

# GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Christians Who Love and Care.

*"Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering  
for he who has promised is faithful."*

Hebrews 10:23

November 4, 2012

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, November 4, 2012 - 11:00 am

31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgical Color: Green

PCUSA Emphasis: Stewardship Commitment/"Dedication Sunday"

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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 OF JOYS & CONCERNS

Rev. Beverly Bullock

### Call to Worship

One: Hear, O people of God: our God is one. Hear the commandments of our God.

**All: First, love your God with all your heart, and all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.**

One: Hear, O people of God: our God is one. Recite the commandments to your children and hold them in your hearts.

**All: Second, love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these calls to love. Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

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

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

Gracious God, we confess that we do not live lives of rejoicing. We are afraid to give of what you have given us. We do not find our joy in your service. We do not find our hope in the sacrifice of love for which you ask. We think of ourselves and feel impoverished. We think of others and feel nothing. We have heard your words of salvation and refused to do your bidding. You tell us to leave all behind and to come and follow you, but we ask you first, "Where are you going?" We are sorry, God. We repent and ask for your forgiveness and mercy. Turn us from selfish ways, we pray, and strengthen us to start again. 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

Pat Hunter

Choral Anthem

"Come To The Table"

(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 during the service.)

### **Bible Readings**

Ruth 1:1-18

Old Testament

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Mark 12:28-34

New Testament

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## **+Ruth 1:-18**

<sup>1</sup>In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. <sup>2</sup>The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. <sup>3</sup>But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. <sup>4</sup>These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, <sup>5</sup>both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

<sup>6</sup>Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the LORD had considered his people and given them food. <sup>7</sup>So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. <sup>8</sup>But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, 'Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. <sup>9</sup>The LORD grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband.' Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. <sup>10</sup>They said to her, 'No, we will return with you to your people.' <sup>11</sup>But Naomi said, 'Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? <sup>12</sup>Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, <sup>13</sup>would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you because the hand of the LORD has turned against me.' <sup>14</sup>Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

<sup>15</sup>So she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." <sup>16</sup>But Ruth said,

'Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you!  
Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge;  
your people shall be my people, and your God my God.  
<sup>17</sup>Where you die, I will die---there will I be buried,  
May the LORD do thus and so to me, and more as well,  
if even death parts me from you!'

<sup>18</sup>When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her."

## **+Mark 12:28-34**

<sup>28</sup> One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, 'Which commandment is the first of all?' <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered 'The first is, "Hear, O Israel: the LORD our God, the LORD is one; <sup>30</sup>you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." <sup>31</sup>The second is this, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.' <sup>32</sup>Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that "he is one, and besides him there is no other"; <sup>33</sup>and "to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength," and "to love one's neighbor as oneself"---this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.' <sup>34</sup>When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' After that no one dared to ask him any question."

### **Sermon**

"What's It Worth To You?"

Rev. Beverly Bullock

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

\*Reflective

"Come Away From Rush And Hurry"

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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 Holy One, Source of all life and grace - we thank you for your love that never lets us go. [Help us to respond to the call of love](#) – to love you, our neighbors, and ourselves.

We pray for our brothers and sisters reeling from the traumas of human and natural disasters that are occurring the world over – may we learn to share their burdens and lighten their loads.

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We pray for our nation, that we may be united as a people tied to a single garment of destiny. We pray for those who are elected to serve all citizens. May they be guided by compassion for all people in the days, months, and years to come.

We pray for the children of God. Teach all of us to be good stewards of our time, talents, gifts, and service. Guide us as families, as communities of faith, as a nation, and as the human race to follow your path of love – dedicated to you and wholly yours, now and forever. Amen.

## SACRAMENT OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Giving Thanks to God (Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer)

Minister: Gracious God, our Creator, we give you thanks....

**All: For the wonder and goodness of Creation, for so bountifully providing for our needs, for staying with us though we turn away from you, and, in your abounding mercy, for seeking to restore us in our brokenness to your wonderful image.**

Minister: Loving Jesus, our Redeemer, we give you thanks...

**All: For your servant's life of preaching, teaching and healing and for your atoning sacrifice on the Cross which has both restored our relationship with our Creator and broken the power of sin to control our lives.**

Minister: Holy Spirit, who sustains us moment by moment, we give you thanks...

**All: For your transforming presence which creates unity from our diversity and makes us one with the living God, we worship in Jesus Christ. Prepare us to be faithful disciples, modeling Jesus' love, humility, obedience, and *concern for justice for a world in need.***

Minister: O Lord, as the Body of Christ, bearers of Good News and God's ambassadors of reconciliation, we now lift up to you the thanksgivings and concerns we've shared today and these personal requests for your merciful and powerful intervention [each prays in silence]...and now we pray the prayer which Jesus taught, saying...

