# GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



Christians Who Love and Care.

"By this all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:35

# **Order of Worship**

Sunday, August 26, 2012 - 10:00 am 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Liturgical Color: Green

Psalm 136:26 Give thanks to the God of heaven, for his steadfast love endures forever.

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

#### GOD GATHERS THE PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Sandra Perkins & Gail Rollings

Dianne Overstreet

**Rev. Beverly Bullock** 

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE / SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS

#### **Call to Worship**

- One: O Lord, our God, you are the Creator and Sustainer of us all.
- All: Today we want to worship you with gladness and come into your presence with singing.
- One: We invoke your presence among us today.
- All: So that no one who leaves this place will leave without the deep assurance of your love,
- One: Without the strong confidence of your faithfulness,
- All: Without a fresh and full commitment to live by your power and for your glory. Amen.

*Opening Hymn	Come Christian Join To Sing	Page 87
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#### We Confess Our Sin (in unison)

*We confess* to the sin of pride: we have been sure of our own goodness and importance and have looked down on others. Help us to appreciate the true worth of other people. *We confess* to the sin of envy: we have been displeased when others have been more successful than we have been. Help us to be glad when others

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

prosper. *We confess* to the sin of anxiety: we have worried about many things. Help us to trust you to see us through. *We confess* to the sin of laziness: we have been lukewarm, Christians. Make us eager to do you will. These sins *we confess to you* and ask for your forgiveness in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

# A Moment of Silent Confession

## \*Promise of God's Forgiveness

- One: Who is in a position to condemn?
- All: Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ, prays for us.
- One: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
- All: The old life has gone, a new life has begun.
- One: Know that we have been forgiven and be at peace!
- All: Hallelujah, Amen!

\*Congregational Response (Hymn #734, Gloria Patri)

The Giving of Our Tithes, Gifts and Selves to God - Offertory

\*Congregational Response (#34 Doxology)

\*Prayer of Dedication

# WE ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

Time for Children

Pat Hunter

**Choral Anthem** 

(Children ages  $3 - 1^{st}$  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 Readings	l King 8:1, 6, 1013	Old Testament	Page 271
	Ephesians 6:10-20	New Testament	Page 952

# Ephesians 6:10-20 – The Whole Armor of God (in unison)

"10Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. 11Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual

forces of evil in the heavenly places. 13Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. 14Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. 15As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. 16With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit which is the word of God. 18Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. 19Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, 20for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak."

**Sermon** "The Devil Resides In The Holiest Of Places" Rev. Beverly Bullock

# WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\*Reflective Hymn Spirit Of The Living God

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### \*We Affirm Our Faith - The Apostle 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.

#### Prayers of the People (in unison)

#### God of love, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the poor, hungry and neglected all over the world, that their cries for daily bread may inspire works of compassion and mercy among those to whom much has been given.

Let us pray for schools and centers of learning throughout the world, for those who lack access to basic education. Bless all who seek to learn and those who teach them. Let their minds, hearts, bodies and dreams be safe and protected.

O God, in whom there is neither male nor female, Jew nor Gentile, slave nor free: unite the wills of all people, that the walls which divide us and limit equality among your children may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatred cease; so that all may live together in justice, harmony, and peace. God of love, in your mercy, we pray all these things in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray: **Our Father, who art in heaven...** 

\*Departing Hymn (A Call to Christian Discipleship) I Love To Tell The Story Page 560

\*Blessing

One: We have been blessed!

- All: We have met for divine worship, as God's people.
- One: We have been blessed!
- All: Our sins have truly been forgiven.
- One: We have been blessed!
- All: We now go out into the world as the body of Christ, witnessing to the Risen Christ. We have been blessed indeed. Hallelujah, Amen!

\*Pastoral Benediction

\*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. We invite both visitors and "regulars" to use the cards to let us know of your prayer requests or special needs.

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

**DAILY DEVOTIONALS** – The popular devotional <u>These Days</u> is available free of charge near the front doors of the sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. Take one to a friend!

### 2012 Stewardship to Date

\$137,754

\$133,804

\$11,480

\$2,650

#### "The Facts"

Annual budget expense Pledged & projected Income Monthly budget needs Weekly budget needs

#### "The Figures"

Offering 8/5	\$1,946.80
Offering 8/12	\$2,886.00
Offering 8/19	\$948.80
Offering 8/26	

Attendance August 19th Sunday School - 12 Worship - 48

#### This Week at Gregory August 26, 2012 – September 8, 2012

	Week of 8/26	Week of 9/2
Today	<b>9:15 am</b> Sunday School <b>10:00 am</b> Worship	<b>9:45 am</b> Sunday School <b>11:00am</b> Worship
Monday	5 Cents A Meal Offering	HOLIDAY - OFFICE CLOSED
	2:00 pm Line Dancing	2:00 pm Line Dancing 6:30 pm Missions & Outreach
Tuesday	9:00 am Newsletter Articles Due	12:30 pm Day Circle 7:00 pm Facilities & Worship
Wednesday	<b>7:00 pm</b> Choir	<b>7:00 pm</b> Choir
Thursday	<b>2-8:00 pm</b> Cleaning-Volunteer <b>6:30 pm</b> Pre-School Parents Night	<b>2-8:00 pm</b> Cleaning
Friday	T alone High	
Saturday Sunday	<b>9:45 am</b> Sunday School <b>11:00 am</b> Worship	9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship

Sunday Servants	Today	September 2nd
USHERS	Sheila Fields Janet Swinton Rose Scott Wayne Powers	Valerie Harsh Pamela Harsh Jerry Bond Debbie Smith
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Mary Kay Schroeter	Rose Scott
NURSERY	Glenda Mayhew	Debra Bailey
JUNIOR SERMON	Pat Hunter	Patsy Johnson
JUNIOR CHURCH	Jennifer Smyth Jared Smyth	Kris Holliday Max Holliday
COUNTING	Morgan Ingram David Johnson	Sandy Hunter Sheila Fields

#### **Prayer Concerns**

Ruby Hasky	Ed Smiley (Friend of Doug Holc)
Christine Belsches	Katherine Tompkins
Aida Faries	Mary Chadwick (Dink Armstrong's sister)
June Hawks	Gladys Wiseman
Marian McDonald	Audrey Turner
Helen Cibula	PNC
Don Vtipil	O. C. Allen
2012-2013 School	Mary Coleman
Year	Jimmy Belsches (Son of Christine Belsches)

**Boy Scout Troop 900** has obtained permission from the Session of Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church to embark on a project of replacing the windows in the Temple Building (a.k.a. the Scout Hut) with double pane, insulated, tilt-out replacement windows. As you may know, this building is heated by a propane furnace in the winter and cooled with fans in the summer. Currently, the windows are in such poor shape, that opening them in the summer months has become quite challenging. We feel that these windows will certainly help in lowering the utility costs as well as provide some additional comfort when using the building.

Boy Scout Troop 900 is asking for your help in replacing all twenty (20) windows in this building. The total cost of the project is \$6,269 which averages out to be \$313.45 per window. These windows will carry a 25 year warranty and a lifetime glass breakage warranty.

The Troop is planning on placing a small plaque under each window to honor the donor or donors who contribute towards the project. If you would like to contribute a window in honor or in memory of someone, please contact either Phil Hagerich or Kevin Foster.

#### 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.

Congregational Care will meet on Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>; time and location will be announced next Sunday.

<u>Please note today is our last Sunday of summer hours. Next Sunday, September</u> 2<sup>nd</sup> we will resume our normal hours - 9:45 am Sunday School and 11:00 am Worship Service.

# **PRIMARY CHURCH CONTACTS**

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