

## **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

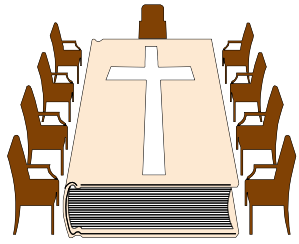
**Treasurer:** Kevin Foster, [kevin.foster@bsvnet.com](mailto:kevin.foster@bsvnet.com), phone 804-732-1096

**Financial Secretary:** Sandy Hunter



**Gregory Memorial  
Presbyterian Church**

**P.O. Box 182 – 6300 Courthouse Road  
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January 8, 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 Presbyterian "Ruling" Elder**

*As there were in Old Testament times elders for the government of the people, so the New Testament church provided persons with particular gifts to share in discernment of God's Spirit and governance of God's people. Accordingly, congregations should elect persons of wisdom and maturity of faith, having demonstrated skills in leadership and being compassionate in spirit.*

*Ruling elders are so named not because they "lord it over" the congregation (Matt. 20:25), but because they are chosen by the congregation to discern and measure its fidelity to the Word of God, and to strengthen and nurture its faith and life. Ruling elders, together with teaching elders, exercise leadership, government, spiritual discernment, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a congregation as well as the whole church...*

*- Presbyterian Book of Order G-2.0301*

PRELUDE Gail Rollings

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pat Hunter

PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. Mark Sprowl

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We worship a God for whom the door  
is never completely closed.

**People: For whom the final chapter hasn't been written.**

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

### **This Week at Gregory January 8 - 15**

Today	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship Service
Monday	Noon	Widows
	2:00 pm	Line Dancing
	6:00 pm	Christian Ed
	6:30 pm	Pre-School Board Mtg. P&O
Wednesday		Committee Reports Due
	7:00 pm	Choir
Sunday	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship Service Communion

### **Sunday Servants**

USHERS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NURSERY

JUNIOR SERMON

JUNIOR CHURCH

COUNTING

### **Today**

Wayne Powers  
Rose Scott  
Marguerite Bishop  
Dianne Overstreet

Pat Hunter  
Glenda Mayhew  
Mark Sprowl  
Morgan Ingram  
Josh Ingram

Morgan Ingram  
Donald Hunter

### **January 15**

Keith Spain  
Ruby Spain  
Jacob Spain  
Herb Schroeter

Mary Kay Schroeter  
Debra Bailey  
Valerie Harsh  
Mary Kay Schroeter  
Madison Foster

David Johnson  
Ron Recher

### **Prayer Concerns**

Family of Dick Mann  
Christine Belsches  
Aida Faries  
June Hawks  
Marian McDonald  
Peggy Surfield  
Helen Cibula  
Harry Johns  
Don Vtipil

Ruby Hasky  
Katherine Tompkins  
Tammy Pelter (*Gladys Vtipil's niece*)  
Mary Chadwick (*Dink Armstrong's sister*)  
Virginia Mika (*sister of Grace and Helen Cibula*)  
Matt Mauger  
Amy Harte (*David Johnson's cousin*)  
Family of Marie Allen



**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.*

**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.*

**MEMORIAL SERVICE** – A service celebrating the life of Dick Mann will be held tomorrow, Monday, January 9 at 1:00 pm in the sanctuary with a reception to follow. All are invited. The line dancing group will not meet tomorrow.

**BOY SCOUT SPAGHETTI DINNER** - Boy Scout Troup 900 invites you to attend a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup> 6:00 - 8:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Tickets are \$7.00 and proceeds offset costs for boys to attend summer camp and the national convention. For tickets, see Kevin Foster II.

**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.

**Sunday, January 1 Attendance & Offering**

Sunday School: 20 Worship: 62 Offering: \$2,487.00

Leader: For whom death is only a beginning.

People: **For whom no deed we’ve done, no power in this world, in fact, nothing at all can separate us from his love!**

**All: This is the God we worship in Jesus Christ! Praise God!**

\*HYMN #657 *He Has Made Me Glad*

\*PRAYER FOR THE DAY

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (*This is the Day* #652)

**This is the day, This is the day,  
That the Lord has made, That the Lord has made.  
We will rejoice, We will rejoice,  
And be glad in it, And be glad in it.  
This is the day that the Lord has made.  
We will rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, This is the day, That the Lord has made.**

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

TIME FOR CHILDREN *What God Looks for in a Leader* Mark Sprowl  
(1 Samuel 16)

GIVING THANKS FOR OUR LEADERS

*Jerry Bond – Evelyn Foster – Judy Recher - Verne Smith*

CHOIR ANTHEM *We Are the Church* 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 Colossians 1:13-20 *The Basis for Our Faith*

RESPONSE (#96 *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*, verses 1 & 3)

