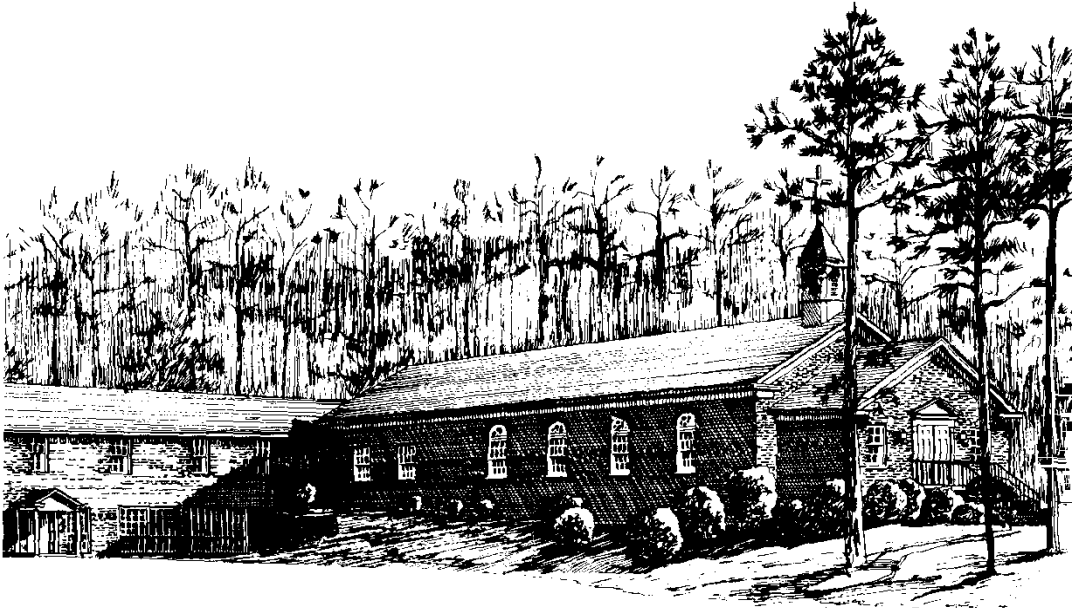


GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

P.O. Box 182 - 6300 Courthouse Road
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Christians Who Love and Care.

"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you, I have called you by name, you are mine...you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you."

Isaiah 43:1a, 4a

October 14, 2012

Order of Worship

Sunday, October 14, 2012 - 11:00 am

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical Color: Green

PCUSA Emphasis: Domestic Violence Awareness

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Isaiah 43:1a, 4a

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 & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jerry Bond

PASSING OF THE PEACE/SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS

Rev. Beverly Bullock

Call to Worship

One: Speak your Word to each of us, O God.

All: Before your Word none remain hidden.

One: Reach out to the lost.

All: Restore the fallen.

One: Rebuke the proud.

All: Remember the discouraged.

One: Revive our spirits.

All: In this sacred hour, remold our lives to the likeness of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*Opening Hymn

"Awesome God"

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

We Confess Our Sin (in unison)

In the name of the Triune God who abounds in mercy and compassion, let us confess our sin: Loving and protecting God, we confess to you the many ways we have participated in and condoned the violence in our community and our world. We have turned a deaf ear to victims of domestic violence. We have not believed their stories. We have not provided them a safe haven. We have been silent as women are murdered by their partners, and children by their parents. We have preferred to “not get involved.” We have not spoken out against rape and mutilation, war crimes against women and children, exploitation, forced prostitution and the human trafficking of the “girl child” and “boy child” in our country and in other parts of the world.

Forgive us, we pray, for our lack of courage, and give to us eyes that see, ears that listen and voices that will speak for those who cannot. In the name of the risen Christ, 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 “With God’s Hand In Mine”

(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

Job 23:1-17
Hebrews 4:12-16

Old Testament
New Testament

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Sermon

"In The Midst Of It All"

Rev. Beverly Bullock

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Reflective Hymn

"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

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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)

Surrounded by violence and cruelty, let us pray for a world restored and for all whom God has made.

God of healing, hear the cries of all who are being beaten and battered through intimate partner violence, those who are isolated, silenced, numb, and unable to trust. Give them clarity in the midst of confusion, deliverance from danger, healing from hurt, and help amidst their helplessness. Watch over them at home, at work, at church, in court, and as they travel. and show them a way out of their pain and suffering.

Silence

God of mercy, broaden our understanding of family violence in all its forms: emotional, verbal, physical, sexual, economic, spiritual and psychological. Guard the abused from shame and humiliation. Keep them out of harm's way amidst the anger, rage, coercion, and betrayal of their abusers. Pour out upon them your guidance and wisdom as they are forced to make difficult decisions on the part of themselves and their families.

Silence

God in whom we trust, save and protect our children who are both witnesses to violence and victims themselves. Provide them with caregivers who will love and nurture them in the midst of being violated by those they have trusted. Keep them ever safe from all harm.

