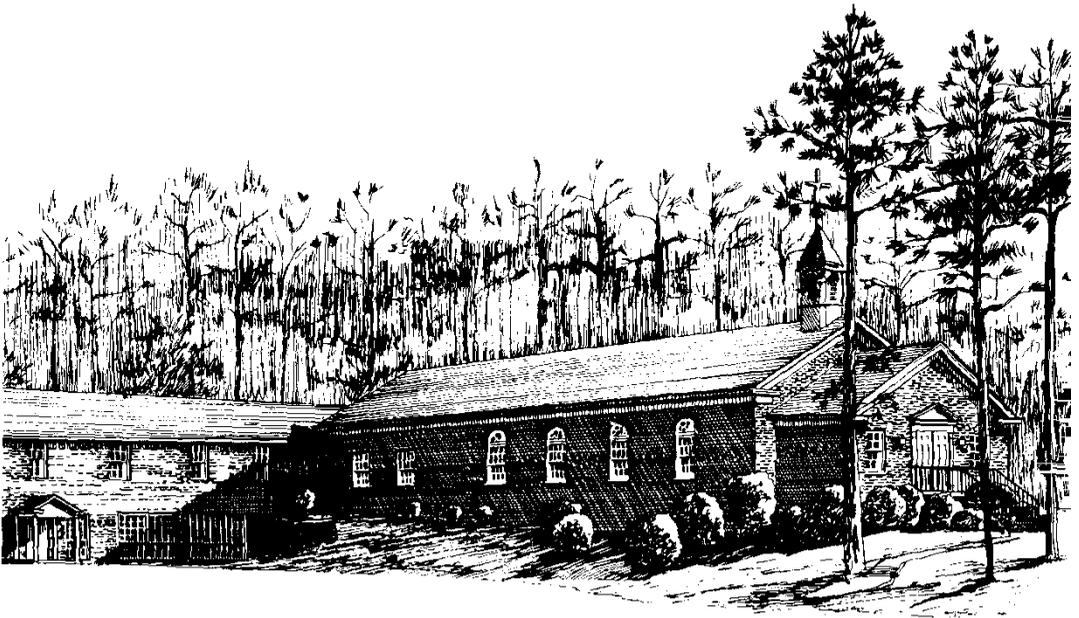


# GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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 22, 2013

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 22, 2013 - 11:00 am

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

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

Liturgical Color: **Green**

PCUSA Emphasis: Native American Day

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*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

Mary Kay Schroeter

PASSING OF PEACE/SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

Rev. Jason Cashing

### Call to Worship

One: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**All: The One who made heaven and earth.**

One: Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name;

**All: Deliver us, and forgive our sins, for your name’s sake.**

\*Opening Hymn

“God, You Spin the Whirling Planets”

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### Prayer of Confession (in unison)

*Gracious God, you know our sin: We have squandered the gifts you have given us. We have failed to forgive our debtors as you have forgiven us. We have been unfaithful and dishonest in small things and great things alike. We are shrewd in seeking wealth and foolish in following your way. Forgive our sins, O Lord, for your name’s sake. Make us faithful stewards of the grace you have given and generous in forgiving others, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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Please read aloud areas indicated as **“in unison”** or appearing 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

Valerie Harsh

(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 8:18-9:1 Pg. 619

Second Reading: Luke 16:1-13 Pg. 851

Sermon "Baby Steps" Rev. Jason Cashing

\*Reflective Hymn "Christ Beside Me" #425

## 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)**

*You are one, O God, and you have given us one mediator: Christ Jesus our Lord; it is in his name that we offer our prayers of thanksgiving, intercession, and supplication. For the poor and needy in our land, and in every land, those who are trampled on by the rich, bought and sold for profit...For families torn apart by violence, lands laid waste by destruction, and cities ruined by war... For all who are beset by illness or grief, whose hearts are sick, whose joy is gone...We pray these things through Christ, who taught us to pray together, "Our Father, who art in heaven..." Amen.*

\*Departing Hymn      "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"      #581

### 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.

There being no *quorum* at the Stated Session meeting of September 17, 2013, a make-up Session meeting has been called for **Sunday, September 22, 2013 immediately following worship** to consider the September 17 meeting Agenda in the Fellowship Hall.

