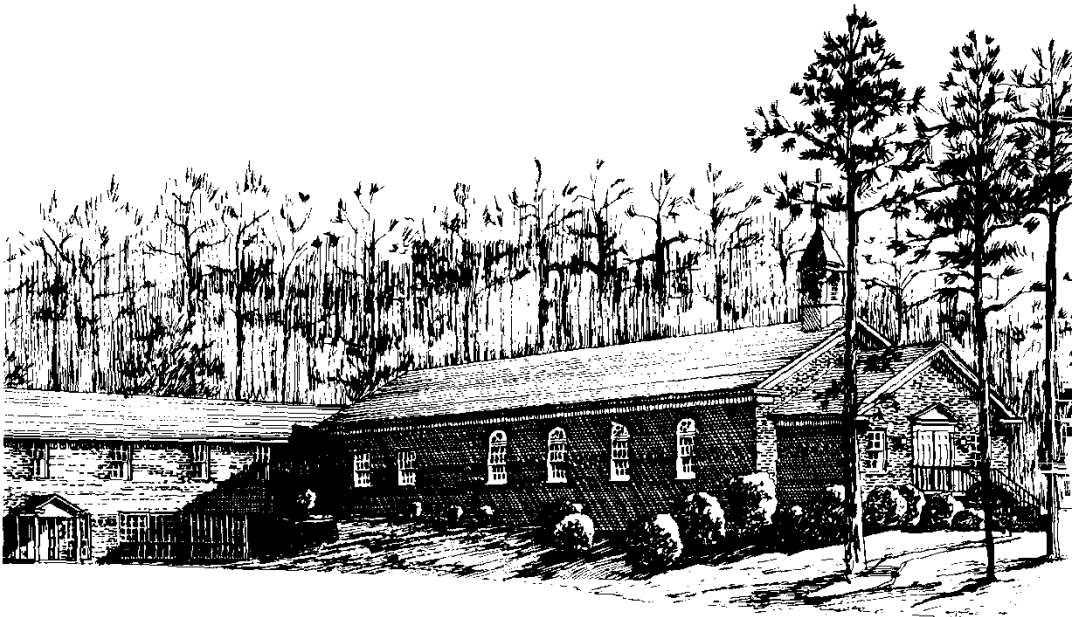


# GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Christians Who Love and Care.

*“Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; deliver us,  
and forgive our sins, for your name’s sake.”*

*Psalm 79:9*

September 15, 2013

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 15, 2013 - 11:00 am

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgical Color: **Green**

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

PCUSA: Theological Education/Seminary

***“Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; deliver us,  
and forgive our sins, for your name’s sake.”***

***Psalm 79:9***

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**

Jerry Bond

**PASSING OF PEACE/SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS**

Rev. Jason Cashing

### **Call to Worship**

One: Let us bow before our Creator,

**All: Whose Spirit moves over desert and sea,**

One: Whose Word has the power to create, to judge, and to save.

**All: Come, let us worship God.**

\*Opening Hymn

“Let the Whole Creation Cry”

#6

### **Prayer of Confession (in unison)**

*Creator of the universe, we imagine that we are in familiar territory, that we know what to expect of this hour, that we will leave much the way that we came. Do not abandon us to our foolishness. In judgment, illumine our darkness. In mercy, bear us home – until we recognize your presence wherever evil is confronted, truth is spoken, and life restored. In the name of Christ our Savior, we pray. Amen.*

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Read aloud areas “**in unison**” or in **bold type**.

\* Congregation, please stand, if able.

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

Pat Hunter

(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.)

Choral Anthem

Bible Readings:	First Reading: Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28	Pg. 613
	Second Reading: Luke 15: 1-10	Pg. 850

Sermon	"Standing on the Brink"	Rev. Jason Cashing
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*Reflective Hymn	"Christ Be My Leader"	#453
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## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### **\*We Affirm Our Faith (in unison)**

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humanity. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for people when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all people, moves them to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ. The new life takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no person has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace. Amen.

*[from The Confession of 1967]*

### **Prayers of the People (in unison)**

*God of grace, hear our prayers for your church, you world, and all those whom we love. We pray for all who face disaster: deliver them from evil by your mighty hand. We pray for all who are lost or lonely: seek them out and bring them home to safety. We pray for those who suffer persecution and violence: help them and heal them. We pray for those who are poor and hungry: provide for them by your generous Spirit. We pray for those who cannot believe: be their refuge and show them your peace. Hear our prayers, Merciful Lord, and join us as we pray in the way we have been taught, "Our Father, who art in heaven..." Amen.*

\*Departing Hymn      "Faith of Our Fathers"      #530

### 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.

**TODAY BEGINS GREGORY’S LUNCHEON & EDUCATION SERIES!** Join us after today’s worship as GMPC begins its Third Sunday luncheon and education series, hosted by the Christian Education Committee in the Fellowship Hall.