Silence

God of justice, reveal to us those who are perpetrators of domestic violence: those who crave power and control yet profess to love their victims. Help us to hold them accountable for their actions.

Silence

God of true power, be with all our systems of justice and those who have been entrusted with authority over others. Guide all police officers, attorneys, judges, lawmakers and religious leaders in the decisions they make and the counsel they give.

Silence

God of truth, we have often interpreted the Bible in ways that justify and encourage domestic violence. Yet your Scriptures tell stories of violence against women. Let the presence of those stories give us the courage to tell our stories, so that others may be helped in the midst of their secret terror and fear.

Silence

God of action, we your holy Church, find ourselves doubtful to believe, slow to show compassion, paralyzed to act, and withholders of hope. Give us understanding and patience Help us to respect the decisions of those who have been violated. Keep us from dictating what another should do or how they should live, as we have not walked in their shoes. Show us that we, the Church, are called to be a survivor's last hope.

Silence

God of eternity, we give you thanks for those who are no longer with us, those who paid with their lives for crimes never committed, those who died and are now forever free from abuse and torture. Receive them into your eternal keeping and keep them ever in our memory we pray. Amen.

(composed by Rev. Diane Wildow)

Silence

The Lord's Prayer

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.

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.

THIS SUNDAY'S FLOWERS were given to the memory of Roland Wiseman and Peg Ward by the families.

Guest Minister For October 212 - Reverend Beverly Bullock will be on vacation for the week of October 21-28, 2012. The Reverend Katherine Todd (former assistant director for Camp Hanover) will be the guest minister on Sunday, 21 October.

BOY SCOUT SPAGHETTI DINNER will be Saturday October 27. All of the proceeds will go toward the purchase of materials for the Flag Project. Tickets are \$8 per person for a delicious dinner including dessert! Save your appetites for good food and fellowship. Contact Jason Hundley for tickets at 804-605-4726 for tickets or by email at Jason.troop900@yahoo.com.

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 to fit your hours of availability), 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. *A special thanks to all who have volunteered. This saves the Church well over \$1,000 a year!*

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

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 in Secretary's office mailbox.

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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 10/07	\$3,587.06
Offering 10/14	
Offering 10/21	
Offering 10/28	

ATTENDANCE: October 7

Sunday School	7
Youth	4
Fellowship	8
Worship	42

OCTOBER GATEKEEPER: Bobby Allen

Sunday Servants	Today	October 21
USHERS	Valerie Harsh Pamela Harsh Jerry Bond Debbie Smith	Wayne Powers Rose Scott Marguerite Bishop Dianne Overstreet
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Jerry Bond	Dianne Overstreet
NURSERY	Darrellyn Schroeter	Susan Walker
JUNIOR SERMON	Rev. Beverly Bullock	Patsy Johnson
JUNIOR CHURCH	Virginia Maloney Jared Smyth	Valerie Harsh Pamela Harsh
COUNTING	Donald Hunter Ron Recher	Sandy Hunter Sheila Fields

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)
Mary Coleman	Maxine Newton & Family (Friend of Rose Scott)
Gladys Wiseman	Inez Paul (Mother of Mary Holc)
Audrey Turner	2012-2013 School Year
PNC	Evelyn Foster & Family (Loss of brother, Earl Padgett, on Sept. 25)
Mary Kay Schroeter	The Family of Dr. Robert Ratchford, who passed away Sept. 23
Pamela Harsh	The Family of Joan Mann, who passed away Sept. 28
	The Family of O. C. Allin III, who passed away Oct. 7

These Two Weeks at Gregory: October 14– October 27, 2012

	Week of October 14		Week of October 21	
Today	9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am - Worship	14	9:45 am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	21
Monday	2:00 pm Line Dancing	15	2:00 pm Line Dancing	22
Tuesday	7:00 pm Session Meeting	16	9:00 am News articles due in GMPC office	23
Wednesday	7:00 pm Choir	17	7:00 pm Choir	24
Thursday	2-8:00 pm Cleaning	18	2-8:00 pm Cleaning	25
Friday		19		26
Saturday		20		27

**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:_____.

PRIMARY CHURCH CONTACTS

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bevbullock@aol.com

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Organist: Sandra Perkins, Accompanist: Gail Rollings

Clerk of Session: David Johnson

Treasurer: Kevin Foster, kevin.foster@bsvnet.com, phone 804-732-1096

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



Human Trafficking = Modern-Day Slavery

“Human trafficking is a modern-day slave trade. It violates fundamental human rights and exploits innocent people.” Sheikha Haya Rashed Al Khalifa, President of the United Nations General Assembly (Trafficking in Persons Report, 2007)

“. . . that all may have life, and have it abundantly.” John 10:10

Did you know . . .

