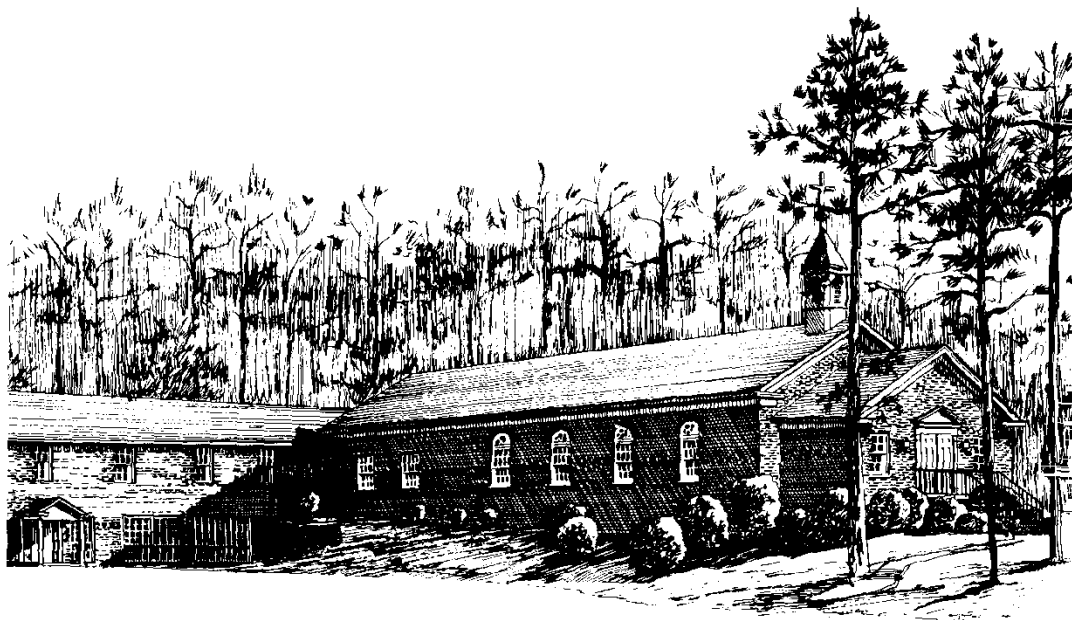


GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Christians Who Love and Care.

“Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.”
Isaiah 60:1

September 23, 2012

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, September 23rd, 2012 - 11:00 am

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical Color: Green

PCUSA Emphasis: Native American Day

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

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

Pat Hunter

PASSING OF THE PEACE / SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS

Rev. Beverly Bullock

Call to Worship

One: Who is the greatest among us? Who is the wisest? Who is the most righteous? Who is the most precious?

All: These are earthly questions, human questions. But in your eyes O God, all are precious.

One: Through the work of Jesus, all may be made righteous.

All: In the humility of Spirit, all may find wisdom and true greatness.

One: O great and wise God - the all righteous and most precious; receive our worship in this sacred hour.

All: Lead us to a deeper understanding of you as our Creator and of ourselves as your creation. We ask this in the name of Jesus our Savior. Amen.

*Opening Hymn

"This Is The Day "

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

We Confess Our Sin (in unison)

Loving God, you come to us in the voice of wisdom and we come to you to confess our sins. You walk beside us each day – yet we are quick to complain and slow to recognize your care. We do not bridle the destructive power of our tongues. We try to hoard up your good gifts and worry that there is not enough. Forgive our fearful and selfish ways, and teach us to trust in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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

Valerie Harsh

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.)

Bible Readings

Psalm 1

James 3:13 and 4:3, 7-10

Old Testament

New Testament

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Psalm 1

¹ Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

² but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night.

³ They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

⁴ The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

⁶ for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

James 3:13

“¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.”

James 4:3

³ You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

James 4: 7-10

⁷ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

⁸Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹Lament and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned into mourning and your joy into dejection. ¹⁰Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.”

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WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

*Reflective Hymn

"Rock of Ages"

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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)

In faith and hope, let us call on the name of the Holy one, saying: God, in your wisdom and love, **hear our prayer:**

We pray for the earth and its precious resources. Restore the splendor of your good creation and give us a common vision of this world as our home.

We pray for this community of your people, for discernment as we seek to be your disciples in this place. Lead us toward the future you have prepared for us and keep us faithful in our promises to you and to one another.

