

# GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Prince George, VA 23875



Christians Who Love and Care.

*“I was glad when they said to me, ‘Let us go to the house of the Lord!’”*  
Psalm 122:1

October 7, 2012

# Order of Worship

Sunday, October 7, 2012 - 11:00 am

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

Liturgical Color: Green

PCUSA Emphasis: World Communion Sunday/Peacemaking Offering

*“Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever.”*

**Psalm 125:1**

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: God of glory and Savior of us all.

**All: We join today the cloud of witnesses of the past and present.**

One: You have spoken to us your message in Jesus.

**All: You have gathered us as your visible body of Christ.**

One: Confirm your calling for each of us during this sacred hour.

**All: And make our fellowship rich with all your saints on earth and in heaven.  
Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn

“Come Christians, Join to Sing”

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

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

Gracious God, who made covenant with our ancestors, we gather today as a rebellious people. Forgive us our sins. We want to act out your intentions for us, but we get sidetracked by the false glitter of the world. You tell us to honor Creation but we use other people, animals and plants for our own gain. You offer bread to every living creature, and we steal that bread from our brothers and sisters in the name of greed. You promise us new life, but we shrink back in fear, clinging to our death dealing ways. Heal us, O Lord, lest we destroy ourselves and the planet. We need your healing presence among us, that your good intentions for all of creation might be fulfilled at last through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen. *(K. Holmes & Teresa Stricklen)*

## **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

Pat Hunter

Choral Anthem "How Beautiful"

(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**      Job:1:l, 2:1-13      Old Testament      Page 393  
   Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12      New Testament      Pages 970-971

### **Job 1:1**

"<sup>1</sup>There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil."

### **Job 2:1-13**

<sup>2</sup>One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the Lord. <sup>2</sup>The Lord said to Satan, 'Where have you come from?' Satan answered the Lord, 'From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it.' <sup>3</sup>The Lord said to Satan, 'Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason.' <sup>4</sup>Then Satan answered the Lord, 'Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives. <sup>5</sup>But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face.' <sup>6</sup>The Lord said to Satan, 'Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life.'

<sup>7</sup>So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. <sup>8</sup>Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes.

<sup>9</sup>Then his wife said to him, 'Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die.' <sup>10</sup>But he said to her, 'You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?' In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

<sup>1</sup>Now when Job's three friends heard of all these troubles that had come upon him, each of them set out from his home--Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite. They met together to go and console and comfort him. <sup>2</sup>When they saw him from a distance, they did not recognize him, and they raised their voices and wept aloud; they tore their robes and threw dust in the aid upon their heads."

### **Hebrews 1:1-4**

<sup>1</sup>Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoke to us by a Son, who he appointed heir of all things through whom he also created the worlds. <sup>3</sup>He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup>having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

### **Hebrews 2:5-12**

<sup>5</sup>Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. <sup>6</sup>But someone has testified somewhere,

"What are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
or mortals, that you care for them?"

<sup>7</sup>You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;  
you have crowned them with glory and honor,

<sup>8</sup>subjecting all things under their feet.'

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, <sup>9</sup>but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

<sup>10</sup>It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. <sup>11</sup>For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, 'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.'"

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**Sermon**

**"Sorely Tested"**

**Rev. Beverly Bullock**

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\*Reflective Hymn

"O Jesus, I have Promised"

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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)**

O God, you are the giver of life. We pray for the church in the whole world. Sanctify her life, renew her worship, give power to her witnessing, and restore her unity. Give strength to those who are searching together for that kind of obedience which creates unity. Heal the divisions separating your children from another, so that they will make fast, with bonds of peace, the unity which the Spirit gives in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray:

*"Our Father Who Art In Heaven..."*

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**  
(World Communion Sunday)

**INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**  
(A Great Prayer of Thanksgiving)

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Minister: It is our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise for you looked upon all your hands wrought and called it good. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the choir of creation and all the saints of all times and places who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Minister: Blessed are you, O Christ, for coming to us as a little child to live baptized in the muck of our fallen world. Embodying God's desire to bless all people, you spoke peace to a war-mongering empire and were blessed to be a blessing to all people. When threatened with the terror of crucifixion, you did not keep silent but stood up with resurrection new life, to turn the bread of human affliction into manna from heaven, and to turn the bitter dregs of sin into the cup of joyful celebration.

**All: So as we await your coming among us in the fullness of your sovereign glory, we proclaim the mystery of faith: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

*[continued on reverse]*

Minister: Praised be you, Holy Spirit, blowing through time to enliven your people, the church, to live as Christ's body, in God's ministry of repairing our broken world.