- After drug dealing, trafficking in persons is tied with arms dealing as the second largest criminal industry in the world, and is estimated to be the fastest growing? (U.S. Department of Justice)
- An estimated 12.3 million people are being trafficked at any given time, and at least 56 percent of these are women and girls? (International Labor Organization)
- An estimated 1.2 million children are trafficked within and across borders? (UNICEF)
- Yearly income lost by people in forced labor worldwide due to unpaid wages and recruitment costs surpasses 20 billion dollars? (ILO)

Human trafficking is the recruitment, harboring, transporting, providing or obtaining, by any means, any person for forced labor, slavery or servitude in any industry or site such as agriculture, construction, prostitution, manufacturing, begging, domestic service or marriage.

In the US, the Trafficking Victims Protection Act which prohibits human trafficking and provides assistance to victims was first passed in 2000 and subsequently reauthorized in 2003, 2005 and 2008. *For a full history and links to all of these laws see http://www.freedomnetworkusa.org/trafficking_us/index.php.*

Internationally, The Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (Palermo Protocol) came into force on 25 December 2003 <http://untreaty.un.org/English/TreatyEvent2003/Texts/treaty2E.pdf> Referred to as the “Palermo Protocol,” it is the main legal and normative framework to combat human trafficking worldwide.

A Violation of Human Rights

Violations of human rights are both a cause and a consequence of human trafficking. Trafficking is a grave violation of human rights, in particular the right to liberty, human dignity, and the right not to be held in slavery or involuntary servitude. But trafficking is related to a wide range of other human rights violations as traffickers prey on those who are poor, under- or unemployed, or who face discrimination. The PC(USA) promotes the integration of a human rights perspective into all anti-trafficking laws, policies and procedures, domestic and international, so as to ensure the rights and well-being of children, women and men who have been trafficked.

A Global Phenomenon in Our Backyard

Modern-day slavery is a global phenomenon that manifests itself in the US as well. From the fishing industry in Ghana, the brothels of Thailand, to domestic workers enslaved by a husband and wife in their Long Island home, or farmworkers harvesting tomatoes in Florida fields, slavery is alive and well in a new form in the twenty-first century. Indeed, some of the products we wear or consume were produced using slave labor. Our whole society, from corporations to law enforcement, from the US Justice Department to the church, must be involved if we are to put an end to human trafficking once and for all.

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s General Assembly Human Trafficking Roundtable is at work to lift up the issue of modern-day slavery, provide resources, and advocate for further action to eradicate human trafficking. Our plan of action:

- Offering a website to connect congregations and groups with reliable resources.
- Produce a human trafficking packet of resources including, sermons, bible studies, book suggestions, DVDs and more.
- Provide take action opportunities to address human trafficking through corporate campaigns, legislative action, shareholder initiatives
- Link with the Freedom Network USA to provide human trafficking trainings among interested presbyteries. Contact noelle.damico@pcusa.org to learn more.

**Report trafficking crimes or get help by calling the toll-free hotline
1-888-373-7888**

**Para registrar su queja o obtener ayuda, llame gratis a
1-888-373-7888**

If you think you have encountered a victim of human trafficking or need help, the National Human Trafficking Resource Center will assist callers in reporting concerns. Operators are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and translation is available in many languages. Help is available to trafficked persons regardless of immigration status. In an emergency call 911

www.pcusa.org/humantrafficking .



“It is not my enemies who taunt me – I could bear that; it is not adversaries who deal insolently with me – I could hide from them. But it is you, my equal, my companion, my familiar friend, with whom I kept pleasant company; we walked in the house of God with the throng.” Ps. 55:12-14

What is Domestic Violence?

Domestic violence is a pattern of violent behaviors used to control an intimate partner. It may be physical, but it may also take on more subtle forms such as emotional, verbal, or financial intimidation and control.

It doesn't happen in my church, does it?

Sadly, it happens in all communities. People in our pews are not immune. Abuse crosses all social and cultural borders. While men may be victims, 95% of victims are women. About one out of every four persons experiences abuse.

padvn PRESBYTERIANS AGAINST
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE NETWORK

is available to help your congregation or presbytery with training, resources or consultation. Visit us at www.pcusa.org/phewa/padvn or contact us toll-free at (888) 728-7228, ext. 5800
email: susan.stack@pcusa.org

What should I do if I believe I am a victim?

- ◆ Trust your instincts and seek help from a domestic violence program in your community.
- ◆ Recognize that the abuse is not your fault.
- ◆ Know that you are not alone and that help is available.
- ◆ Talk in confidence with someone you trust: a relative, a friend or your pastor.
- ◆ If you choose to remain in the situation for now, set up a safety plan of action for yourself and your children (for example, hide a car key and some money in a safe place; locate somewhere to go in case of emergency).

National Domestic Violence Hotline 1-800-799-SAFE

How do I know if I'm a batterer?

- ◆ If you are extremely jealous,
- ◆ If you control your partner's activities,
- ◆ If you use physical force to solve problems or intimidate in other ways, and
- ◆ If you believe that you are the head of the household and should not be challenged,

then you are probably hurting the people you love and you should get help from someone who will hold you accountable. Acknowledge that the abuse is your problem and have the courage to seek help.



PADVN is one of ten networks organized under the Presbyterian Health, Education and Welfare Association (PHEWA).