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth  
as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Congregational Response Hymn: "Bread Of The World"

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### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE The Bread of Life...the Cup of Salvation

Hymn: "Break Now The Bread Of Life"

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### PRAYER OF SENDING

Minister: Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in  
heaven and on earth.

**People: You have fed us with the bread of life, and renewed us for your  
service.**

Minister: Help us who have shared Christ's body and received his cup,  
to be his faithful disciples,

**People: So that our daily living may be part of the life of your kingdom.**

Minister: And our love be your love reaching out into the life of the world.

**People: Through Jesus Christ our Lord, amen.**

\* Departing Hymn (A Call To Discipleship) "A Charge To Keep I Have" Page 588

### 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 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.

## **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 10/28	\$3,177.00
Offering 11/04	\$
Offering 11/11	\$
Offering 10/18	\$
Offering 10/25	\$

## **NOVEMBER GATEKEEPER**

Dennis Allen



## **SUNDAY SERVANTS**

<b>Sunday Servants</b>	<b>Today</b>	<b>November 11<sup>n</sup></b>
NURSERY	Susan Walker	Jennifer Smyth
JUNIOR CHURCH	Valerie Harsh Pamela Harsh	Rose Scott Madison Foster
JUNIOR SERMON	Pat Hunter	Rev. Beverly Bullock
USHERS	Wayne Powers Verne Smith Bobby Allen Marguerite Bishop	Sheila Fields Janet Swinton Rose Scott Wayne Powers
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Dianne Overstreet	Pat Hunter
COUNTING	David Johnson Evelyn Lichvar	Ron Recher Glenda Mayhew

## **NOVEMBER SUNDAY SERVANTS FOR NURSERY:**

<u>Nov. 4</u>	<u>Nov. 11</u>	<u>Nov. 18</u>	<u>Nov. 25</u>
Susan Walker	Jennifer Smyth	Virginia Maloney	Glenda Mayhew

## **ATTENDANCE: October 28**

<u>Sunday School:</u>	<u>Worship</u>
Spiritual Enrichment      7	44
Fellowship                      9	
Youth                              1	
One Room                        0	

## **OUR PRAYER IN TIMES OF JOY AND CONCERN.....**

Ruby Hasky	Ed Smiley (Friend of Doug Holc)
PNC	Jimmy Belsches (Son of Christine Belsches)
Don Vtipil	Mary Chadwick (Dink Armstrong's sister)
Gladys Wiseman	Jessica Griffin (Niece of Sheila Fields)
Audrey Turner	Harvey Spain (Father of Keith Spain)
Christine Belsches	Inez Paul (Mother of Mary Holc)
Aida Faries	2012-2013 School Year
June Hawks	Mary Key Schroeter
Marian McDonald	Pamela Harsh
Katherine Tompkins	Clara Smith

## **THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY: November 4- November 17, 2012**

	<b>Week of November 4</b>	<b>Week of November 11</b>
Today	<b>2:00 am</b> <u>Daylight Saving Time Ends</u> 4  <b>9:45 am</b> Sunday School <b>11:00am</b> Worship <i>Holy Communion</i> <i>"Dedication Sunday"</i>	<u>Veterans Day (Traditional)</u> 11
Monday	<b>2:00 pm</b> Line Dancing 5 <b>6:30 pm</b> Missions	<u>Veterans Day (Observed)</u> 12 <b>Noon</b> Widows Group <b>2:00 pm</b> Line Dancing <b>6:00 pm</b> Christian Ed
Tuesday	<u>Election Day</u> 6 <b>12:30 pm</b> Day Circle <b>7:00 pm</b> - Facilities Comm. -Worship Comm. - Congregational Care Comm.*	<b>Committee reports due</b> 13 <b>6:30 pm</b> Outreach <b>7:30 pm</b> Evening Circle
Wednesday	<b>7:00 pm</b> Choir 7	<b>7:00 pm</b> Choir 14
Thursday	<b>2-8:00 pm</b> Cleaning 8	<b>2-8:00 pm</b> Cleaning 15 <b>6:00 pm</b> Stewardship/Finance
Friday	9	<b>News articles due</b> 16
Saturday	10	17

**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.

**Gregory Memorial Church's Work Camp participants** will present the November 11 worship service. Deadline for Church Secretary to receive Information for the November 11 Bulletin from all involved parties is 9:00 AM on Tuesday, November 6.

**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.).**

**Some important phone numbers .....**

James House: (804) 458-2840 ... 24-hour Hotline  
(804) 458-2704 ... Hopewell Office  
(804) 732-1711 ... Petersburg Office

YWCA: (804) 643-0888 ... 24-hour Hotline

CARES: (804) 861-0849

National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1 (800) 799-SAFE (1-800-799-7233)

**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, indicate your interest in any preferred available and unavailable service dates on the "CALLING ALL ELDERS" form in the Narthex. You may drop it in the collection plate or leave it in the Secretary's Office Mailbox.

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