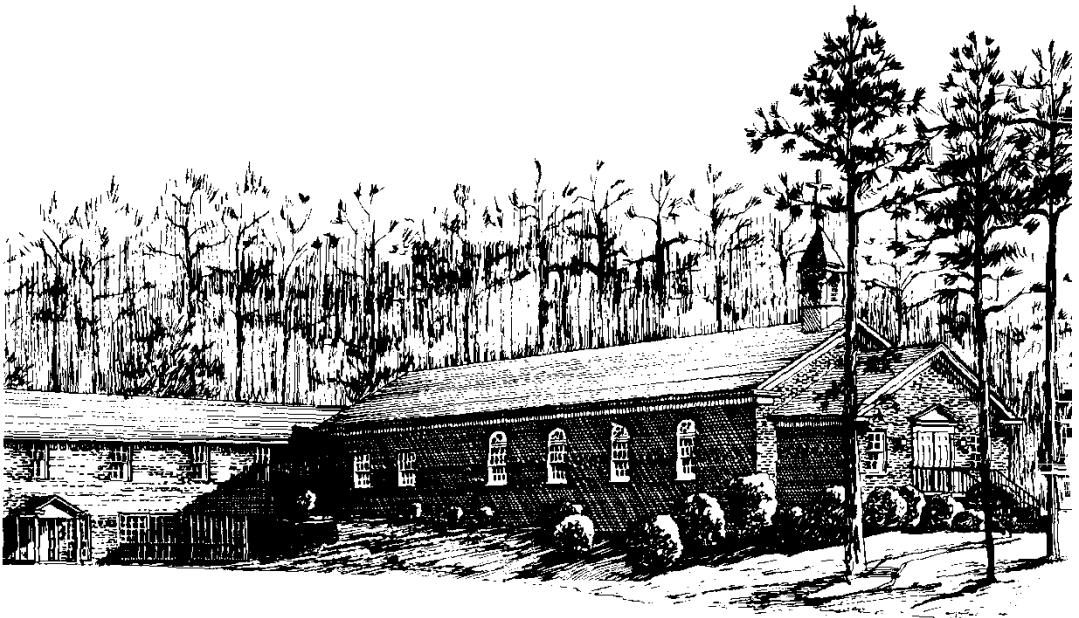


# GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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 16, 2012

## Order of Worship

Sunday, September 16, 2012 - 11:00 am

24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical Color: Green

PCUSA Emphasis: Theological Education/Seminary

### A Service of Wholeness for the Congregation

**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

Diane Overstreet

PASSING OF THE PEACE / SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS

Rev. Beverly Bullock

#### Call to Worship

One: Wisdom raises her voice – “To you, O people, I call. My cry is to all that Live.

**All: Come, let us listen to God's teaching.**

One: Which of you desires life and covets many days to enjoy good? Then Come, walk in the way of the Lord.

**All: Let us enter through God's gates with thanksgiving and into God's Courts with praise! Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn

"Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah"

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

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

Divine Wisdom, your way is blessed, leading to eternal life. You invite us to walk with you on paths of righteousness, but we do not listen. We think we know better, and waste our days chasing after our own ways. We are fools. We think we know it all and refuse the enlightenment of others' viewpoints. We use knowledge to destroy in many ways – from gossip's tongue to technology's bombs. We stand guilty and ashamed. Yet for all our knowledge, we cannot save ourselves. Forgive us, we pray. We need you, O Wisdom, to wipe the slate clean for us, that we may be filled with the understanding of your ways and stand under your live-giving word - Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we pray and are saved. 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

*"Minute For Missions"*

Pat Hunter

\*Congregational Response (#34 Doxology)

\*Prayer of Dedication

## **WE ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD**

Time for Children

Lisa Hartsell

Choral Anthem "Peace Be Unto This Congregation"

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.)

**Sermon**

"Speech Is More Than Words"

Rev. Beverly Bullock

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

\*Reflective Hymn

"There Is A Balm In Gilead"

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**\*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)**

Holy God, you are the source of all wisdom and truth. Nourish us by your Living Word and fill us with your Holy Spirit. In faith and hope, **hear our prayers:**

We pray for the church of Jesus Christ our Lord, for her mission and ministry to a world in need, we pray for our theological seminaries Austin, Columbia, Dubuque, Louisville, McCormick, Pittsburg, Princeton, San Francisco, Johnson C. Smith, Union, Auburn, and Evangelical of Puerto Rico and for the work of seminaries and churches together.

We give thanks for the women and men who have answered your call to ministry and for the professors and administrators who help to shape them for your service. Challenge and nurture them with your Word – strengthen and stir them with your spirit.

We pray for the people of all nations and those who govern them, for the wisdom to seek peace, and the will to do justice. Heal our divisions, put an end to our violence, and help us to build new relationships of compassion and understanding.

Loving, God receive all the prayers of your people, spoken and silent and in your infinite wisdom us them for the fulfillment of your new creation through Jesus Christ, your Word and our way. Amen.

## **A Service for Wholeness for the Congregation**

One: Our help is in the name of the Lord

**All: Who made heaven and earth**

Psalms 124:8

One: Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength

**All: They shall mount up with wings like eagles,**

One: They shall run and not be weary,

**All: They shall walk and not faint**

Isaiah 40:31

### **Offering of Our Lives to God**

Minister: I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sister, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God which is your spiritual worship.

