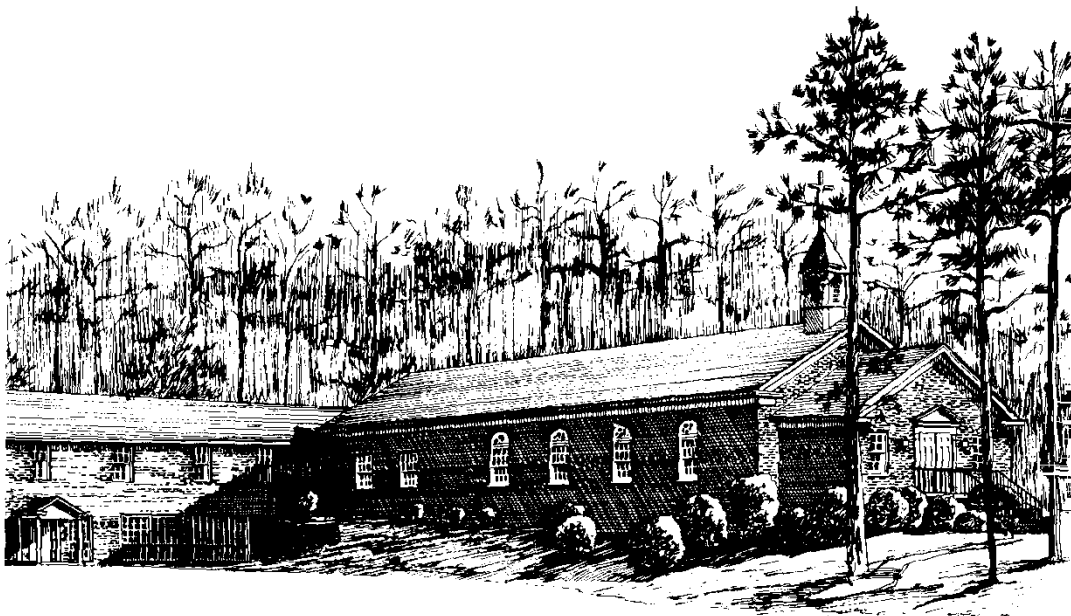


GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

September 2, 2012

Order of Worship

Sunday, September 2, 2012 - 11:00 am

22nd 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

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rose Scott

PASSING OF THE PEACE / SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS

Rev. Beverly Bullock

Call to Worship

One: Eternal Creator, you have been good, beyond all deserving.

All: All that we have and are is the gift of your love.

One: You have surrounded us with your light and your love with beauty
and with friends.

**All: You have placed hope in our hearts. As we unite in worship, make us
alert to every desire you have for us.**

One: Where our hearts are hardened, soften them. Where our minds are
Closed to your truth, open them.

**All: Where our feet are slow to follow you, spur us on. Do all of this and
more, as you know our need, in this time of worship together. Amen.**

*Opening Hymn

"When Morning Gilds The Skies"

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

We Confess Our Sin (in unison)

O God, we are gathered here before you, the maker of heaven and earth, whose dwelling place is with the broken and contrite to confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed; we have not loved you with all our heart and soul, we have not loved you with all our mind and strength; we have not even loved our neighbor as ourselves. In your mercy, deepen our sorrow for the wrong we have done and for the good that we have left undone. Dear Lord, please do not leave us in sorrow for we know that with you there is forgiveness. In your mercy, restore the joy of our salvation; so that we may love you with a holy love. 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

Patsy Johnson

Choral Anthem

(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.)

Mark 7:1-8, 14-23 - The Tradition of the Elders (in Unison)

⁷ Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" ⁶He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me,
⁷ in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

14 Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."

17 When he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about the parable. ¹⁸He said to them, "Then do you also fail to understand? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile, ¹⁹since it enters, not the heart but the stomach, and goes out into the sewer?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.) ²⁰And he said, "It is what comes out of a person that defiles. ²¹For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

[The Holy Bible, New Revised Standard Version Bible. Copyright © 1989 by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America, published by Zondervan, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49530, U.S.A.]

Sermon

"Faith On A Technicality"

Rev. Beverly Bullock

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***We Affirm Our Faith - The Apostle's 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, the strength of the weak and the comfort of all who suffer: Grant your saving health to all who are afflicted by disease throughout the world. Bless the labors of all who minister to the sick, and unite the wills of nations and peoples in seeking an end to the pandemics of our age; that sickness may be turned to health, sorrow turned to joy, and mourning turned to praise of your Holy Name – God of Love, in your mercy...*Hear our prayer...* Let us also pray for an end to the waste and desecration of God's creation, for access to the fruits of creation to be shared equally among God's people, and for communities and nations to find sustenance in the fruits of the earth and the water that God has given us. We ask this in the name of our Savior who taught us to pray...
Our Father who art in heaven...

