



*Peace Like  
a River...*

*Joy Like a  
Fountain...*



## **Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church**

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



## Service of Worship

Sunday, January 22, 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!*

"Where Jesus is... there is joy, there is peace, there is love. And that is why he made himself the Bread of Life to be our life of love and joy. No one else can give what he gives and he is there all the time. We have only to realize that." -  
*Words to Love By, Mother Teresa*

## GOD GATHERS THE PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Gail Rollings & Sandra Perkins

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rose Scott

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Mark Sprowl

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The weary and troubled will discover here a place to rest.

**People: Those who feel they've somehow "fallen short"  
will find a sanctuary.**

Leader: To the ones still seeking answers to life's questions,  
we say, "Welcome!"

**People: If your journey is better described by "still becoming"  
than "having arrived," find a seat with us.**

Leader: For this community of faith represents  
God's unfinished business,

**People: Yet we have reason to hope and give praise,  
for in our Lord Jesus Christ we find a home, healing  
and wholeness.**

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

\*HYMN #87

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing (Verses 1 & 2)*

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God of good and wondrous gifts,  
we admit the words, “thank you,”  
don’t grace our lips as often as they ought.  
Mindful of the troubles of the moment,  
we sense we often miss out on seeing  
the wonder of your holy hands working miracles in our midst.  
Forgive us, O Lord, for those times  
when we worry too much and give too little,  
when we complain about how things could be better,  
forgetting to humbly acknowledge  
that they could also be much worse.  
Loving God, give us thankful hearts  
that ever thrive on the joy of living, the gift of one another,  
and the eternal hope which is ours in Jesus Christ...**

(An opportunity for personal confession in silence.)

PROMISE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

**Leader:** ....Amen. Who is in a position to condemn us? Only Christ, the one who died for us, who rose for us, who reigns in power for us and even now prays for us.

**People:** **If we are in Christ, we become a different person altogether. The past is finished and gone;  
everything has become fresh and new.**

**Leader:** Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

**People:** **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! 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.**

## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Robert & Ann Hartsell – *Reaffirmation of Faith*

### QUESTIONS TO NEW MEMBERS

#### QUESTION TO CONGREGATION

Clerk of Session David Johnson

*Do we, the members of Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church, welcome these new members to our faith community and promise, by our fellowship, to help them to grow in their faith, to support them in time of need and to be a caring family where they may richly experience the love of God in Jesus Christ? [We do!]*

#### CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Hymn #393)

**Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like that to that above.**

## 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

Susan Walker

### CHOIR ANTHEM

*Seek the Lord*

Adult Choir

*(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.)*

### BIBLE READING

John 14:27, 15:11, Philippians 4:4-9

*Peace & Joy*

### MESSAGE

*Joy Like a River... Peace Like a Fountain* Rev. Mark Sprowl

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\*HYMN

*I've Got Peace Like a River*

**I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river in my soul. [Repeat these two lines]**

**I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain,  
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul. [Repeat these two lines]**

**I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean,  
I've got love like an ocean in my soul. [Repeat these two lines]**

\*WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH (*The Larger Westminster Catechism*, 1649, Question 1)

What is the chief and highest end of humans<sup>1</sup>?

**Our<sup>1</sup> chief and highest end is to glorify God and full enjoy him forever.**

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.**

\*HYMN #428

*When Peace Like a River* (Verses 1 & 4)

\*BLESSING (Romans 15:13)

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit!*

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

<sup>1</sup>"Man" and "Man's" in original

## **- 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.*

**ANNUAL MEETING AND POTLUCK LUNCHEON** - We invite you to attend this Annual Meeting of our congregation today immediately following 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. You are also invited to join us for a potluck luncheon even if you did not bring a dish.

**BOY SCOUT SPAGHETTI DINNER** - Boy Scout Troup 900 invites you to attend a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup> 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 February 7. Carolyn Gentry will be helping us out during Julie’s absence, 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 15 Attendance & Offering**

Worship: 70    Offering: \$2,380.00

## This Week at Gregory January 22 - 29

Today	9:45 am Sunday School
	11:00 am Worship Service
	5-Cents-A-Meal
	12:15 pm Cong. Mtg. & Lunch
Monday	2:00 pm Line Dancing
Wednesday	Newsletter Articles Due
	7:00 pm Choir
Sunday	9:45 am Sunday School
	11:00 am Worship Service
	Emergency Aid Offering

### Sunday Servants

### Today

### January 29

USHERS	Bobby Allen Donna Allen Velma Allen Brenda Bond	Gladys Wiseman Verne Smith Debra Bailey Rose Scott
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Rose Scott	Jerry Bond
NURSERY	Ruby Spain	Robbi Foster
JUNIOR SERMON	Susan Walker	Pat Hunter
JUNIOR CHURCH	Virginia Maloney Jared Smyth	Mary Beth Coleman Kevin Foster
COUNTING	Verne Smith Glenda Mayhew	Sandy Hunter Evelyn Lichvar

## Prayer Concerns

Dick Mann	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
Gloria Singletary	Family of Gladys Vtipil
	Family of Roy Haddock ( <i>Brenda Bonds bro-in-law</i> )





# ***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 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.

## **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 &amp; Finance</i>	Morgan Ingram	691-1032
<i>Worship</i>	Mary Holc	541-2565

## **PRIMARY CHURCH CONTACTS**

**Church Phone:** 804-732-1081 **Website:** <http://www.gregorymemorial.org>

**Church Office Hours:** Tuesday through Friday, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.

**Interim Pastor:** Mark Sprowl, cell 804-512-9197, mesjlh@aol.com

(Substitute) **Secretary:** Carolyn Gentry [gregorymemorialoffice@verizon.net](mailto:gregorymemorialoffice@verizon.net)

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

**Clerk of Session:** David Johnson

**Treasurer:** Kevin Foster, [kevin.foster@bsvnet.com](mailto:kevin.foster@bsvnet.com), phone 804-732-1096

**Financial Secretary:** Sandy Hunter