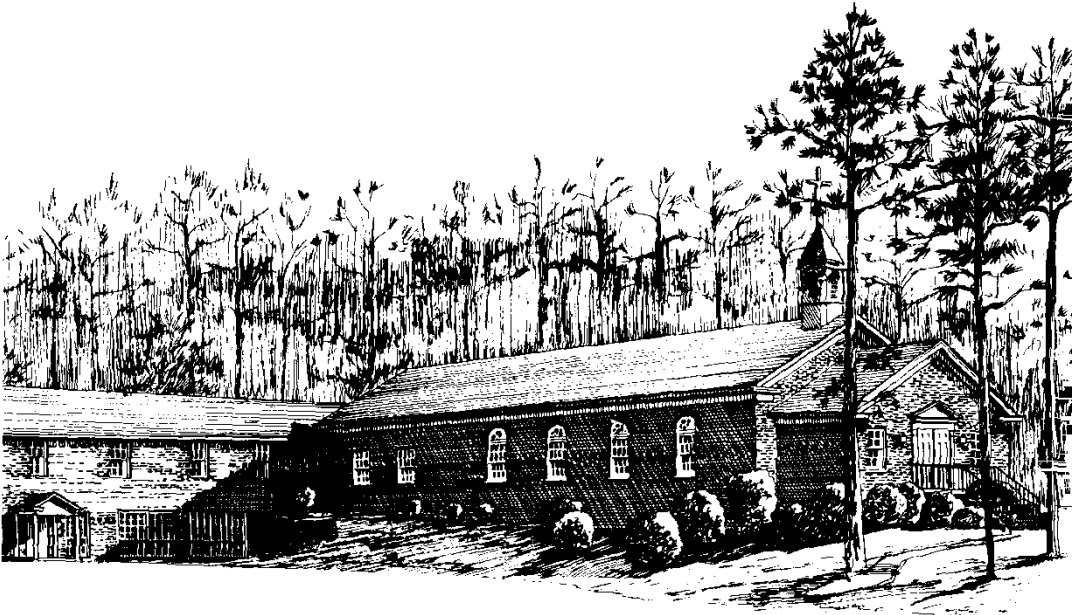


GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Christians Who Love and Care.

*“May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for you.
Psalm 25:21*

December 9, 2012

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, December 9, 2012 - 11:00 am

2nd Sunday of Advent

Liturgical Color: Purple or Blue

“May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for you.

Psalm 25:21

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

CHOIR

“THE WONDER OF CHRISTMAS

Words & Music by Joel Raney

A Candle Lighting Ceremony For Advent”

“SECOND SUNDAY - The Wonder of the Promise”

RESPONSIVE LITANY

Choir: During Advent we recall God’s promises spoken through the prophets.

Congregation: The Word of the Lord is steadfast and true.

Choir: To the hurting, God promises unshakable hope.

Congregation: The Word of the Lord is steadfast and true.

Choir: To the forsaken, God promises unconditional love.

Congregation: The Word of the Lord is steadfast and true.

Choir: To the broken, God promises unmerited grace.

Congregation: The Word of the Lord is steadfast and true.

Choir: To the heavy hearted, God promises unbridled joy.

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


CANDLE LIGHTING

Reading by Evelyn Lichvar

[*Congregation is invited to join the choir in singing the final refrain below.*]

Words and Music by
JOEL RANEY

Congregation:



There is won - der in the hope of the birth of a
King, there is won - der in the sound of the an - gels as they
sing. O - come, O come, Em - man - u -
el, and join us here.

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Advent texts by Rev. Rich Davis, Senior Pastor First Presbyterian Church, River Forest, IL

CLOSING PRAYER (in unison)

Gracious God, we pray for your continued guidance through this Advent season. As we prepare to once again celebrate the greatest gift offered to the world, we pray for our hearts to be filled with wonder, for our steps to be guided by faith, and for our hope to be anchored in the certainty of your Word. We pray this in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dianne Overstreet

PASSING OF THE PEACE/SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

Rev. Beverly Bullock

Call to Worship

One: Gracious God, we gather today to worship you in this Advent Season. We desire to live our lives in your presence, but sometimes our busyness keeps us from hearing your voice.

All: We are getting ready for Christmas, but sometimes we neglect to get ready to receive the Christ of Christmas into our very lives.

One: Now we lay aside the frenzied whirlwind of activity, to once again hear your small voice.

All: We have come here by many paths, and the road this week has not always been smooth.

