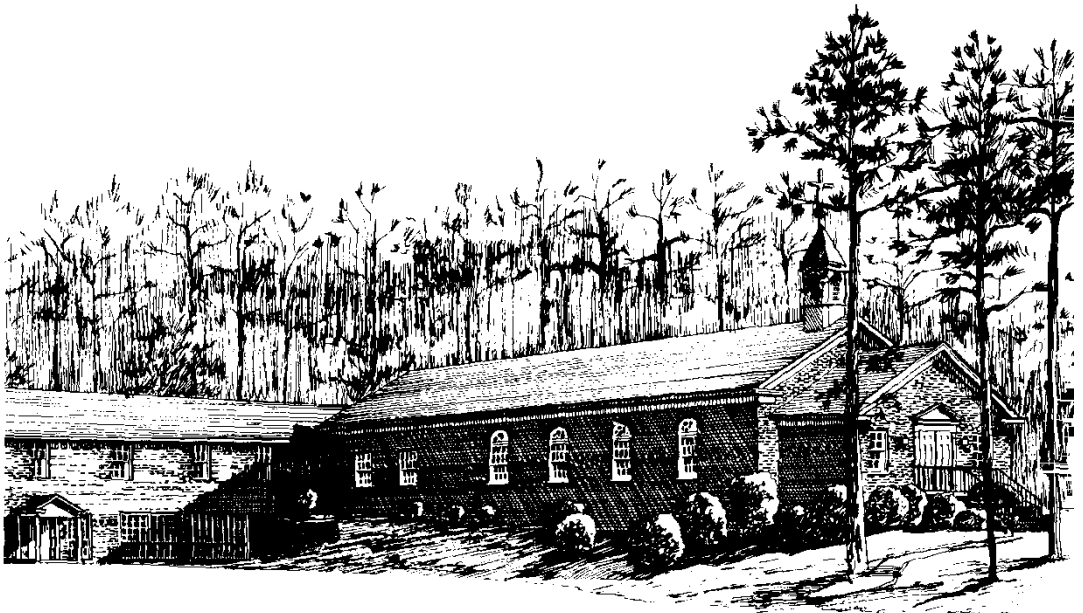


GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Christians Who Love and Care.

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Psalm 25:21*

December 30, 2012

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, December 30, 2012 - 11:00 am

1st Sunday After Christmas Day

Liturgical Color: Purple or Blue

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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

Call to Worship

One: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; Praise God in the Heights!

All: All the shining stars praise you O God, for you commanded and they were created.

One: Praise the Lord from the earth, young men and women alike, old and young together.

All: Let everyone praise the name of the Lord, for your glory is above heaven and earth. Let us worship God!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rose Scott

PASSING OF THE PEACE/SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

Rev. Beverly Bullock

*Opening Hymn

“Go, Tell It On The Mountain”

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

We Confess Our Sin (in unison)

O God, our rock and redeemer, hear our confession. We worship idols of our own making. When temptation overtakes us, we submit to its charms. We find it easier to grumble at hardships than to praise you for the mercies we receive. Day by day, we test you in every way. Yet you promise us that you will not test us beyond our human endurance. Forgive us when we take advantage of your loving nature, and restore us to communion with you – in Jesus' name 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 - Junior Sermon

Patsy Johnson

Choral Anthem

(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 2:18-20

Old Testament

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Luke 2:41-52

New Testament

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Sermon

"A Child Of God"

Rev. Beverly Bullock

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Reflective Hymn

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

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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, whose righteousness endures forever, hear our prayers.

We pray for those in the thrall of false gods. Give to them a sense of your majesty that cannot be limited, your wonder that spans the universe, and your goodness that cares for even the smallest of creatures. Let them find no satisfaction in their closets full of goods that wear out with age as you lead them to your Word that endures throughout the ages.

We pray for those whom the world calls wise. Give them a sense of humility, and grant them perspective to accompany their vision. May they not mistake power for justice or order for well-being. When they are called upon to make decisions, hold them particularly close to you and make them instruments of your peace.

Give to those weakened by the struggles of life a sense of your blessing, and help their search for life's meaning in Jesus the Christ, who taught us to pray
"Our Father Who Art In Heaven..."

* Departing Hymn

"The First Noel"

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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.

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	\$2,261.11
Offering 12/16	\$3,772.58
Offering 12/23	\$2,452.21
Offering 12/30	\$xx

ATTENDANCE: December 23

Worship: 62	Sunday School:	21
	Spiritual Enrichment	6
	Fellowship	11
	Youth	2
	One Room	2

THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY: December 30-January 12, 2013

Please note that all Committee meeting dates/times, as well as due date for January committee reports, will be announced after January 5 Elder Retreat.

December 30-January 05		January 06-January 12	
Today	30 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship <i>Emergency Aid Offering</i>	06 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	
Monday	31 New Year's Eve	07	
Tuesday	JAN. 01 NEW YEAR'S DAY	08 6:00 pm Pancake Dinner for "Relay for Life" 7:30 pm Evening Circle	
Wednesday	02 7:00 pm Choir	09 7:00 pm Choir	
Thursday	03 2-8:00 pm Cleaning	10 2-8:00 pm Cleaning	
Friday	04	11	
Saturday	05 9:00 am - 2:00 pm Elder Retreat @ Crater Criminal Justice Academy	12	

SUNDAY SERVANTS

Sunday Servants	Today, December 30	January 6
USHERS	Valerie Harsh Rose Scott Jerry Bond Debbie Smith	Wayne Powers Glenda Mayhew Marguerite Bishop Dianne Overstreet
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Rose Scott	Jerry Bond
JUNIOR SERMON	Patsy Johnson	Valerie Harsh
JUNIOR CHURCH	Patsy Johnson Breeana Hunter	Morgan Ingram Josh Ingram
NURSERY	Virginia Maloney	Glenda Mayhew
COUNTING	Sandy Hunter Evelyn Lichvar	Ron Recher Verne Smith

DECEMBER GATEKEEPER: Josh Ingram

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

Ruby Hasky	All who have lost loved ones to senseless & random violence
Katherine Tompkins	The family of Erika Fifer (Morgan Ingram's friend)
Christine Belsches	All persons recovering from natural disasters
Marian McDonald	Jimmy Belsches (Son of Christine Belsches)
Gladys Wiseman	Mary Chadwick (Dink Armstrong's sister)
Audrey Turner	Laura Lambert (Peggy Allen's mother)
Kenneth Figg	Jim Judkins (David Johnson's cousin)
Clara Smith	Ed Smiley (Friend of Doug Holc)
June Hawks	Pat Hunter
Aida Faries	2012-2013 School Year
Don Vtipil	Frank Solesbee
PNC	Pat Hunter

ALL COMMITTEE MEETINGS DATES/TIMES AND DUE DATE FOR JANUARY COMMITTEE REPORTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AFTER JANUARY 5, 2013.

HOLIDAY OPERATING SCHEDULE - Church Office Hours, as approved by Session:
 Week of Dec. 30-Jan. 5 (New Year's): **Jan. 2 (Wed.), 3 (Thurs.), 4 (Fri.)**.

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