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## 2013 STEWARDSHIP TO DATE

<u>The Facts:</u>		<u>The Figures:</u>	
Annual budget expense	\$142,151	Offering 09/01	\$3,217.78
Pledged & projected income	\$127,785	Offering 09/08	\$1,858.00
Monthly budget needs	\$ 11,846	Offering 09/15	\$
Weekly budget needs	\$ 2,733	Offering 09/22	\$
		Offering 09/29	\$

### ATTENDANCE: September 08, 2013

Worship: 58      Sunday School:      39

### THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY: September 15-28, 2013

	<b>September 15-21</b>	<b>September 22- 28</b>
Today	<b>9:45 am</b> Sunday School      15 <b>11:00 am</b> Worship <i>Third Sunday Luncheon and education series in Fellowship Hall after worship</i>	<b>9:45 am</b> Sunday School      22 <b>11:00 am</b> Worship <i>5 cents a Meal Offering</i>
Monday	<b>9:00-9:30 am</b> Line Dancing      16 <b>10:00 am</b> Churches Outreach/PG Foodbank Qtr. meeting @ GMPC	<b>9:30 am</b> Line Dancing      23 <b>1:00 pm</b> PG TRIAD @ PG Library <b>7:00 pm</b> Christian Ed
Tuesday	<b>7:00 pm</b> Session meeting      17	24
Wednesday	<b>7:00 pm</b> Choir      18	<b>6:00 pm</b> Troop 900 Court of Honor      25 & Dinner @ Fellowship Hall <b>7:00 pm</b> Choir
Thursday	<b>9:00 am</b> News articles due      19 <b>2-8:00 pm</b> Cleaning	<b>2:00 pm</b> Newsletter out      26 <b>2-8:00 pm</b> Cleaning
Friday	20	27
Saturday	21	28

**SEPTEMBER GATEKEEPER:**



Donald Hunter

**SUNDAY SERVANTS**

Sunday Servants	September 15, 2013	September 22, 2013
USHERS & ACOLYTES (A)	Robert Hartsell Dianne Overstreet Wayne Powers Les Mayhew Chayse Hartsell (A) Kaitlyn Hartsell (A)	Keith Spain Ruby Spain Jacob Spain Herb Schroeter Jared Smyth (A) Austin Smyth (A)
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Jerry Bond	Mary Kay Schroeter
JUNIOR SERMON	Pat Hunter	Valerie Harsh
JUNIOR CHURCH	Rose Scott Madison Foster	Susan Walker Jamie Meurer
NURSERY	Jennifer Smyth	Glenda Mayhew
COUNTING	David Johnson Glenda Mayhew	Sandy Hunter Ron Recher

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

All who have lost loved ones due to acts of violence Persons recovering from natural disasters Ed Smiley (Doug Holc's friend) Theresa Faries & family Katherine Tompkins Marian McDonald Gladys Wiseman Audrey Turner Kenneth Figg Ruth Figg Grace Cibula Henry Parker Pete Lucy, Sr. June Hawks Aida Faries Clara Smith Tara Foster Pat Hunter Don Vtipil 2013/14 School Year	Lyn Bond (Jerry/Brenda Bond's grandson) Lawrence Hartsell (Robert Hartsell's brother) James Hartsell (Robert Hartsell's brother) Aubrey Kerley (Grace & Helen Cibula's brother-in-law) - hospitalized, John Randolph Hospital Maryland Blanchard (Grace & Helen Cibula's friend) Amy Townson (Josh Ingram's sister) recovering from surgery and the Townson and Ingram families Virginia Mika (Grace & Helen Cibula's sister) Frankie Meade (Glenda Mayhew's mother) Mary Chadwick (Dink Armstrong's sister) Russell Houston (Sheila Fields's brother) Pam Harsh, Bradley Cooper, Jacob Spain - first-year college students <b>Our Thanks:</b> Amy Ellis-Bowman - recuperating at home Helen Cibula - home & continuing knee rehab. Tommy Forehand (friend of Bishops) - recovering, home Victor Tomko (Doug Holc's cousin) - in-home rehab, therapy Frank Solesbee - recuperating, home Sentral Riggins Gravley, friend of the Bishops - now recuperating at her home Kellan Daniel Schmidt (Susan Walker's employee's child) - improving
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**GMPC SESSION**

**Class of 2013**

Pamela Harsh  
Evelyn Lichvar  
H. F. Scott, Jr.

**Class of 2014**

Mary Holc  
Valerie Harsh

**Class of 2015**

Rose Scott  
Glenda Mayhew  
Mary Kay Schroeter

**Clerk of Session**

David Johnson

**GMPC TRUSTEES**

**Class of 2013**

Dennis Allen

**Class of 2014**

Ron Recher

**Class of 2015**

Donald Hunter

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