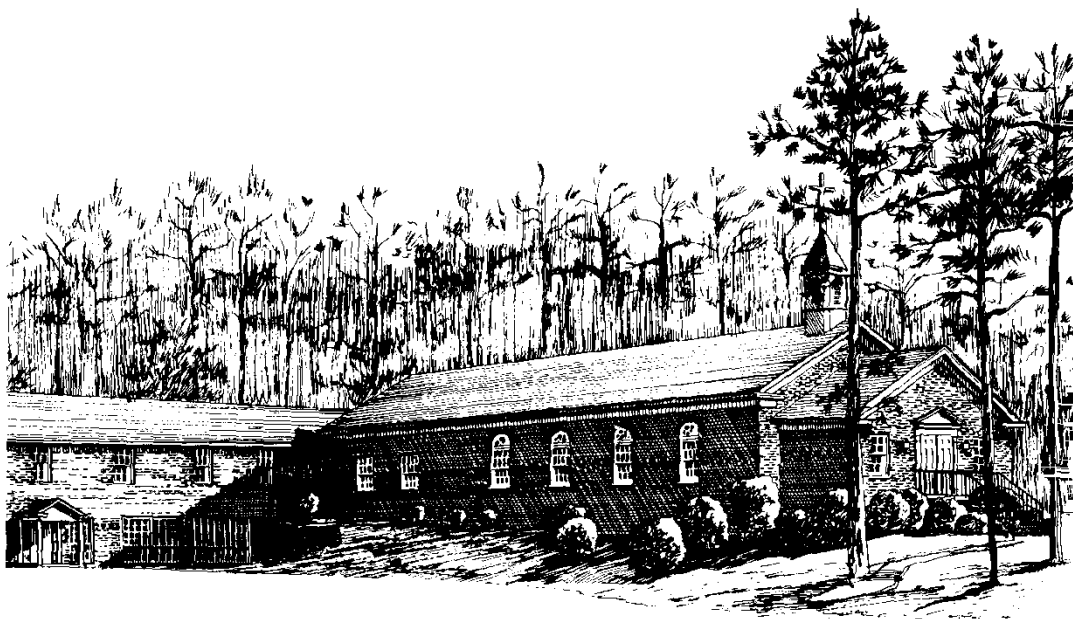


# GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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 9, 2012

## Order of Worship

Sunday, September 9, 2012 - 11:00 am  
23<sup>rd</sup> 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

Jerry Bond

PASSING OF THE PEACE / SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS

Rev. Beverly Bullock

### Call to Worship

One: Come Lord God among us. Give light to our minds, which hunger  
for truth.

**All: Give peace to our hearts, which hunger for rest. Give strength to  
our spirits, which hunger for help.**

One: Renew your work of grace and salvation within us as we join in worship.

**All: So that we may go from here strong in your strength, to be your  
people and to do your will. Through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn

"Come Ye Thankful People, Come"

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

## **We Confess Our Sin (in unison)**

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world, and failed to give him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is Head of the Church - his body. In his holy name we pray. 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

Rev. Beverly Bullock

Choral Anthem

(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 Readings**      Psalm 125      Old Testament      Pages 498-499  
James 2:1-13      New Testament      Page 980

**Sermon**      "No Favorites"      Rev. Beverly Bullock

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

\*Reflective Hymn      "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"      Page 134

### **\*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)**

Dear Lord, who makes every day new, we thank you for the beauty of creation, and the new creation in Christ; all gifts of healing and forgiveness, the sustaining love of family and friends and the fellowship of faith in your Church.

Merciful God of Might, renew this weary world, heal the hurts of all your children, and bring about your peace for all in Christ Jesus - the living Lord.

We pray for those who govern nations of the world, the people in countries ravaged by strife, warfare and natural disasters; all who work for peace and international harmony, all who strive to save the earth from destruction and for the Church of Jesus Christ in every land. We ask this in the name of our Savior who taught us to pray, *Our Father who are in heaven...*

## **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION** [Please refer to insert]

\*Departing Hymn (A Call to Discipleship)      "God of Grace and God of Glory"      Page 569

## SACRAMENT OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Giving Thanks to God (Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer)

Minister: Gracious God, our Creator, we give you thanks...

**All: For the wonder and goodness of Creation,  
for so bountifully providing for our needs,  
for staying with us though we turn away from you,  
and, in your abounding mercy,  
for seeking to restore us in our brokenness  
to your wonderful image.**

Minister: Loving Jesus, our Redeemer, we give you thanks...

**All: For your servant's life of preaching, teaching and healing  
and for your atoning sacrifice on the Cross  
which has both restored our relationship with our Creator  
and broken the power of sin to control our lives.**

Minister: Holy Spirit, who sustains us moment by moment,  
we give you thanks...

