

How's
Your
Serve?



*Gregory Memorial
Presbyterian Church*

*P.O. Box 182 – 6300 Courthouse Road
Prince George, VA 23875*

Service of Worship

Sunday, April 29, 2011 11:00 am

Be still and know that I am God. (Psalm 46:10)

Let us prepare our hearts in silence



You are to follow only God, your God, hold him in deep reverence, keep his commandments, listen obediently to what he says, serve him—hold on to him for dear life! Deuteronomy 13:4

GOD GATHERS THE PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Sandra Perkins & Gail Rollings

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Kay Schroeter

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Mark Sprowl

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The God of New Beginnings has called us to this place.

**People: We come celebrating the new life that is ours
as God's faithful people.**

Leader: Let your joy ring through the universe,
and let your vision see to the depths of every soul.

**People: We will be shouters of joy and seekers of God's light
wherever we go! Praise God for this day!**

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*HYMN #87

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

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

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord Jesus,
to believe... to trust... to worship... to study... to pray...
these are things we gladly do in your name,
managing to live out our faith without breaking a sweat!**

**But we must admit that...
to follow you... to serve you and others...
to sacrifice... to carry a cross... to love the world as you did and do...
actions that make our private faith "public"
don't come as easily.**

**Forgive us... our reticence and restraint,
our fears and our uncertainties,
and help us to become your holy game-changers,
as we help to bring your Kingdom vision into focus
for world that's often too near-sighted...**

(An opportunity for personal confession in silence.)

PROMISE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS (1 John 1:8-9)

Leader: ...Amen. Our God is faithful and reliable. If we say, "We never fall short of what God expects of us!" we only deceive ourselves,

People: **But if we admit our shortcomings and confess our sins,
God forgives us and makes us new.**

Leader: Friends, know that in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

People: **Alleluia! Amen.**

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (#734 *Gloria Patri*)

**Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES, GIFTS AND SELVES TO GOD

OFFERTORY

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (#34 *Doxology*)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

WE ENCOUNTER GOD’S WORD

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Pat Hunter

CHOIR ANTHEM

On a Green Hill Far Away

Adult Choir

(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.)

BIBLE READINGS

Joshua 24:14-15

A Choice for God’s People

Matthew 20:24-28

Jesus’ Surprise!

Matthew 6:24

Another Choice for God’s People

SERMON

How’s Your Serve?

Rev. Mark Sprowl

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

*HYMN #344

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

*WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH (from *A Declaration of Faith*, PCUS, 1976)

We believe...

We are in the world, but not of the world.

Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world, but in the coming and hidden presence of God's kingdom.

Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom:

to serve as he has served us;

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**To take up our cross,
risking the consequences of faithful discipleship;
to walk by faith, not by sight,
even as we hope for what we have not seen. Amen.**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF NEW ELDERS

Joan Mann – Jennifer Smyth

INTRODUCTION

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO NEW ELDERS

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTION TO CONGREGATION

Donald Hunter

*Do we as members of Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church accept
Joan and Jennifer as elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation, to lead us in the way
of Jesus Christ?*

Congregation: **We do!**

*Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus
Christ, who alone is head of the church?*

Congregation: **We do!**

"LAYING ON OF HANDS" AND PRAYER FOR NEW ELDERS

*HYMN #581 *Called as Partners in Christ's Service* (Verses 1 & 2)

*CHARGE & BLESSING

*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.

SERVICE OF ORDINATION & INSTALLATION – Today we ordain and install to the office of ruling elder on our Session, Joan Mann and Jennifer Smyth, who have been elected by the congregation. All elders and ministers of any church are welcome to come forward for the “laying on of hands.”

EMERGENCY AID OFFERING – Today we receive this quarterly offering that assists area residents with utility bills and rent. On your check or envelope, please note “CCHASM,” the organization which identifies needy individuals and distributes the offering on behalf of the church.

FAREWELL SUNDAY– Join us next Sunday, May 6, as we say, “Good-bye” to Rev. Sprowl as he leaves to have foot surgery and be “off his feet” for a while. Please bring a dish for the potluck after the worship service.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP – Rising 1st thru 5th graders are invited to a week of fun, making new friends and learning about the love of Jesus, July 2-6, 9 am – 3 pm. Cost is only \$25 for five days. Registration forms are available at the church office or on-line at camphanover.org.

VISITOR INFORMATION – We have special informational packets for our visitors, both adults and children. Please ask an usher for assistance.

DAILY DEVOTIONALS – The popular devotional *These Days* is available free of charge near the front doors of the sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. Take one to a friend!

2012 Stewardship to Date

“The Facts”		“The Figures”	
Annual budget expense	\$137,754	Offering April 1	\$4860.52
Pledged & projected Income	\$133,804	Offering April 8	\$1788.85
Monthly budget needs	\$11,480	Offering April 15	\$2079.50
Weekly budget needs	\$2,650	Offering April 22	\$1994.35

Attendance April 22

Sunday School - 22, Worship – 63

This Week at Gregory April 29 - May 6

Today	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship Service CCHASM Offering
Monday	2:00 pm	Line Dancing
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Congregational Care
	7:00 pm	Worship, Facilities
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Choir
Thursday	6:00 pm	Stewardship & Finance
Saturday	9:00 am	Missions <i>Shelter Training</i>
Sunday	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship Service Communion Potluck

Sunday Servants

Today

May 6

USHERS	Sheila Fields Janet Swinton Rose Scott Wayne Powers	Valerie Harsh Pamela Harsh Jerry Bond Debbie Smith
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Mary Kay Schroeter	Rose Scott
NURSERY	Glenda Mayhew	Debra Bailey
JUNIOR SERMON	Pat Hunter	Mary Kay Schroeter
JUNIOR CHURCH	Jennifer Smyth Jared Smyth	Kris Holliday Max Holliday
COUNTING	Morgan Ingram Sandy Hunter	David Johnson Evelyn Lichvar

Prayer Concerns

Ruby Hasky	Ed Smiley (<i>Friend of Doug Holc</i>)
Christine Belsches	Katherine Tompkins
Aida Faries	Mary Chadwick (<i>Dink Armstrong's Sister</i>)
June Hawks	Virginia Mika (<i>sister of Grace and Helen Cibula</i>)
Marian McDonald	Matt Mauger
Helen Cibula	Amy Harte (<i>David Johnson's cousin</i>)
Harry Johns	Gladys Wiseman
Barbara Hatch	



We Welcome All Who Worship with Us this Morning!

If you are not active in a church home in this community, we invite you to consider joining our fellowship and sharing in this ministry of Christ here.

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.

SESSION COMMITTEE MODERATORS

<i>Christian Education</i>	Valerie Harsh	452-2548
<i>Congregational Care</i>	Evelyn Lichvar	861-6417
<i>Facilities</i>	Bobby Allen	691-3337
<i>Missions</i>	Dianne Overstreet	862-4674
<i>Outreach</i>	Donald Hunter	733-8414
<i>Personnel</i>	Dianne Overstreet	862-4674
<i>Stewardship & Finance</i>	Morgan Ingram	691-1032
<i>Worship</i>	Mary Holc	541-2565

PRIMARY CHURCH CONTACTS

Church Phone: 804-732-1081 **Website:** www.gregorymemorial.org

Church Office Hours: Wednesday through Friday, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.

Interim Pastor: Rev. Mark Sprowl, mobile 804-512-9197, mesjlh@aol.com

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Organist: Sandra Perkins, **Accompanist:** Gail Rollings

Clerk of Session: David Johnson

Treasurer: Kevin Foster, kevin.foster@bsvnet.com, phone 804-732-1096

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