**FALL WORK DAY** - GMPC’s Fall Work Day is scheduled for this Saturday, Sept. 28. The Work Day will begin at 8:00 a.m. with breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. [Rain date: Saturday, October 5]

**CONGREGATIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING** - A meeting of the Congregational Nominating Committee will be held on Tuesday, September 24, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the GMPC Fellowship Hall.

**SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER CHANGE** - Please note the following correction:  
“Those Who Serve - Junior Sermon”: Sept. 29 - Susan Walker (*not Patsy Johnson*)

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*Scripture quotes from The Holy Bible, New Revised Standard Version Bible, Copyright © 1989 by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America, published by Zondervan, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49530, U.S.A]*

## **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	\$3,057.10
Weekly budget needs	\$ 2,733	Offering 09/22	\$
		Offering 09/29	\$

### **ATTENDANCE: September 15, 2013**

Worship: 52	Sunday School: 18
	Spiritual Enrichment 5
	Fellowship 8
	Jr. - Sr. High 0
	Children 5

### **THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY: September 22-October 05, 2013**

	<b>September 22-28</b>	<b>September 29- October 05</b>
Today	<b>9:45 am</b> Sunday School 22 <b>11:00 am</b> Worship <i>5 cents a Meal Offering</i>	<b>9:45 am</b> Sunday School 29 <b>11:00 am</b> Worship <i>Local Emergency Aid Offering</i>
Monday	<b>9:30 am</b> Line Dancing 23 <b>1:00 pm</b> PG TRIAD @ PG Library <b>7:00 pm</b> Christian Ed	<b>9:30 am</b> Line Dancing 30
Tuesday	<b>7:00 pm</b> CNC 24	<b>12:30 pm</b> Day Circle Oct. 01 <b>6:00 pm</b> Congregational Care <b>7:00 pm</b> Facilities <b>7:00 pm</b> Worship
Wednesday	<b>6:00 pm</b> Troop 900 Court of Honor 25 & Dinner @ Fellowship Hall <b>7:00 pm</b> Choir	<b>7:00 pm</b> Choir 02
Thursday	<b>2:00 pm</b> Newsletter out 26 <b>2-8:00 pm</b> Cleaning	<b>2-8:00 pm</b> Cleaning 03
Friday	27	04
Saturday	<b>8:00 am</b> Fall Work Day 28 & Breakfast	Rain date for Fall Work Day 05 [8:00 am Breakfast]

**SEPTEMBER GATEKEEPER:**



Donald Hunter

**SUNDAY SERVANTS**

Sunday Servants	September 22, 2013	September 29, 2013
USHERS & ACOLYTES (A)	Keith Spain Ruby Spain Jacob Spain Herb Schroeter Jared Smyth (A) Austin Smyth (A)	Bobby Allen Donna Allen Velma Allen Jerry Bond Breeana Hunter (A) Jamie Meurer (A)
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Mary Kay Schroeter	Rose Scott
JUNIOR SERMON	Valerie Harsh	Susan Walker
JUNIOR CHURCH	Susan Walker Jamie Meurer	Jessica Mauger Kevin Foster
NURSERY	Glenda Mayhew	Ann Hartsell
COUNTING	Sandy Hunter Ron Recher	Morgan Ingram Donald Hunter

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

All who have lost loved ones due to acts of violence Persons recovering from natural disasters Lawrence & James Hartsell (Robert Hartsell's brothers) 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) Family & friends of Aubrey Kerley (d. 09/12), Grace & Helen Cibula's brother-in-law Family & friends of the late Lucas Youngblood (2013 Workcamp participant from Pennsylvania) Maryland Blanchard (Grace & Helen Cibula's friend) Amy Townson (Josh Ingram's sister) recovering from surgery; also the Townson and Ingram families Miranda Matthews, recently hospitalized grandmother of Jamie Meurer's friend Virginia Mika (Grace & Helen Cibula's sister) Frankie Meade - nearing completion of treatment, and for daughter, Glenda Mayhew 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, home Helen Cibula - continuing knee rehab, home Tommy Forehand (friend of Bishops) - recovering, home Victor Tomko (Doug Holc's cousin) - in-home rehab, therapy Frank Solesbee - recuperating, home Sentral Riggins Gravley (Bishops' friend) - recuperating, home
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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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