**All: For your transforming presence  
which creates unity from our diversity  
and makes us one with the living God  
we worship in Jesus Christ.  
Prepare us to be faithful disciples,  
modeling Jesus' love, humility, obedience,  
and *concern for justice for a world in need.***

Minister: O Lord, as the Body of Christ, bearers of Good News and God's ambassadors of reconciliation, we now lift up to you the thanksgivings and concerns we've shared today and these personal requests for your merciful and powerful intervention [each prays in silence]...and now we pray the prayer which Jesus taught, saying...

[continued on back]

**All: 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.**

Congregational Response (Hymn #698 – “Let Us Talents And Tongues Employ”)  
(no printed words, hymnals will be used)

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE The Bread of Life...the Cup of Salvation  
[Please hold the bread and juice as you receive them that we may take them together.]

Hymn #699 - “Let Us Break Bread Together”

## PRAYER OF SENDING

Minister: Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in  
heaven and on earth.

**People: You have fed us with the bread of life, and renewed us for  
your service.**

Minister: Help us who have shared Christ’s body and received his cup,  
to be his faithful disciples,

**People: So that our daily living may be part of the life of your kingdom.**

Minister: And our love be your love reaching out into the life of the world.

**People: Through Jesus Christ our Lord, amen.**

## 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** – New issues of the popular devotional These Days will be available in next two weeks and placed in the narthex, and as always, free of charge.

<b>2012 Stewardship to Date</b>			
<b>"The Facts"</b>		<b>"The Figures"</b>	
Annual budget expense	\$137,754	Offering 9/2	\$3,565.00
Pledged & projected Income	\$133,804	Offering 9/9	
Monthly budget needs	\$11,480	Offering 9/16	
Weekly budget needs	\$2,650	Offering 9/23	
		Offering 9/30	

Attendance September 2<sup>nd</sup>

Sunday School - 14 Worship - 51

**These Two Weeks at Gregory: September 9, 2012 – September 23, 2012**

	<b>Week of 9/9</b>	<b>Week of 9/16</b>
Today	<b>9:45 am</b> Sunday School <b>11:00 am</b> - Worship <i>Communion</i> Worship Committee meets after Worship <i>Local Emergency Aid</i> <i>Offering</i>	<b>9:45 am</b> Sunday School <b>11:00am</b> Worship <i>Minute for Missions</i>
Monday	<b>Noon</b> - Widows Group <b>2:00 pm</b> Line Dancing <b>6:00 pm</b> Christian Ed. <b>6:30 pm</b> Missions & Outreach <b>7:00 pm</b> Congreg.Care  <b>Week of 9/9-cont'd.</b>	<b>10:00 am</b> PG Churches Outreach <b>2:00 pm</b> Line Dancing  <b>Week of 9/16-cont'd.</b>
Tuesday	<b>9:00 am</b> Committee reports due <b>7:00 pm</b> Stewardship & Finance 7:30 pm Evening Circle	<b>9:00 am</b> Newsletter articles due <b>7:00 pm</b> Session Meeting
Wednesday	<b>7:00 pm</b> Choir	<b>7:00 pm</b> Choir
Thursday	<b>2-8:00 pm</b> Cleaning volunteer	<b>2-8:00 pm</b> Cleaning
Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday	<b>9:45 am</b> Sunday School <b>11:00 am</b> Worship	<b>9:45 am</b> Sunday School <b>11:00 am</b> Worship



<b>Sunday Servants</b>	Today	September 16 <sup>th</sup>
USHERS	Wayne Powers	Keith Spain
	Glenda Mayhew	Ruby Spain
	Marguerite Bishop	Jacob Spain
	Dianne Overstreet	Herb Schroeter
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Jerry Bond	Dianne Overstreet
NURSERY	Ruby Spain	
JUNIOR SERMON	Rev. Beverly Bullock	Lisa Hartsell
JUNIOR CHURCH	Patsy Johnson	Susan Walker
	Breanna Hunter	Jamie Meurer
COUNTING	Ron Recher	Donald Hunter
	Glenda Mayhew	Rose Scott

## **Our Prayer In Times of Joy and Concern**

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	

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## **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.

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**General Workday for Church Volunteers** has been set for October 6<sup>th</sup> and will commence with a Breakfast in the Fellowship hall beginning at 8:00 AM. Contact Bobby Allen for more information.

**Important Dates in Boy Scouting:** Eagle Scout Spaghetti Supper Fund-Raising Project has been set for October 27<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall. Donations will be cheerfully accepted. For more information, please contact Kevin Foster. Also, some upcoming events in Scouting: Scout Master Conference -Sept 11th, and Board of Review Sept 18<sup>th</sup>; advancements this month will be included in the Scouts Court of Honor on Sept 26th.

**Prince George Volunteer Fire Department** is selling Pork Butts on Sat Sept 15<sup>th</sup> for \$25 to raise money to help in the restoration of the County's first fire engine, a 1943 Seagrave. The same group that cooked for our Scouting fundraiser will be cooking for the fire station. Contact Kevin Foster for details.

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**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.

## **PRIMARY CHURCH CONTACTS**

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