(Here, all present may ponder in silence all that is happening in their lives, and may, with renewed commitment, offer themselves and their gifts for ministry to the service of Jesus Christ in the world)

### **Intercession for Healing**

God our creator, your will for us and for all your people is health and salvation:

**Have mercy upon us.**

Jesus Christ, Son of God, you came that we might have life and have it in abundance:

**Have mercy upon us.**

Holy Spirit, dwelling with us, you make us temples of your presence:

**Have mercy upon us.**

To the triune God, the source of all love and all life, let us offer our prayers.

For all who are in need of healing

**Silence**

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

For all who are disabled by injury or illness,

**Silence**

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers**

For all who are troubled by confusion or pain,

**Silence**

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

For all whose increasing years bring weariness,

**Silence**

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

For all about to undergo surgery and those recovering from surgery,

**Silence**

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

For all who cannot sleep, for those who know no rest,

**Silence**

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

For all whose hearts, minds and souls are burdened with distress, weariness, worry or illness, for those battling addictions,

**Silence**

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

For those whose grief over the loss of a loved one is recent or long ago,

**Silence**

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Minister: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Laying On of Hands and Anointing with Oil**

(Those desiring the laying on of hands (and anointing with oil) are to come forward.)

\*The Lord's Prayer

\*Departing Hymn

"God Be With You"

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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** – 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.

#### **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 9/2

\$3,565.00

Offering 9/9

\$1,153.78

Offering 9/16

Offering 9/23

Offering 9/30

Attendance September 9<sup>th</sup>:

"Back to Church" Sunday 35 (est.)    Worship - 53

**These Two Weeks at Gregory: September 16, 2012 – September 30, 2012**

	<b>Week of 9/16</b>	<b>Week of 9/23</b>
Today	<b>9:45 am</b> Sunday School <b>11:00 am</b> - Worship <i>Worship</i> <i>Minute for Missions</i>	<b>9:45 am</b> Sunday School <b>11:00am</b> Worship
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>10:00 am</b> PG Churches Outreach <b>2:00 pm</b> Line Dancing
	<b>Week of 9/9-cont'd.</b>	<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



**Sunday Servants**

Today

September 23<sup>rd</sup>**USHERS**Keith Spain  
Ruby Spain  
Jacob Spain  
Herb SchroeterBobby Allen  
Donna Allen  
Velma Allen  
Brenda Bond**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dianne Overstreet

Pat Hunter

**NURSERY**

Glenda Mayhew

Ruby Spain

**JUNIOR SERMON**

Lisa Hartsell

Valerie Harsh

**JUNIOR CHURCH**Susan Walker  
Jamie MeurerJessica Mauger  
Kevin Foster**COUNTING**Donald Hunter  
Rose ScottSandy Hunter  
Evelyn Lichvar**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	

**This Sunday's flowers were given to the Glory of God and in memory of Mrs. Wilma Hunter by the Hunter Family.**

**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.

**Christian Copyright Licensing (CCLI)** is a requirement that permits the reproduction of music. Gregory Church maintains a current license for this use. From time to time, as special music is used in the service, you will see the noted licensure information stated in the bulletin.

**We are implementing a new procedure in the Church Secretary’s Office** that’s necessary for improving efficiency and streamlining the clerical operation of the office. For those leaving information for the Church Secretary, we need you to place your information in the black in-box that is affixed to the Office door. Please use the pad and pen provided there to write your special instructions, your name, the date that you leave the information and when you need it. Also, it is really important that you write legibly. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated and will promote a faster turnaround!

Nancy Adams, Church Secretary  
Rev. Beverly Bullock

**Newsletter and Bulletin** - Gregory Church safeguards its members’ personal information (i.e., telephone numbers, etc.) and as such, does not include this information in Newsletters and Bulletins that are published on the Church website. However, this information does appear within the text of the *printed* copies of Newsletters and Bulletins distributed to the Church congregation.

**Thanks for Your Support!** Thanks to all who supported Prince George Volunteer Fire Department (Company 1) with its Pork-Butt fund-raiser yesterday. Funds raised will help in the restoration of the County’s first fire engine, a 1943 Seagrave. Also, a big hand and thanks to those who visited and supported the Eagle Scout project/concession stand at yesterday’s big yard sale...your support was much appreciated!

**Nursery Volunteers Urgently Needed!** Our number of volunteers for keeping the Nursery has recently declined. If you are willing to serve as a Nursery volunteer (hopefully, it will be only one day a month), please contact Rose Scott.

**Cleaning Volunteers Needed!** Please check out the Cleaning Volunteer sign-up sheet on the clipboard in the narthex. If you have several hours you can give to the cleaning of God's house (flexible schedule), please take a few minutes today before you leave and write in your name for a specific date before they are all taken! If you need access when the Church is closed, feel free to contact Jerry Bond or you may call the Church Office. *P.S.: This saves the Church well over \$1,000 a year! Special thanks to all of you volunteers.*

**Reminder: General Workday for Church Volunteers** will begin on October 6<sup>th</sup> with a breakfast in the 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.

**Congregational Nominating Committee** is still 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, Evelyn Foster, Richard Harsh, Jen Smyth, or Donald Hunter.

**Prince George TRIAD** appreciates all donations of non-perishable foods that were from the Food Drive that ended Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> There remains 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. Questions? Contact Judy Recher.

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