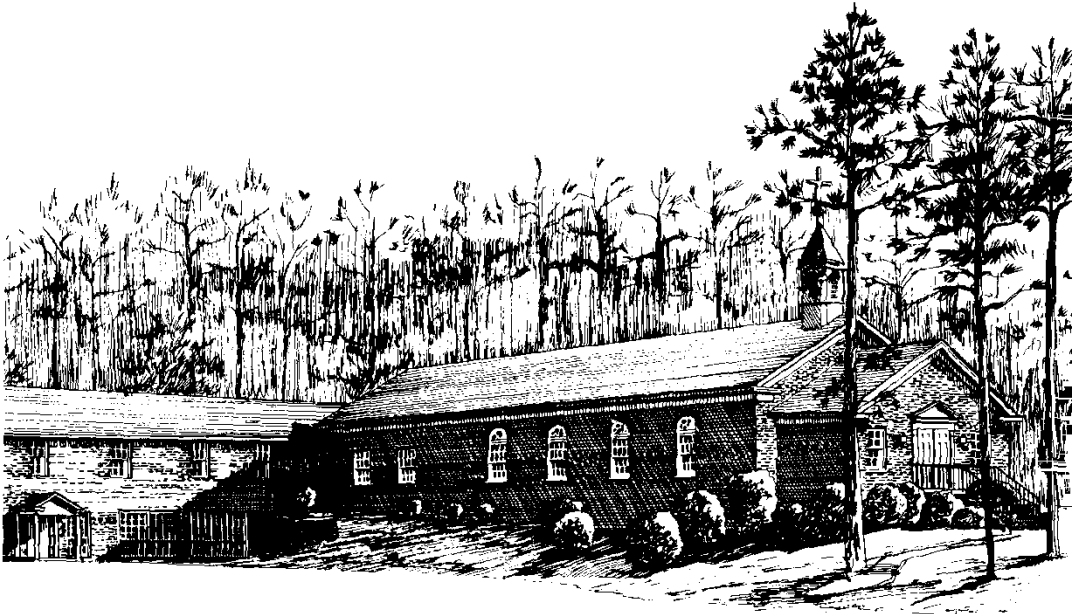


# GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

P.O. Box 182 - 6300 Courthouse Road  
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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 21, 2012

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, October 21, 2012 - 11:00 am

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

Liturgical Color: Green

PCUSA Emphasis: PCUSA Emphasis: Children's Sabbath

*"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'"*

Psalm 122:1

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

Dianne Overstreet

### PASSING OF THE PEACE/SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS

Rev. Katherine Todd

### Call to Worship

One: Jesus said, let the little children come to me...

**All: We come, each of us a child of God.**

One: Jesus said, do not stop them.

**All: We come to remove obstacles before children.**

One: Jesus said, it is to such as these that the reign of God belongs.

**All: We come to recognize that each child is already a part of God's realm.**

One: Jesus said, Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the reign of God as a little child will never enter it.

**All: We come to worship with the trust and vulnerability and dependence of a child. Come let us worship God!**

\*Opening Hymn

"I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

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

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

Merciful God, you call us to create change for children, but we are comfortable with the status quo. You call us to work for justice today, but we put it off until another day. You call us to bring hope, but inside we've really given up on making a difference. You call us to believe in a better tomorrow, but we don't always believe that it is possible.

Forgive us, we pray, for our apathy, for our procrastination, for our resignation, and for our limited vision. Change our hearts, O God, so that we can live boldly into your vision of justice and compassion for every child, for a bright and hopeful tomorrow that we can work for today. 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

Patsy Johnson

Choral Anthem "Walk By Faith"

(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.)

**II Samuel 11:26-12:13**

**11:** <sup>26</sup>When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. <sup>27</sup>When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son. ...

**12:** But the thing that David had done displeased the **LORD**, and <sup>1</sup>the **LORD** sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. <sup>2</sup>The rich man had very many herds and flocks; <sup>3</sup>but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and his children; it used to eat of his meager fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. <sup>4</sup>Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him. <sup>5</sup>Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, 'As the **LORD** lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; <sup>6</sup>he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.'

