Creed*

**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.**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

\*HYMN #179 *Joy to the World*

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

**2011 Stewardship to Date**

<b>“The Facts”</b>		<b>“The Figures”</b>	
Annual budget expense	\$141,506	Offering December 4	\$5398.92
Pledged & projected Income	\$141,506	Offering December 11	\$2285.00
Monthly budget needs	\$11,792	Offering December 18	\$3280.00
Weekly budget needs	\$2,721	Offering December 25	\$1542.00