One: In the midst of all the vagaries of life, we trust that we, with all humankind, will see God's salvation.

All: "Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today", we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Opening Hymn

"Come Thou Almighty King"

Pg. 148

We Confess Our Sin (in unison)

Source of salvation, what shall we do? Our lives are unworthy of the goodness you offer. We complain about our conditions when our wants go unnoticed. Contentment eludes us. When we have plenty but we still want more. Many face great need while we fret over our abundance. Please remove the gap between our words and our actions. When in response to our baptism we ask, "What shall we do?" make us receptive to the guidance that your Holy Spirit provides to everyone. We humbly ask and seek your forgiveness in the name of Jesus the Christ. 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 - Junior Sermon

Rev. Beverly Bullock

Choral Anthem "Shine The Light Of Your Love"

(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	Malachi 3:1-4	Old Testament	Pg. 778
	Luke 1:67-79, 3:1-6	New Testament	Pg. 832

Sermon

"All In The Family"

Rev. Beverly Bullock

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Reflective Hymn "Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming" Pg. 190

Prayers of the People (in unison)

Incarinate Word of life, eternal and unchanging, you call us to discipleship, and we seek to follow – hear our prayers. Soften those who resist your truth. Surprise them with the message of new life that awaits their response. Turn them from making themselves their only source of value, and show them how your mercy can transform their worth. **Surround** and nourish the young in faith - the newly baptized, whose commitment has not been tested. Keep them from trials beyond their capacity to endure, yet help them take risks that which will strengthen their resolve in Jesus Christ. **Startle** those who have grown complacent; whose commitment to Christ has become a leisure-time activity. **Intrude** in all our lives with the transforming revelation of your judgment, and astonish one and all with a sense of your awesome power. We ask this in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray: *Our Father Who Art In Heaven...*"

The Sacrament of Baptism – Olivia Rae Hartsell [see insert]

***We Affirm Our Faith -The Apostle's Creed [read during Infant Baptism service]**

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.

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.

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 11/25	\$2,354.37
Offering 12/02	\$2,919.36
Offering 12/09	\$xx
Offering 12/16	\$xx
Offering 12/23	\$xx

ATTENDANCE: December 2

<u>Worship: 74</u>	<u>Sunday School: 31</u>
Spiritual Enrichment	4
Fellowship	13
Youth	2
One Room	12

THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY: December 9-December 22, 2012

December 9-15		9	December 16-22		16
Today	9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship <i>Sacrament of Infant Baptism</i>		9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship <i>Children's Christmas Nativity Program</i> <i>Ordaining/Installation of Ruling Elders</i>		
Monday	2:00 pm Line Dancing 6:00 pm Christian Ed	10	12:00 pm TRIAD Christmas Luncheon 2:00 pm Line Dancing	17	
Tuesday	Committee reports due 6:30 pm Outreach 7:30 pm Evening Circle	11	7:00 pm Session Meeting	18	
Wednesday	7:00 pm Choir	12	1-9:00 pm Boy Scouts Court of Honor 7:00 pm Choir	19	
Thursday	11:30 pm Pre-School Christmas Program 2-8:00 pm Cleaning 6:00 pm Stewardship/Finance	13	Newsletter articles due 2-8:00 pm Cleaning	20	
Friday		14		21	
Saturday		15		22	

SUNDAY SERVANTS

Sunday Servants	Today, December 9	December 16
USHERS	Bobby Allen Donna Allen Velma Allen Brenda Bond	Wayne Powers Verne Smith Bobby Allen Marguerite Bishop
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Dianne Overstreet	Pat Hunter
NURSERY	Ann Hartsell	Jennifer Smyth
JUNIOR SERMON	Rev. Beverly Bullock	Susan Walker
JUNIOR CHURCH	Mary Kay Schroeter Kevin Foster	Mary Beth Coleman Madison Foster
COUNTING	Donald Hunter Glenda Mayhew	Ron Recher Rose Scott

DECEMBER GATEKEEPER: Josh Ingram

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

Ruby Hasky	Kay Alloway & Family (loss of bother, Mitchell Bowen, Nov. 19)
Katherine Tompkins	All persons recovering from natural disasters
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	Ed Smiley (Friend of Doug Holc)
June Hawks	2012-2013 School Year
Aida Faries	Kenneth Figg
Don Vtipil	Clara Smith
PNC	

ANGEL TREE & CHRISTMAS FAMILIES! Please be sure to stop by the Gregory Angel Tree and select a lucky boy or girl recipient of your Christmas gifts. 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 16.

