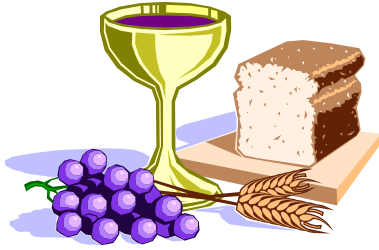


Potlucks & Soul Food



Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church

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



Service of Worship

Sunday, January 15, 2012 11:00 am

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

*Let us prepare our hearts in silence
to meet God's Spirit in worship!*

In this meal [the Lord's Supper] the Church celebrates the joyful feast of the people of God, and anticipates the great banquet and marriage supper of the Lamb [Jesus Christ].

Brought by the Holy Spirit into Christ's presence, the Church eagerly expects and prays for the day when Christ shall come in glory and God be all in all.

Nourished by this hope, the Church rises from the Table and is sent by the power of the Holy Spirit to participate in God's mission to the world, to proclaim the gospel, to exercise compassion, to work for justice and peace until Christ's Kingdom shall come at last.

- Presbyterian Book of Order W-2.4007

GOD GATHERS THE PEOPLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The cup and loaf...

People: Signs of forgiveness and new beginnings.

Leader: A wooden cross now empty...

People: A symbol of love that knows no limit.

Leader: People in need gathered together...

**People: A diverse community bound by a common love.
Let us worship the God who calls us out
of our pain and emptiness
into the fullness of new life in Jesus Christ!**

*HYMN #82

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven (Verses 1-2)

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Lord, forgive us
that our actions do not always reflect the intentions of our hearts --
for touched by the needs of the poor,
we still stubbornly hang onto our own possessions.**

**Moved by how, in Jesus, you have forgiven us our sins,
we are yet slow to show mercy toward those who've wronged us.
Deeply aware of the need for lasting peace in our troubled world,
we find we're reluctant to intervene as your peacemakers
even in the small conflicts about us.**

**God of love and justice,
strengthen our resolve not only to *listen* to your Word
but to *live it out* -- within our schools, our places of business
our church and our homes...**

[Opportunity for private confession in silence]

PROMISE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS (Psalm 103:11-12)

Leader: ...Amen. As far as the East is from the West,
as far as the sky is from the deep of the ocean,
our Loving God, in Jesus Christ, has put away our sin.
The past has no claim upon us. With God, the future is open.
Friends, believe the Good News of new life in Jesus Christ!

**People: We both believe it and will live as if we believe it!
Praise God!**

*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.**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

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.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Valerie Harsh

CHOIR ANTHEM

"IN REMEMBRANCE"

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 READING 1

John 17:1-12a

Jesus Prays for Us



John 17:1-12a

¹Jesus said these things. Then, raising his eyes in prayer, he said: Father, it's time. Display the bright splendor of your Son so the Son in turn may show your bright splendor. ²You put him in charge of everything human So he might give real and eternal life to all in his charge. ³And this is the real and eternal life: That they know you, The one and only true God, And Jesus Christ, whom you sent.

⁴I glorified you on earth By completing down to the last detail What you assigned me to do. ⁵And now, Father, glorify me with your very own splendor, The very splendor I had in your presence Before there was a world.

⁶I spelled out your character in detail To the men and women you gave me. They were yours in the first place; Then you gave them to me, And they have now done what you said. ⁷They know now, beyond the shadow of a doubt, That everything you gave me is firsthand from you, ⁸For the message you gave me, I gave them; And they took it, and were convinced That I came from you. They believed that you sent me.

⁹I pray for them. I'm not praying for the God-rejecting world But for those you gave me, For they are yours by right. ¹⁰Everything mine is yours, and yours mine,

And my life is on display in them. ¹¹For I'm no longer going to be visible in the world; They'll continue in the world While I return to you. Holy Father, guard them as they pursue this life That you conferred as a gift through me, So they can be one heart and mind ¹²As we are one heart and mind.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (*Open My Eyes That I May See* #480)

**Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth you have for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key
That shall unlock and set me free.
Silently now on bended knee, ready I wait, your will to see;
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

BIBLE READING 2

John 17:12b-22

Jesus Prays for Us

John 17:12b-22

As long as I was with them, I guarded them In the pursuit of the life you gave through me; I even posted a night watch. And not one of them got away, Except for the rebel bent on destruction (the exception that proved the rule of Scripture). ¹³Now I'm returning to you. I'm saying these things in the world's hearing So my people can experience My joy completed in them.

¹⁴I gave them your word; The godless world hated them because of it, Because they didn't join the world's ways, ¹⁵Just as I didn't join the world's ways. I'm not asking that you take them out of the world But that you guard them from the Evil One. ¹⁶They are no more defined by the world Than I am defined by the world.

¹⁷Make them holy—consecrated—with the truth; Your word is consecrating truth. ¹⁸In the same way that you gave me a mission in the world, I give them a mission in the world. ¹⁹I'm consecrating myself for their sakes So they'll be truth-consecrated in their mission. ²⁰I'm praying not only for them But also for those who will believe in me Because of them and their witness about me.

²¹The goal is for all of them to become one heart and mind— Just as you, Father, are in me and I in you, So they might be one heart and mind with us. Then the world might believe that you, in fact, sent me. ²²The same glory you gave me, I gave them, So they'll be as unified and together as we are—

MESSAGE

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Rev. Mark Sprowl

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN #706

I Come with Joy (Verses 1-3)

**WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH (The Apostles' Creed)*

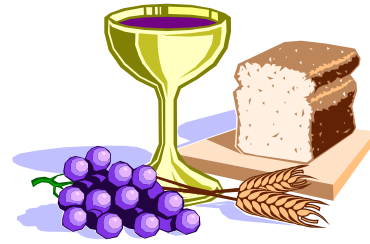
**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
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.**

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GIVING THANKS TO GOD - OUR CREATOR,
REDEEMER & SUSTAINER



Leader: Gracious God, our Creator, we give you thanks...

