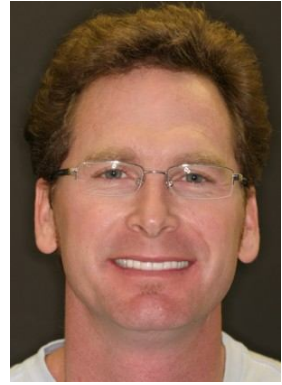
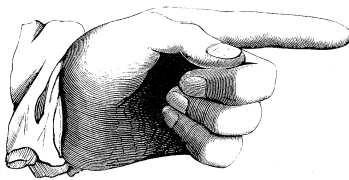
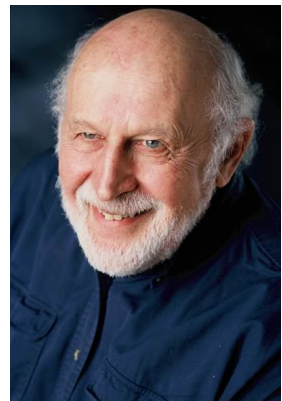


“I choose...



YOU!”

- God



Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church

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

Sunday, January 29, 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!*

*...The saints are chosen in Christ by God for a definite purpose,
which the apostle himself explains when he says, "He chose us in him for adoption
that we should be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adop-
tion to be his children through Jesus Christ that they should be to the praise of the
glory of his grace" (Ephesians 1). Second Helvetic Confession 5.054*

GOD GATHERS THE PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Gail Rollings & Sandra Perkins

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jerry Bond

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Mark Sprowl

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Psalmist wrote, "I was glad when they said to me,
'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'" For it is...

People: A house of prayer for those seeking help.

Leader: A sanctuary for ones in need of rest and renewal.

People: A loving Body for those searching for a place to belong.

Leader: A dwelling where God lives within the hearts
of those entrust their lives to God.

**People: Gathered here in such a place of life and love,
with joy and thanksgiving, let us worship God!**

*HYMN #43

Majesty

*Congregation please stand, if able; **bold** type read aloud.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, we confess that we are often swept up
in the tide of our generation...
We have failed in our calling to be your holy people,
a people set apart for your divine purpose.
We live more in apathy than in passion born of hope.
We are moved more by private ambition than by social justice.
We dream more of privilege and benefits
than of service and sacrifice.
Help us to make room in our hearts and lives for you.
Forgive us, revive us, and reshape us in your image,,,**

(An opportunity for personal confession in silence.)

PROMISE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS (Psalm 13:5-6)

Leader: O Lord, we will trust in your unfailing love.

People: We will rejoice, because you have rescued us.

Leader: We will sing to the Lord,

People: Because he has been so good to us!

*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

DEDICATION OF SANCTUARY SOUND SYSTEM

Dedication of Sound System

Leader: The prophet Elijah was told, "Go, stand on the mountain at attention before God. God will pass by." A hurricane wind ripped through the mountains and shattered the rocks before God but God wasn't to be found in the wind;

**People: After the wind was an earthquake,
but God wasn't in the earthquake;**

Leader: And after the earthquake fire, but God wasn't in the fire;

People: And after the fire a gentle and quiet whisper.

Leader: When Elijah heard the quiet voice, he muffled his face with his cloak
went to the mouth of the cave, and stood there. A quiet voice asked,

People: "So Elijah, now tell me, what are you doing here?" (1 Kings 19)

Leader: When the Feast of Pentecost came, Jesus' disciples were all together
in one place. Without warning there was a sound like a strong wind,
— no one could tell where it came from. It filled the whole building.

**People: Then, like a wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks,
and they started speaking in a number of different languages
as the Spirit prompted them.** (Acts 2)

Leader: Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel!
Samuel! And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

**People: Then the LORD said to Samuel the prophet, "See, I am about to do
something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who
hears of it tingle.** (1 Samuel 3)

Leader: Praise God with trumpets and all kinds of harps.

**People: Praise him with tambourines and dancing,
with stringed instruments and woodwinds.**

Leader: Praise God with cymbals, with clashing cymbals.

People: Let every living creature shout praises to the Lord! (Psalm 150)

Leader: Sounds and listening have always been vitally important to the Lord
and to the people of God!

**People: We give thanks this day to God for those who made possible
this new sound system,
for us to enjoy the Word of the Lord with new clarity.**

Leader: May it bring us words that inspire...

People: Songs that lift our hearts, and prayers that move us.

Leader: Like the prophet Samuel we can only humbly ask,

All: Speak to us, Lord for your servants are listening! Amen.

*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

Pat Hunter

CHOIR ANTHEM

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Adult Choir

(Children ages 3 – 1st 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

Deuteronomy 7:6-9
John 15:9-17

*God's Personal Treasure
Chosen by Jesus*

Deuteronomy 7:6 – 9

⁶Do this because you are a people set apart as holy to GOD, your God.

