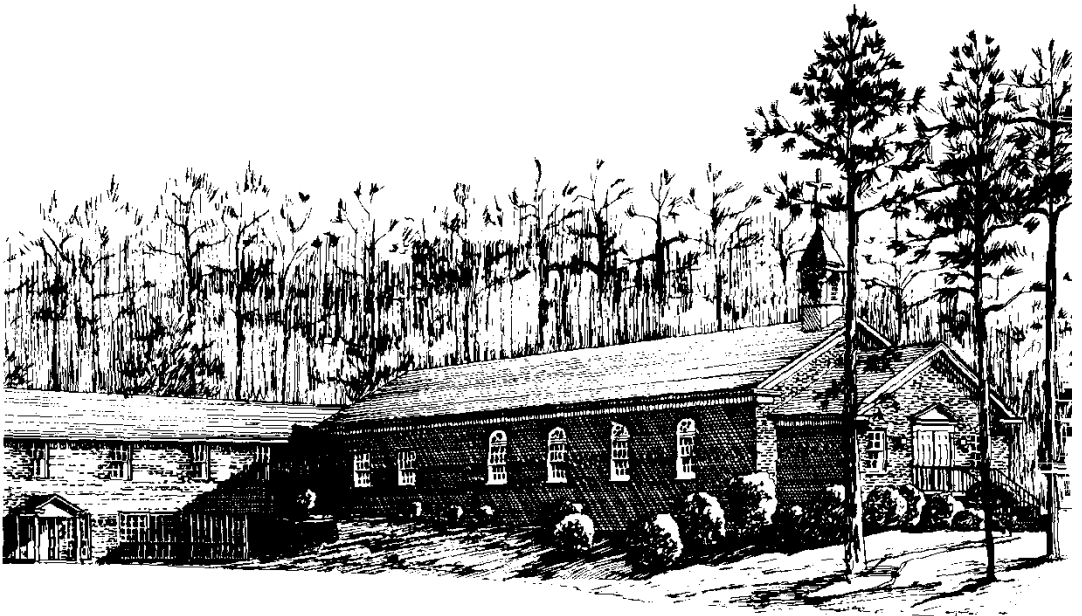


# GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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 30, 2012

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, September 30, 2012 - 11:00 am

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

Liturgical Color: Green

PCUSA Emphasis: Evangelism

*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 and Gail Rollings

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Kay Schroeter

PASSING OF THE PEACE/SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Beverly Bullock

### Call to Worship

One: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

**All: I will praise the Lord as long as I live. Praise the Lord, O my soul!**

One: Praise the Lord who made the heaven and earth, the sea and all that live there.

**All: Praise the Lord who executes justice and keeps faith forever.**

One: Praise the Lord, O my soul!

**All: Praise the Lord who will reign forever and ever. Praise the Lord, O my soul!**

\*Opening Hymn

"Glorious Things Of Thee Are Spoken"

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### We Confess Our Sin (in unison)

Gracious God, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love and worship you and strength to serve your people. Forgive us our sins. We have squandered your gifts and neglected our calling – turning our strength to violence, our hearts to idle pleasures, and our minds to a thousand distractions. Redeem us by your saving power, restore us to your beloved community, and return us to the ways of truth and life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

## 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

Susan Walker

Choral Anthem "This I Pray"

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.)

### Bible Readings

Esther 7:1-10, 9:20-22

Old Testament

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James 5:13-20

New Testament

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### Sermon

"Faith Filled Action and Prayer"

Rev. Beverly Bullock

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\*Reflective Hymn

"Stand By Me"

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

Mighty God, in Jesus Christ you dealt with spirits that darken minds or set people against themselves. Give peace to those who are torn by conflict, are cast down, or dream deceiving dreams. By your power, drive from our minds demons that shake confidence and wreck love. Tame unruly force within us and bring us to your truth, so that we may accept ourselves as good, glad children of your love, known in Jesus Christ.

Gracious God, we remember before you those who suffer want and anxiety from lack of work. Guide the people of this land to use our wealth and resources that all persons may find suitable and fulfilling employment and receive just payment for their labor through Jesus Christ our Lord.

