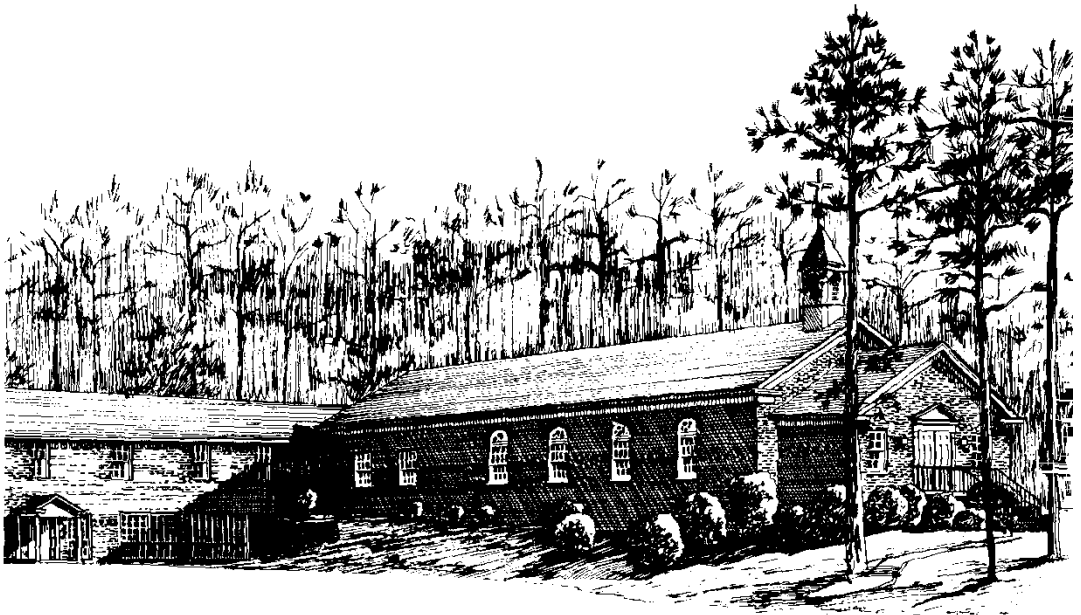


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Christians Who Love and Care.

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for he who has promised is faithful.”
Hebrews 10:23*

November 18, 2012

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, November 18, 2012 - 11:00 am
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Liturgical Color: Green

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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

Mary Kay Schroeter

PASSING OF THE PEACE/SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

Rev. Beverly Bullock

Call to Worship

One: Our Heavenly Creator, we praise you for this, another privilege of worship.

All: And we thank you for this church that you have entrusted with the rich treasure of the gospel of Christ.

One: We are grateful today for those who have passed on the faith in the past and who are a cloud of witnesses to our gathering here.

All: May we also be led in the true and living way and keep the covenants that we have made to you.

One: Place your love in our hearts we pray, and write your Word on our minds.

**All: Give us the assurance of your forgiveness and fill our hearts with praise.
Amen.**

*Opening Hymn

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

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

We Confess Our Sin (in unison)

God who creates us, Christ who redeems us, Spirit who renews us, hear our confession. We hide from you when we should heed you; your voice we neglect. Disobedience hinders our being more faithful. We claim that others mislead us when we stray from your will – but it is our own doing. Have mercy upon us and grant us forgiveness so that we may rest in your peace. 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

Rose Scott

Choral Anthem

“Bless This House”

(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 during the service.)

Bible Readings

I Samuel 1:4-20

Old Testament

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Hebrews 10:11-25

New Testament

Pg. 976

I Samuel 1:4-20

“⁴On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; ⁵but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the LORD had closed her womb. ⁶Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the LORD had closed her womb. ⁷So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the LORD, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. ⁸Her husband Elkanah said to her, ‘Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?’

⁹After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the LORD. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the LORD. ¹⁰She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD, and wept bitterly. ¹¹She made this vow: “O LORD of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head.’