GOD, your God, chose you out of all the people on Earth for himself as a cherished, personal treasure. ⁷GOD wasn't attracted to you and didn't choose you because you were big and important—the fact is, there was almost nothing to you.

⁸He did it out of sheer love, keeping the promise he made to your ancestors. GOD stepped in and mightily bought you back out of that world of slavery, freed you from the iron grip of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

⁹Know this: GOD, your God, is God indeed, a God you can depend upon. He keeps his covenant of loyal love with those who love him and observe his commandments for a thousand generations.

⁹“I’ve loved you the way my Father has loved me. Make yourselves at home in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commands, you’ll remain intimately at home in my love. That’s what I’ve done—kept my Father’s commands and made myself at home in his love.

¹¹“I’ve told you these things for a purpose: that my joy might be your joy, and your joy wholly mature. ¹²This is my command: Love one another the way I loved you. ¹³This is the very best way to love. Put your life on the line for your friends. ¹⁴You are my friends when you do the things I command you. ¹⁵I’m no longer calling you servants because servants don’t understand what their master is thinking and planning. No, I’ve named you friends because I’ve let you in on everything I’ve heard from the Father.

¹⁶“You didn’t choose me, remember; I chose you, and put you in the world to bear fruit, fruit that won’t spoil. As fruit bearers, whatever you ask the Father in relation to me, he gives you. ¹⁷But remember the root command: Love one another.”

MESSAGE

I Choose You!

Rev. Mark Sprowl

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

*HYMN #581 *Called as Partners in Christ’s Service (Verses 1-2)*

*WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH (Romans 8:28-31 *The Message*)

WE BELIEVE...

God has worked every detail in our lives of love for God into something good.

**God knew what he was doing from the very beginning.
He decided from the outset to shape the lives of those who love him along the same lines as the life of his Son.**

**The Son stands first in the line of humanity he restored.
We see the original and intended shape of our lives there in him.**

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**After God made that decision of what his children should be like,
he followed it up by calling people by name.**

**After he called them by name,
he set them on a solid basis with himself.**

**And then, after getting them established,
he stayed with them to the end,
gloriously completing what he had begun.**

**So, what do you think?
With God on our side like this, how can we lose? 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 #544 *The Church's One Foundation* (Verses 1-2)

*CHARGE AND BLESSING (1 Peter 3:9)

Leader: We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation, God's own people...

**People: That we may declare the wonderful deeds of God
who call us out of darkness into marvelous light.**

Leader: Let us go into the world; let us live as God's people...

**People: Through the grace of Jesus Christ
and the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

- WELCOME TO GREGORY MEMORIAL! -

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.

EMERGENCY AID OFFERING - Today we receive our quarterly Emergency Aid offering which helps Prince George families with rent and utility bills through the ministry of CCHASM, a consortium of faith organizations in the greater Tri-Cities area. Please give generously during this season of need!

SECRETARY TO RETURN – Julie Jacobs, our church secretary, is scheduled to return to work Tuesday, February 7. This coming Friday will be Carolyn Gentry’s last day with us. Please stop by and thank Carolyn for all the help she’s given us during Julie’s maternity leave!

THE GIFT OF SOUND! - We are very thankful for the generous gifts of GMPC members who contributed to our new sanctuary sound system. Thanks also to Bobby Allen, Jerry Bond, Doug Holc and Donald Hunter who shepherded the project to its completion... and to Keith Spain for making the right electrical connections!

NEWLETTER – Please pick up your copy of the newsletter today at the sanctuary door and save us the cost of a stamp!

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.

2012 Stewardship to Date

“The Facts”

Annual budget expense	\$137,754
Pledged & projected Income	\$133,804
Monthly budget needs	\$11,480
Weekly budget needs	\$2,650

“The Figures”

Offering January 1	\$2,487
Offering January 8	\$3,740
Offering January 15	\$2,380
Offering January 22	\$2,954

January 22 Attendance

Sunday School: 22 - Worship: 68

This Week at Gregory January 29 - February 5

Today	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship Service Emergency Aid Offering
Monday	2:00 pm	Line Dancing
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Choir
Friday	6:00 pm	Session Retreat
Saturday	9:00 pm	Session Retreat
Sunday	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship Service

Sunday Servants

Today

February 5

USHERS	Gladys Wiseman Verne Smith Debra Bailey Rose Scott	Sheila Fields Janet Swinton Rose Scott Wayne Powers
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Jerry Bond	Dianne Overstreet
NURSERY	Robbi Foster	Glenda Mayhew
JUNIOR SERMON	Pat Hunter	Mary Kay Schroeter
JUNIOR CHURCH	Mary Beth Coleman Kevin Foster	Jennifer Smyth Jared Smyth
COUNTING	Sandy Hunter Evelyn Lichvar	Donald Hunter Rose Scott

Prayer Concerns

Ruby Hasky	Ed Smiley (<i>Friend of Doug Holc</i>)
Christine Belsches	Katherine Tompkins
Aida Faries	Gloria Singletary
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	



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 1st 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.

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