**All: Come hover over us with your bright brooding wings in the breaking of bread and in the celebration of this cup, that our eyes may be opened to recognize Christ among us and in all who share this feast. Amen.**

Hymn #707-"We Thank You God, for Feeding Us"

### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The Communion of the People – "The Bread of Life...The Cup of Salvation  
(Hymn #699 – "Let Us Break Bread Together)

Prayer after Communion (in unison):

**Help us rise in your resurrection power from this table where you, the Ruler of the Universe have served us by your own hand, that we may extend your arms of peace to a world at war. Help us who have shared Christ's body and received his cup to be his faithful disciples, so that our daily living may be part of the life of your kingdom and our love be your love reaching out into the life of this world. This we ask through Christ, in Christ, with Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Departing Hymn (A Call to Discipleship)

"To God Be The Glory"

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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 09/30	\$2,641.00
Offering 10/07	
Offering 10/14	
Offering 10/23	
Offering 10/30	

ATTENDANCE: September 30  
Sunday School - 12    Worship - 47

## These Two Weeks at Gregory: October 7 – October 20, 2012

	Week of October 7	Week of October 14
Today	<b>9:45 am</b> Sunday School <b>11:00 am</b> - Worship <i>World Communion Sunday</i> <i>Peacemaking Offering</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>2:00 pm</b> Line Dancing
Tuesday	<b>9:00 am</b> Committee reports due & Committee budget sheets due  <b>6:30pm</b> Outreach <b>7:30 pm</b> Evening Circle	<b>7:00pm</b> Session Meeting
Wednesday	<b>7:00 pm</b> Choir	<b>7:00 pm</b> Choir
Thursday	<b>2-8:00 pm</b> Cleaning <b>6:00 pm</b> Stewardship/ Finance	<b>2-8:00 pm</b> Cleaning
Friday		
Saturday		

**OCTOBER GATEKEEPER:** Bobby Allen

<b>Sunday Servants</b>	<b>Today</b>	<b>October 14</b>
USHERS	Sheila Fields Janet Swinton Rose Scott Wayne Powers	Valerie Harsh Pamela Harsh Jerry Bond Debbie Smith
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Rose Scott	Jerry Bond
NURSERY	Glenda Mayhew	Darrellyn Schroeter
JUNIOR SERMON	Pat Hunter	Rev. Beverly Bullock
JUNIOR CHURCH	Josh Ingram Morgan Ingram	Virginia Maloney Jared Smyth
COUNTING	David Johnson Glenda Mayhew	Donald Hunter Ron Recher

## **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	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 III	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	The Family of Joan Mann, who passed away Sept. 28

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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.

**Today’s flowers** are given to the glory of God in honor of Breeana and Donny Hunter’s birthdays; and the anniversary of Donny and Sandy Hunter by GaGi and PaPaw.

**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, November 4<sup>th</sup>, and Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> (Christmas Eve).

The latest publication of “These Days: Daily Devotions for Living by Faith” is available (free of charge) in the Narthex.

**Bull Hill Road Clean-up:** The Mission Committee and Boy Scout’s clean-up of Bull Hill Road will be Saturday, November 3. Those wanting to join in the cleanup (the “many hands make light work” philosophy) are asked to meet at Gregory Church by 8:45 a.m. on November 3. A headcount is needed for providing participants a light snack (usually water, juice, muffin) before heading out to Bull Hill Road, so if you plan to participate in the Clean-up with the Missions Committee and Boy Scouts, please contact Pat Hunter.

**CALLING ALL ELDERS!** If you are an Elder (“once an Elder, always an Elder”) and wish to participate in the Worship Committee’s rotation list for serving communion, check out the form on the inside back cover of this Bulletin to indicate your preference for serving. Forms are also available in Narthex. Just complete the form with name and preferred times, and unavailable dates, and put in collection plate or Secretary’s office mailbox.

**THANK YOU!** The Facilities Committee thanks everyone for their support. As always, we have a lot more than our group can do, but somehow we manage to get it all done---please, the more hands, the better! Contact Bobby Allen.

**BOY SCOUT SPAGHETTI DINNER** will be Saturday October 27<sup>th</sup> and **TICKETS FOR THE SPAGHETTI DINNER FUND RAISER AVAILABLE AFTER WORSHIP SERVICE TODAY** - Jason Hundley has requested an opportunity to be present with tickets to the dinner for anyone who wishes to purchase them after today's Worship service. The Scouts hope to have a good turnout for their delicious meal! Save your appetites for fellowship and good food!

**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. (*Saves over \$1,000 a year!*) *Special thanks to all who have volunteered.*

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

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**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.

## PRIMARY CHURCH CONTACTS

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Organist: Sandra Perkins, Accompanist: Gail Rollings

Clerk of Session: David Johnson

Treasurer: Kevin Foster, [kevin.foster@bsvnet.com](mailto:kevin.foster@bsvnet.com), phone 804-732-1096

Financial Secretary: Sandy Hunter, phone 804-733-8414

## CALLING ALL ELDERS!

Rev. Beverly reminded us all during her sermon on September 16, “once an Elder, always an Elder.” Even though you may not be currently serving on Session, in the eyes of the Church, you remain an Elder and have the right to participate in the serving of communion.

The Worship Committee would like to begin a rotation list for serving communion. If you are an Elder and would be willing to participate, please fill in the “tear-off” slip below and leave it in the collection plate, or place it in the Secretary’s mailbox.

..... [TEAR OFF HERE].....

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

I would be willing to serve:

\_\_\_\_\_ Sunday

\_\_\_\_\_ Maundy Thursday

\_\_\_\_\_ Christmas Eve

\_\_\_\_\_ Homebound

\_\_\_\_\_ Other Special Services

I would not be available to serve during this time:\_\_\_\_\_.

## SERMON NOTES