¹²As she continued praying before the LORD, Eli observed her mouth. ¹³Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. ¹⁴So Eli said to her, ‘How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine.’ ¹⁵But Hannah answered, “No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the LORD. ¹⁶Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time.’ ¹⁷Then Eli answered, ‘Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him.’ ¹⁸And she said, ‘Let your servant find favor in your sight.’ Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer.

¹⁹They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the LORD; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the LORD remembered her. ²⁰In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, ‘I have asked him of the LORD.’ “

Hebrews 10:11-25

“¹¹And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. ¹²But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sin, ‘he sat down at the right hand of God,’ ¹³and since then has been waiting ‘until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.’

¹⁴For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. ¹⁵And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

¹⁶'This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the LORD: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,'

¹⁷he also adds,

'I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.'

¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

¹⁹Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for use through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

²³Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

Sermon

"Sacrifices"

Rev. Beverly Bullock

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Reflective Hymn

"Be Still, My Soul"

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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 of tender mercies, hear our prayers. We pray for those who grieve the loss of a loved one. Surround them with your embracing compassion, care for them in their solitude, and comfort them during the lonely hours. We pray for those who lament their condition. Hear them as they plead for some sign of relief. Help us to sit with them and soothe their anxiety, to understand them in a way that will bring consolation. And we pray for those afflicted with sundry ailments. Send Christ's healing power, which can restore them to wholeness. Use us as instruments of your mercy, so that we may sit with the lonely, feed the hungry, show hospitality to the stranger and clothe the naked. Give to all your people – the hope, confidence, and dignity that comes from being your children as we pray as Jesus taught, *"Our Father Who Art In Heaven..."*

*Departing Hymn

"O Christians, Haste"

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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.

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.

SUNDAY’S FLOWERS - This Sunday’s flowers were given to the Glory of God and in memory of grandson, Brandon Hasky, by Jerry and Ruby Hasky.

2012 STEWARDSHIP TO DATE

The Facts:

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| Annual budget expense | \$137,754 |
| Pledged & projected income | \$133,804 |
| Monthly budget needs | \$ 11,480 |
| Weekly budget needs | \$ 2,650 |

The Figures:

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| Offering 11/04 | \$2,881.24 |
| Offering 11/11 | \$2,716.17 |
| Offering 11/18 | \$ |
| Offering 11/25 | \$ |

THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY: November 18- December 1, 2012

November 18-24

November 25-December 1

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| Today | 18 | 25 |
| 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00am Worship <i>"Minute for Missions"</i> <i>Congregational Meeting after Worship</i> 7:00 pm <i>Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service -Trinity UMC Church in Disputanta</i> | | 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00am Worship <i>5 Cents A Meal Offering</i> |
| Monday | 19 | 26 |
| 2:00 pm Line Dancing 2-8:00 Cleaning 7:00 pm Session Meeting | | 2:00 pm Line Dancing |
| Tuesday | 20 | 27 |
| 7:00 pm Choir | | 7:00 pm Choir |
| Wednesday | 21 | 28 |
| 7:00 pm Choir | | 7:00 pm Choir |
| Thursday | 22 | 29 |
| <i>Thanksgiving Day</i> (GMPC Office closed) | | 2-8:00 pm Cleaning |
| Friday | 23 | 30 |
| GMPC Office open | | |
| Saturday | 24 | |
| | | 3:00 pm Christmas Parade Dec. 1 Open House: "Cookies & Hot Cocoa" |

SUNDAY SERVANTS

| Sunday Servants | Today, November 18 | November 25 |
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| USHERS | Valerie Harsh Rose Scott Jerry Bond Debbie Smith | Wayne Powers Rose Scott Marguerite Bishop Dianne Overstreet |
| ANNOUNCEMENTS | Mary Kay Schroeter | Rose Scott |
| NURSERY | Virginia Maloney | Glenda Mayhew |
| JUNIOR SERMON | Patsy Johnson | Lisa Hartsell |
| JUNIOR CHURCH | Josh Ingram Morgan Ingram | Virginia Maloney Jared Smyth |
| COUNTING | Donald Hunter Sheila Fields | David Johnson Rose Scott |