We pray for the poor and oppressed, and all who suffer. For those in prison, and those who mourn. Pour out your healing love on our broken world, and equip us for ministries of healing and wholeness, evangelism and outreach, peacemaking and reconciliation. All of this we ask in the name of our Savior who taught us to pray, **“Our Father, who art in heaven...”**

*Departing Hymn

“Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing”

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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.

2012 Stewardship to Date			
“The Facts”		“The Figures”	
Annual budget expense	\$137,754	Offering 9/2	\$3,565.00
Pledged & projected Income	\$133,804	Offering 9/9	\$1,153.78
Monthly budget needs	\$11,480	Offering 9/16	\$1,846.00
Weekly budget needs	\$2,650	Offering 9/23	
		Offering 9/30	

Attendance September 16th
Sunday School - 9 Worship - 54

These Two Weeks at Gregory: September 23, 2012 – October 7, 2012

	Week of 9/23	Week of 9/30
Today	9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am - Worship <i>Five Cents A Meal Offering</i>	9:45 am Sunday School 11:00am Worship <i>Emergency Aid Offering</i>
Monday	2:00 pm Line Dancing	2:00 pm Line Dancing 12:30 pm Day Circle 7:00 pm Facilities Worship Congregational Care*
Tuesday		
Wednesday	1-9:00pm Boy Scouts Court of Honor 7:00 pm Choir	7:00 pm Choir
Thursday	2-8:00 pm Cleaning	2-8:00 pm Cleaning
Friday		
Saturday		8:00 am Breakfast for Volunteers, Work Day for Church
Sunday	9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship <i>Emergency Aid Offering</i>	9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship

Sunday Servants	Today	September 30th
USHERS	Bobby Allen Donna Allen Velma Allen Brenda Bond	Wayne Powers Verne Smith Bobby Allen Marguerite Bishop
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Pat Hunter	Mary Kay Schroeter
NURSERY	Ruby Spain	Virginia Maloney
JUNIOR SERMON	Valerie Harsh	Pat Hunter
JUNIOR CHURCH	Jessica Mauger Kevin Foster	Rose Scott Madison Foster
COUNTING	Sandy Hunter Evelyn Lichvar	Morgan Ingram Donald Hunter

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	Ed Armstrong
Marian McDonald	Jimmy Belsches (Son of Christine Belsches)
Helen Cibula	Jessica Griffin (Niece of Sheila Fields)
Don Vtipil	Harvey Spain (Father of Keith Spain)
O. C. Allen	Maxine Newton and Family (Friend of Rose Scott)
Mary Coleman	Mary Kay Schroeter
Gladys Wiseman	2012-2013 School Year
Audrey Turner	Inez Paul (Mother of Mary Holc)
PNC	

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.

Nursery Volunteers Still Needed! A BIG THANK YOU to those who signed up for Nursery duty. We need a few more volunteers. Please contact Rose Scott if you can serve as a Nursery Volunteer.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be observed on the following dates: Sunday, October 7th (“World Communion Sunday”), Sunday, November 4th, and Monday, December 24th (Christmas Eve).

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New Hours for Church Office: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm, Tuesday-Thursday.

Our efforts to improve efficiency and streamline the clerical operation of Gregory Church’s Office are moving right along, thanks to the new process for leaving information in the black in-box on the Church Secretary’s door. Remember to use the pad and pen provided there to write (legibly) your special instructions, your name, the date that you leave the information and when you need it. Everyone appreciates their work receiving a fast turnaround and this surely helps out. A BIG THANKS from Nancy Adams to everyone for making this succeed!

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.

PG TRIAD NEWS! Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli will be the special speaker at the PG TRIAD meeting tomorrow at 2 PM at the Prince George Library. He will be speaking on "Senior Safety and State-wide Effort to Protect Seniors." A small reception will follow. Join us in a warm welcome for our Attorney General.

Cleaning Volunteers Needed! Please check out the Cleaning Volunteer sign-up sheet on the clipboard in the narthex. If you have approximately an hour 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 who have volunteered.*

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

BOY SCOUT SPAGHETTI DINNER will be Saturday October 27th. The Scouts hope to have a good turnout for their delicious meal! Save your appetites for fellowship and good food!

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