God of grace, no one is beyond the reach of your love, or outside of your limitless mercy. Move us toward those the world despises and people reject, so we may venture to follow Christ and risk showing his love. Stand with those who are outcast; strengthen them with peace, encourage them by your presence and use them to build on the cornerstone of Christ - until differences are honored and respected and all people together give you glory in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray,  
**“Our Father, who are in heaven...”**

\*Departing Hymn

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

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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”**

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	\$1,846.00
Offering 9/23	\$1,485.00
Offering 9/30	

**ATTENDANCE: September 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Sunday School: 5 - Spiritual Enrichment & 9 - Fellowship

Worship - 56

## These Two Weeks at Gregory: September 30, 2012 – October 13, 2012

### Week of September 30

### Week of October 7

Today	<b>9:45 am</b> Sunday School <b>11:00 am - Worship</b> <i>Emergency Aid Offering</i>	<b>9:45 am</b> Sunday School <b>11:00am</b> Worship <i>World Communion Sunday</i> <i>Peacemaking Offering</i>
Monday	<b>2:00 pm</b> Line Dancing <b>6:30 pm</b> Missions	<b>Noon</b> Widows Group <b>2:00 pm</b> Line Dancing <b>6:00 pm</b> Christian Ed.
Tuesday	<b>12:30 pm</b> Day Circle <b>7:00 pm</b> Facilities Worship Congregational Care*	<b>9:00 Committee Reports due &amp; Committee budget sheets due</b>  <b>6:30 pm</b> Outreach <b>7:30 pm</b> Evening Circle
Wednesday	<b>7:00 pm</b> Choir	<b>7:00 pm</b> Choir
Thursday	<b>2-8:00 pm</b> Cleaning	<b>2-8:00 pm</b> Cleaning  <b>6:00 pm</b> Stewardship/Finance
Friday		
Saturday	8:00 am Volunteer Breakfast, General Church Workday	

**SEPTEMBER GATEKEEPER: Bobby Allen**

<b>Sunday Servants</b>	<b>Today</b>	<b>October 7</b>
USHERS	Wayne Powers Verne Smith Bobby Allen Marguerite Bishop	Sheila Fields Janet Swinton Rose Scott Wayne Powers
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Mary Kay Schroeter	Rose Scott
NURSERY	Virginia Maloney	Glenda Mayhew
JUNIOR SERMON	Susan Walker	Pat Hunter
JUNIOR CHURCH	Rose Scott Madison Foster	Josh Ingram Morgan Ingram
COUNTING	Morgan Ingram Donald Hunter	David Johnson Glenda Mayhew

**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 & Family (Friend of Rose Scott)
Mary Coleman	Inez Paul (Mother of Mary Holc)
Gladys Wiseman	2012-2013 School Year
Audrey Turner	Evelyn Foster & Family (Loss of brother, Earl Padgett, on Sept. 25)
PNC	The Family of Dr. Robert Ratchford, who passed away Sept. 23
Mary Kay Schroeter	

**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. "Worship Boards" are available for children who remain in the worship service 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.

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**The Sacrament of Holy Communion** will be observed on the following dates: Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> ("World Communion Sunday"), Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, and Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> (Christmas Eve).

**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 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.

**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, Church Secretary, to everyone for making this succeed!

**Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner- This Just in From Jason Hundley:** My Eagle Project to create Gregory Memorial Flag /Memorial is well under way but your help is needed. I have raised about 35% of the funds needed to complete the Flag Project but I still need to raise \$2000.00 more. On Saturday October 27<sup>th</sup> from 5pm until 8pm I will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser in the Church Hall! Tickets will be \$8.00 and that price includes a great Italian meal with dessert. All of the proceeds will go toward the purchase of materials for the Gregory Memorial Flag Project. Please mark your calendars and ask your friends and family to support the project and enjoy a delicious meal. You can dine in or carry out. Please contact me at 804-605-4726 for tickets or by email at [Jason.troop900@yahoo.com](mailto:Jason.troop900@yahoo.com). Thank you for your support, together we will succeed!

## **PRIMARY CHURCH CONTACTS**

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Organist: Sandra Perkins, Accompanist: Gail Rollings

Clerk of Session: David Johnson

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