NOVEMBER GATEKEEPER: Dennis Allen

ATTENDANCE: November 11

| <u>Sunday School:</u> | | <u>Worship</u> |
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| Spiritual Enrichment | 3 | 100 |
| Fellowship | 11 | |
| Youth | 0 | |
| One Room | 0 | |

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

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| Ruby Hasky | All persons volunteering in Super Storm "Sandy" northeast clean-up |
| Katherine Tompkins | Ava Warren (Mary Beth Coleman's stepmother) |
| Christine Belsches | Jimmy Belsches (Son of Christine Belsches) |
| Marian McDonald | Mary Chadwick (Dink Armstrong's sister) |
| Gladys Wiseman | Dan Price (David Johnson's brother) |
| Audrey Turner | Jessica Griffin (Niece of Sheila Fields) |
| June Hawks | Ed Smiley (Friend of Doug Holc) |
| Aida Faries | 2012-2013 School Year |
| Don Vtipil | Clara Smith |
| PNC | |

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING TODAY'S WORSHIP -

The Congregational Nominating Committee has proposed a slate of nominees for Classes 2013 and 2015 of Ruling Elders and a Trustee which will be presented to the congregation for its approval during today's congregational meeting. A copy of the proposed slate appears on the inside back cover of this Bulletin. Additional copies of the proposed slate will available at meeting's onset.

THANKSGIVING ECUMENICAL SERVICE TONIGHT AT 7:00 PM AT TRINITY UMC, DISPUTANTA - Gregory Memorial's congregation is invited to worship with their brothers and sisters in Christ at a Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service to be held at Trinity United Methodist Church, in Disputanta tonight beginning at 7:00 pm. Contact information for Trinity UMC is: P.O. Box 147, 10021 County Road (Route 460), Disputanta, VA 23842. Tel.:(804)991-2252. website: www.trinitydisputanta.org

CHRISTMAS PARADE WITH "COOKIES 'N HOT COCOA AT GREGORY CHURCH'S OPEN HOUSE - DEC. 1 @ 3:00 PM! We need **volunteer servers and 75 dozen cookies** for the Gregory Open House to be held after Prince George's Christmas Parade. Bring cookies to the Church Fellowship Hall Friday, Nov. 30 from 9:00-11:00 AM, OR, on Parade Day Dec. 1 from 1:00-2:00 PM. A signup sheet for cookies and serving is on the tables in the Narthex and the Fellowship Hall. Questions? Call Outreach Committee's Brenda, Janet, or Judy!

ANGEL TREE! The Angel Tree will be decorated with pumpkins, girl angels, and boy angels for the congregation to pick off the tree on Dec. 2nd. We will be sponsoring the same two families for Christmas. All wrapped gifts and food items will need to be at the church by Sunday, December 16th.

CHURCH-SPONSORED THANKSGIVING FAMILIES -The church will sponsor two families with Thanksgiving meals as we have for many years. We are fortunate to be able to help those in need during the holidays.

NOTE FROM KATHERINE TOMPKINS: Mrs. Tompkins wants all to know she really enjoys getting phone calls from members of the congregation. She now has a new landline number for you to call her on. Call Church Office for information.

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.)**

IMPORTANT WEBSITES & PHONE NUMBERS

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| James House www.thejameshouse.org | (804) 458-2840 ... 24-hour Hotline(804) (804) 458-2704 ... Hopewell Office (804) 732-1711 ... Petersburg Office |
| YWCA www.ywcarichmond.org | (804) 643-0888 ... 24-hour Hotline |
| CARES www.careshelterpetersburg.org | (804) 861-0849 |
| Nat'l. Domestic Violence Hotline www.thehotline.org | 1 (800) 799-7233 (1-800-799-SAFE) |
| Nat'l. Center for Missing & Exploited Children www.missingkids.com | 1 (800) 843-5678 (1-800-THE-LOST) |

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