**O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer’s praise,  
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!  
Jesus! The name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease.  
‘Tis music in the sinner’s ears, ‘tis life and health and peace.**

BIBLE READING 1 Timothy 4:11-14 *Of Gifts and Elders*

MESSAGE *The Presbyterian Way* Rev. Mark Sprowl

\*HYMN #559 *Here I Am Lord* (Verses 1-2)

\*WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH (John 1:9, 4:24, 14:6, Rom. 8:14 & 39, 1 John 4:15-16)

**We believe that... God is spirit,  
and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.  
God is love, and those who love are born of God and know God.  
Jesus is the Son of God, and all who are led by the Spirit of God  
are children of God.  
Jesus is the way and the truth and the life.  
If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just,  
and will forgive our sins.  
Nothing can separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Praise God! Amen.**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS / PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.**

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF NEW RULING ELDERS

To be ordained and installed – *Evelyn Lichvar & Mary Holc*

To be installed – *Valerie Harsh*

INTRODUCTION

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO NEW RULING ELDERS

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO CONGREGATION

David Johnson  
*Clerk of Session*

*Do we as members of Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church accept  
Evelyn, Mary and Valerie as elders, chosen by God through the voice of  
this congregation, to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?*

Congregation: **We do!**

*Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow  
as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is head of the church?*

Congregation: **We do!**

LAYING ON OF HANDS [*Ruling and Teaching Elders invited to come forward*]

PRAYER FOR NEW ELDERS

\*HYMN #559 *Here I Am Lord* (Verse 3)

**I the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Who shall I send?  
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.**

\*CHARGE & BLESSING

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

## Colossians 1:13-23

<sup>13</sup>God rescued us from dead-end alleys and dark dungeons. He's set us up in the kingdom of the Son he loves so much, <sup>14</sup>the Son who got us out of the pit we were in, got rid of the sins we were doomed to keep repeating. Christ Holds It All Together

<sup>15</sup>We look at this Son and see the God who cannot be seen. We look at this Son and see God's original purpose in everything created. <sup>16</sup>For everything, absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible, rank after rank after rank of angels—*everything* got started in him and finds its purpose in him. <sup>17</sup>He was there before any of it came into existence and holds it all together right up to this moment. <sup>18</sup>And when it comes to the church, he organizes and holds it together, like a head does a body. He was supreme in the beginning and—leading the resurrection parade—he is supreme in the end. From beginning to end he's there, towering far above everything, everyone.

<sup>19</sup>So spacious is he, so roomy, that everything of God finds its proper place in him without crowding. <sup>20</sup>Not only that, but all the broken and dislocated pieces of the universe—people and things, animals and atoms—get properly fixed and fit together in vibrant harmonies, all because of his death, his blood that poured down from the Cross.

<sup>21</sup>You yourselves are a case study of what he does. At one time you all had your backs turned to God, thinking rebellious thoughts of him, giving him trouble every chance you got. <sup>22</sup>But now, by giving himself completely at the Cross, actually *dying* for you, Christ brought you over to God's side and put your lives together, whole and holy in his presence.

<sup>23</sup>You don't walk away from a gift like that! You stay grounded and steady in that bond of trust, constantly tuned in to the Message, careful not to be distracted or diverted. There is no other Message—just this one. Every creature under heaven gets this same Message. I, Paul, am a messenger of this Message.

## 1 Timothy 4:11-14

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<sup>14</sup>And that special gift of ministry you were given when the leaders of the church laid hands on you and prayed—keep that dusted off and in use.

## Take the Quiz Below and Find Out if You Really Were Predestined to be a Presbyterian!

- 1) The Presbyterian Church is most often associated with the theological thinking of...  
Billy Graham    Martin Luther    John Calvin    Jonathan Edwards
- 2) The Presbyterian Church (USA) ("PCUSA") was formed in when Presbyterian branches that had been separated during the civil war rejoined in 1983.  
TRUE    FALSE
- 3) The Constitution of the PCUSA is composed of the *Book of* \_\_\_\_\_ and the *Book of* \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4) The word "Presbyterian" is derived from the Greek word for \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) Presbyterians believe the only way to baptize is through "sprinkling."  
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- 6) For centuries a statement of faith unique to Presbyterians was...  
Apostles Creed    Nicene Creed    Westminster Confession
- 7) The answer to the first question in a catechism based on the above, "What is the chief end of man" is... *To glorify God and* \_\_\_\_\_.
- 8) The PRESBYTERIAN SEAL on the front of the bulletin was designed to include several basic symbols of the Christian faith important to Presbyterians. People suggest there are at least NINE. Can you find them all?
- 9) TRUE or FALSE    In order to become a Presbyterian church member, you must believe all of the following:  
*Mary was a virgin when she gave birth to Jesus.*  
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*Only those who trust Jesus will go to heaven.*  
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