<sup>7</sup>Nathan said to David, 'You are the man! Thus says the **LORD**, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; <sup>8</sup>I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. <sup>9</sup>Why have you despised the word of the **LORD**, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. <sup>10</sup>Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. <sup>11</sup>Thus said the **LORD**: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun. <sup>12</sup>For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun.' <sup>13</sup>David said to Nathan, 'I have sinned against the **LORD**.' Nathan said to David, 'Now the **LORD** has put away your sin; you shall not die.' "

**John 6:24-35**

<sup>24</sup>So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

<sup>25</sup>When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, ‘Rabbi, when did you come here?’ <sup>26</sup>Jesus answered them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup>Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.’ <sup>28</sup>Then they said to him, ‘What must we do to perform the works of God?’ <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered them, ‘This is work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent. <sup>30</sup>So they said to him, ‘What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? <sup>31</sup>Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, “He gave them bread from heaven to eat.” ’

<sup>32</sup>Then Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup>For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.’ <sup>34</sup>They said to him, ‘Sir, give us this bread always.’

<sup>35</sup>Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.’ ”

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**Sermon**            “The Uncommon Way To Security”

Rev. Katherine Todd

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

\*Reflective Hymn            “Seek Ye First”

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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)**

For all the peoples of the world, especially the children in countries where labor replaces learning, in lands where the education of girls is valued less than that of boys, in places where the malnutrition and preventable disease stunt mind and body and cut learning and lives, that one day all children will learn and thrive, we pray – **LORD, bless the children.**

For our nation, that we fulfill the promise of opportunity by helping all children learn and succeed, and for our leaders, that they lead by serving and demonstrate greatness by protecting the least of these, we pray – **LORD, bless the children.**

For ourselves and our community, especially the teachers and school administrators, child care providers, parents, grandparents, guardians, mentors, and all who help our children learn, that they find satisfaction in their work and appreciation from the community, as they guide the discoveries of the children – **LORD, bless the children.**

For all the children who have died, especially those who died too soon -from drug abuse, preventable illness, senseless violence, grinding poverty and death at their own hands. Send your light to shine upon our human family that we may in word and deed be a blessing to the children – in the name of Jesus Christ who taught us to pray: *“Our Father Who Art In Heaven...”*

\*Departing Hymn

“Come Thou Fount of Every 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 in the Narthex 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 1<sup>st</sup> Grade are invited to join their parents in the service through the “Time with Children”, after which they may follow leaders to an age-appropriate worship-based activity. “Worship Boards” (in a box on front right pew) are available for use by children who remain in the worship service to learn and enjoy during the service.

**Today’s Guest Minister** – Join us in welcoming today’s guest minister, Reverend Katherine Todd. Reverend Todd formerly served as Assistant Director of Camp Hanover.

**A Personal Note from Mary Kay Schroeter** - “Thank you! To all of my church family that sent cards, food, prayers and phone calls my way while I have been recovering from my recent surgery.”

**Prince George TRIAD** will meet on Monday, October 22 at 1:00 PM at the Prince George Library. Brad Owens, Director of Prince George Fire & EMS will introduce the new PG EMS AID Program. Also Police Officer Earl Crawford will discuss Crime Prevention. Everyone is cordially invited to attend this informational meeting. Contact: Judy Recher

**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).

**Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner** will be Saturday October 27. Tickets are \$8 per person for a delicious dinner including dessert! Contact Jason Hundley for tickets at 804-605-4726 or by email at [Jason.troop900@yahoo.com](mailto:Jason.troop900@yahoo.com).

**Update on Boy Scout Flag Project!** Jason Hundley ordered the plaque for the flagpole project. View a photo of the plaque at the Spaghetti Dinner. Kudos to Jason for spearheading this worthy project!

**Dedication Sunday with Potluck Brunch** in the Fellowship Hall. Details to be announced.

**Reminder That Cleaning Volunteers Are Urgently Needed!** If you have approximately an hour that you would be able to help clean the Church at a time convenient to your own schedule, please sign up on the Cleaning Sheet on the Narthex table before you leave today. Call Jerry Bond or the Church Office to arrange access. Thanks to all who have given their time to clean.

**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 the Narthex, if you prefer to leave your Bulletin intact. Indicate your preferred available and unavailable service dates, along with your name and leave it in the collection plate, or drop it off in the Secretary’s Office Mailbox.