**All: For the wonder and goodness of Creation,
for so bountifully providing for our needs,
for staying with us though we turn away from you,
and, in your abounding mercy,
for seeking to restore us in our brokenness
to your wonderful image.**

Leader: Loving Jesus, our Redeemer, we give you thanks...

**All: For your servant's life of preaching, teaching and healing
and for your atoning sacrifice on the Cross
which has both restored our relationship with our Creator
and broken the power of sin to control our lives.**

Leader: Holy Spirit, who sustains us moment by moment,
we give you thanks...

**All: For your transforming presence
which creates unity from our diversity
and makes us one with the living God
we worship in Jesus Christ.
Prepare us to be faithful disciples,
modeling Jesus' love, humility, obedience
and concern for justice for a world in need.**

Leader: O Lord, as the Body of Christ, bearers of Good News and God's
ambassadors of reconciliation, we now lift up to you the
thanksgivings and concerns we've shared today and these
personal requests for your merciful and powerful intervention [*each
prays in silence*]... and now we pray the prayer which Jesus taught,
saying...

**All: 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.**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (#706, *I Come with Joy*, verses 4-5)

**The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near,
Is in such friendship better known, alive among us here,
Alive among us here.
Together met, together bound by all that God has done,
We'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one,
The love that makes us one.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE *The Bread of Life... the Cup of Salvation*

*[Please hold the bread and juice as you
receive them that we may take them together.]*

PRAYER OF SENDING

Leader: Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people
in heaven and on earth.

**People: You have fed us with the bread of life,
and renewed us for your service.**

Leader: Help us who have shared Christ's
body and received his cup, to
be his faithful disciples,

**People: So that our daily living may be
part of the life of your kingdom,**

Leader: And our love be your love reaching
out into the life of the world,

People: Through Jesus Christ our Lord, amen.



*HYMN #106 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* (Verses 1 & 4)

*CHARGE & BLESSING (Romans 15:13)

Leader: May the God of peace, justice and love fill you with courage.
Go out from here to serve in joy.

People: We will... with God's help! Amen.

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

This Week at Gregory January 15 - 22

Today	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship Service Communion Minute for Missions
Monday	Noon	Widows Group
	2:00 pm	Line Dancing
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Session Meeting
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Choir
Sunday	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship Service 5-Cents-A-Meal

Sunday Servants

Today

January 22

USHERS	Keith Spain Ruby Spain Jacob Spain Herb Schroeter	Bobby Allen Donna Allen Velma Allen Brenda Bond
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Mary Kay Schroeter	Rose Scott
NURSERY	Debra Bailey	Ruby Spain
JUNIOR SERMON	Valerie Harsh	Susan Walker
JUNIOR CHURCH	Mary Kay Schroeter Madison Foster	Virginia Maloney Jared Smyth
COUNTING	David Johnson Ron Recher	Verne Smith Glenda Mayhew

Prayer Concerns

Don Vtipil	Ruby Hasky
Christine Belsches	Katherine Tompkins
Aida Faries	Tammy Pelter <i>(Gladys Vtipil's niece)</i>
June Hawks	Mary Chadwick <i>(Dink Armstrong's sister)</i>
Marian McDonald	Virginia Mika <i>(sister of Grace and Helen Cibula)</i>
Peggy Surfield	Matt Mauger
Helen Cibula	Amy Harte <i>(David Johnson's cousin)</i>
Harry Johns	Family of Dick Mann
	Family of Gladys Vtipil



- 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. Both visitors and “regulars” may use the cards to let us know of prayer requests or special needs.

FLOWERS for today’s service are given to the glory of God by Marquita Simpson in honor of her mother, Ruth McKillop.

ANNUAL MEETING AND POTLUCK LUNCHEON - We invite you to attend this Annual Meeting of our congregation on Sunday, January 22 after worship. At the meeting, we will elect three new members to the Congregational Nominating Committee (“CNC”) and hear reports from Session committees, the Pastor Nominating Committee, other church groups and a summary of the church’s financial position. Although only members may vote for CNC representatives, all are invited to attend the meeting and potluck. *Please be thinking about whether you would be willing to serve on the CNC or know of another who would be interested.*

SPECIAL THANKS – To the Congregational Care Committee and their helpers, our music ministry, child caregivers and others for their wonderful response in offering hospitality to the Mann and Vtipil families during their recent losses.

BOY SCOUT SPAGHETTI DINNER - Boy Scout Troup 900 invites you to attend a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, January 28th 6:00 - 8:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Tickets are \$7.00 and proceeds offset costs for boys to attend summer camp and the national convention. For tickets, see Kevin Foster II.

NEW CHURCH OFFICE HOURS – Julie Jacobs, our church secretary, is on maternity leave until sometime in February. To help us out during Julie’s absence, Carolyn Gentry will be working Wednesday through Friday, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.

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

DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS – Free copies of the popular guide, *These Days*, January - March, are available in the sanctuary lobby.

Sunday, January 8 Attendance & Offering

Worship: 74 Offering: \$3,740.81

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

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<i>Congregational Care</i>	Rev. Sprowl	732-1081
<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

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