GREGORY CHURCH'S CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS NATIVITY PROGRAM will be presented during the Sunday, December 16 worship service.

WE WILL OBSERVE THE ORDINATION of Pamela Harsh as a Ruling Elder and the Installation of Pamela Harsh, H. F. Scott, Jr., Glenda Mayhew, Rose Scott and Mary Kay Schroeter on Sunday, December 16 after the Children's Christmas Nativity Program.

HOLIDAY OPERATING SCHEDULE - Church Office Hours, as approved by Session:
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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SERMON NOTES

IMPORTANT WEBSITES & PHONE NUMBERS

[Clip & save this listing for future reference.]

James House www.thejameshouse.org	(804) 458-2840 ... 24-hour Hotline (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)
Poison Control Hotline www.poison.org	1-800-222-1212
Child Abuse Hotline	1 (800) 552-7096
Center for Elder Rights & Aging Services Information	1 (800) 552-3402 (Voice/TTY)

PRIMARY CHURCH CONTACTS

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Organist: Sandra Perkins, Accompanist: Gail Rollings

Clerk of Session: David Johnson

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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
FOR THE CHILD OF GOD NAMED:
Miss Olivia Rae Hartsell



SUNDAY, 09 December 2012
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Prince George, Virginia
THE REV. BEVERLY SHERRILL BULLOCK



“...ONE LORD, ONE FAITH, ONE BAPTISM...”



“God’s faithfulness signified in Baptism is constant and sure, even when human faithfulness to God is not. Baptism is received only once.” (W-2.3007)

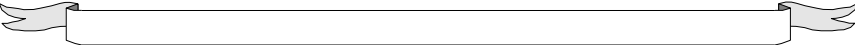
“The Baptism of children witnesses to the truth that God’s love claims people before they are able to respond in faith.” (W-2.3008b)

“For reason of order, Baptism shall be authorized by the session, administered by a teaching elder...and accompanied by the reading and proclaiming of the Word. Baptism is celebrated in a service of public worship.”
(W-2.3011a)

“The session’s responsibilities for Baptism are: encouraging parents to present their children for Baptism...” (W-2.3012)

“The congregation as a whole, on behalf of the Church universal, assumes responsibility for nurturing the baptized person in the Christian life.”
(W-2.3013)

“Those presenting children for Baptism shall promise to provide nurture and guidance within the community of faith until the child is ready to make a personal profession of faith and assume the responsibility of active church membership.”
(W-2.3014)

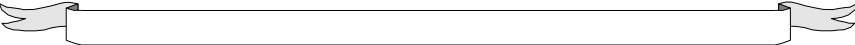




The Order of Service

- *Presentation – Rev. Bullock*
- *Scripture – Rev. Bullock*
- *Baptism’s Claim – Rev. Bullock*
- *Presentation of Child for Baptism - Elder*
- *Address to the Parents – Rev. Bullock*
- *Address to the Congregation – Rev. Bullock*
- *Profession of Faith – Rev. Bullock*
- *Renunciations – Rev. Bullock & Parents*
- *The Apostle’s Creed - All*
- *Thanksgiving Over the Water – Rev. Bullock*
- *“The Baptism” – Rev. Bullock*
- *Laying on of Hands – Rev. Bullock*
- *The Welcome*
 1. *Rev. Bullock*
 2. *The people respond: “With joy and thanksgiving we welcome **Olivia** into Christ’s church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.”*
- *The Peace*
- *Closing Prayer – Minister*

***Olivia Rae is the daughter of
Ronald Litchfield Hartsell and Lisa Reid Hartsell
and the sister of Carter Reid Hartsell and
Kaitlyn Nicole Hartsell***





(SCRIPTURE)

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; ...He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire” - [Matthew 3:11](#)

“In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan” – [Mark 1:9](#)

“There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all” – [Ephesians 4:4-5](#)

(BOOK OF ORDER)

“Baptism is the sign and seal of incorporation into Christ. Jesus through his own baptism identified himself with sinners in order to fulfill all righteousness. Jesus in his own baptism was attested Son by the Father and was anointed with the Holy Spirit to undertake the way of the servant manifested in his sufferings, death, and resurrection. Jesus the risen Lord assured his followers of his continuing presence and power and commissioned them “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.”

(W-2.3001)