**Holiday Operating Schedule for Church Office Hours**, as approved by Session:  
Week of Nov. 18-24, Thanksgiving: **Nov. 20 (Tues.), 21 (Wed.) & 23 (Fri.)**  
Week of Dec. 23-29, Christmas: **Dec. 26 (Wed.), 27 (Thurs.) & 28 (Fri.)**  
Week of Dec. 30-Jan. 5, New Year’s: **Jan. 2 (Wed.), 3 (Thurs.) & 4 (Fri.).**

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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	\$1,930.25
Offering 10/21	
Offering 10/28	

## **ATTENDANCE: October 14**

Sunday School:		Worship
Spiritual Enrichment	6	45
Fellowship	9	
Youth	1	
One Room	0	

## **OCTOBER GATEKEEPER**

Bobby Allen

## **SUNDAY'S SERVANTS**

Sunday Servants	Today	October 28
USHERS	Wayne Powers Rose Scott Marguerite Bishop Dianne Overstreet	Bobby Allen Donna Allen Velma Allen Brenda Bond
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Dianne Overstreet	Jerry Bond
NURSERY	Susan Walker	Ruby Spain
JUNIOR SERMON	Patsy Johnson	Susan Walker
JUNIOR CHURCH	Valerie Harsh Pamela Harsh	Jessica Mauger Kevin Foster
COUNTING	Sandy Hunter Sheila Fields	Morgan Ingram Rose Scott

## 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. Allen III, who passed away Oct. 7

## THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY: October 21– November 3, 2012

Week of October 21			Week of October 28		
Today	9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am - Worship <i>Children's Sabbath</i>	21	9:45 am Sunday School 11:00am Worship <i>5 Cents A Meal Offering</i> <i>Reformation Sunday</i>	28	
Monday	2:00 pm Line Dancing	22	2:00 pm Line Dancing	29	
Tuesday	9:00 am News articles due in GMPC office	23		30	
Wednesday	7:00 pm Choir	24	7:00 pm Choir	31	
Thursday	2-8:00 pm Cleaning	25	2-8:00 pm Cleaning	NOV 1	
Friday		26		2	
Saturday	5-8 pm Spaghetti Dinner	27		3	

**CALLING  
ALL ELDERS!**

Rev. Bullock 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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## Children's Defense Fund

*The National Observance of Children's Sabbaths, established in 1992 by the Children's Defense Fund and endorsed by hundreds of denominations and religious organizations, unites religious communities of every faith in celebrating the blessing of children, focusing attention on the urgent problems facing our nation's children, affirming the divine charge to nurture, protect, and seek justice for children, and putting faith into action through direct service and advocacy with and for children and their families.*

## Moments in America for All Children

- Every second and a half during the school year a public school student receives an out-of-school suspension.\*
- Every 8 seconds during the school year a public high school student drops out.\*
- Every 17 seconds a child is arrested.
- Every 19 seconds a baby is born to an unmarried mother.
- Every 29 seconds a child is born into poverty.
- Every 30 seconds during the school year a public school student is corporally punished.\*
- Every 47 seconds a child is abused or neglected.
- Every 67 seconds a baby is born without health insurance.
- Every 85 seconds a baby is born to a teen mother.
- Every 2 minutes a baby is born at low birthweight.
- Every 3 minutes a child is arrested for a drug offense.
- Every 6 minutes a child is arrested for a violent offense.
- Every 21 minutes a baby dies before his or her first birthday.
- Every hour and a half a child dies from an accident.
- Every 3 hours a child is killed by a firearm.
- Every 5-and-a-half hours a child is killed by abuse or neglect.
- Every 8 hours a child commits suicide.
- Every 10 hours a baby's mother dies due to complications from pregnancy or childbirth.

\* Based on calculations per school day (180 days of seven hours each)

### Prayer

O God, help us to recover our hope for our children's sake.  
Help us to recover our courage for our children's sake.  
Help us to recover our discipline for our children's sake.  
Help us to recover our ability to work together for our children's sake.  
Help us to recover our values for our children's sake.  
Help us to recover our faith in Thee for our children's sake. Amen.

(By Marian Wright Edelman)

*To connect with the faith community resources and other work of the Children's Defense Fund (CDF), the non-profit, non-partisan organization sponsoring the multi-faith National Observance of Children's Sabbaths celebration, visit [www.childrensdefense.org/childrenssabbaths](http://www.childrensdefense.org/childrenssabbaths)*

*Data calculated by the Children's Defense Fund.*