*Departing Hymn (A Call to Christian Discipleship) “Open My Eyes, That I May See”
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***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 These Days is available free of charge near the front doors of the sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. Take one to a friend!

2012 Stewardship to Date

“The Facts”

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

“The Figures”

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| Offering 8/5 | \$1,946.80 |
| Offering 8/12 | \$2,886.00 |
| Offering 8/19 | \$ 948.80 |
| Offering 8/26 | \$2,363.64 |

Attendance August 26th

Sunday School - 7 Worship - 54

This Week at Gregory September 2, 2012 – September 15, 2012

| | Week of 9/2 | Week of 9/9 |
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| Today | 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship | 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00am Worship <i>Communion</i> |
| Monday | HOLIDAY Office Closed 2:00 pm Line Dancing | 2:00 pm Line Dancing 6:30 pm Missions & Outreach |

| | Week of 9/2-cont'd. | Week of 9/9-cont'd. |
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| Tuesday | 12:30 pm Day Circle 7:00 pm Facilities & Worship | 7:30 pm Evening Circle |
| Wednesday | 7:00 pm Choir | 7:00 pm Choir |
| Thursday | 2-8:00 pm Cleaning 6:30 pm Pre-School Parents Night | 2-8:00 pm Cleaning Volunteer |
| Friday | | |
| Saturday | | |
| Sunday | 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship | 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship |

| Sunday Servants | Today | September 9th |
|------------------------|---|---|
| USHERS | Valerie Harsh Pamela Harsh Jerry Bond Debbie Smith | Wayne Powers Glenda Mayhew Marguerite Bishop Dianne Overstreet |
| ANNOUNCEMENTS | Rose Scott | Jerry Bond |
| NURSERY | Debra Bailey | Ruby Spain |
| JUNIOR SERMON | Patsy Johnson | Rev. Beverly Bullock |
| JUNIOR CHURCH | Kris Holliday Max Holliday | Patsy Johnson Breanna Hunter |
| COUNTING | Sandy Hunter Sheila Fields | Ron Recher Glenda Mayhew |

Our Prayer In Times of Joy and Concern

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| Ruby Hasky | Ed Smiley (Friend of Doug Holc) |
| Christine Belsches | Katherine Tompkins |
| Aida Faries | Mary Chadwick (Dink Armstrong's sister) |
| June Hawks | Jimmy Belsches (Son of Christine Belsches) |
| Marian McDonald | Jessica Griffin (Niece of Sheila Fields) |
| Helen Cibula | Harvey Spain (Father of Keith Spain) |
| Don Vtipil | Maxine Newton and Family (Friend of Rose Scott) |
| O. C. Allen | Larson Ross Perkins (Born August 21, 2012) |
| Mary Coleman | 2012-2013 School Year |
| Gladys Wiseman | PNC |
| Audrey Turner | |

Congregational Nominating Committee is currently seeking four eligible Presbyterians to serve on the Session for 2013 term. Service to God's church is one of the many forms of stewardship available to each of us. The decisions affecting the day to day workings of Gregory are made by the Session. If you want more voice into the decision-making process for the church, give prayerful thought to accepting the opportunity to become an active elder in 2013!!! If you are inclined to answer this call to serve, please contact: Vern Smith –452-3772; Evelyn Foster – 733-6499; Richard Harsh – 452-2548; Jen Smyth - 452-4248; Donald Hunter – 894-0433

Boy Scout Troop 900 advised that installation of the six fans for the big room is scheduled for this week, and that ten windows for the large meeting room have been ordered and paid for. Installation of the windows is anticipated by September 11th. The Troop has three more windows that should be paid for by that date and hopes to order the others by the time the first ten are installed. The windows cost \$135 each. Those donating the full cost of a window (\$135), or making partial payment (any amount) toward purchase of a window, will receive a charitable tax deduction for the amount donated. If you would like to donate funds for a window by mailing a check to me, please make it out to "Crew 900" and mail to Philip Hagerich, 7115 Bull Hill Road, Prince George, VA 23875.

If your son has signed up for a merit badge with me, we will meet tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m.

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.

Congregational Care will meet on Tuesday, September 4th; time and location will be announced today.

Prince George TRIAD will be actively involved in conjunction with AARP's statewide Food Drive. Starting this Sunday through Sept. 15th, there will be a box in the Fellowship Hall for non-perishable food donations. There is a critical need at our Food Bank due to increasing clients and diminishing food supplies. The Central Food Bank in Richmond is facing food shortages, which impacts us as well. The PG Food Bank is a mission of our church. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated. Questions? Contact Judy Recher.

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