



This is my son, the Beloved... Listen to him!

Matthew 17:5b

Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church

P.O. Box 182 — 6300 Courthouse Road

Prince George, VA 23875



The Transfiguration

Sunday, February 19, 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!*

The mountain top experience is not a private spiritual high for the privileged few, but a converting experience also for those on the plains who believe in His power to transform, to breathe new life into what is dull and lifeless.

- Martin Heath

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 our joy ring through the universe,
our 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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The Pilgrim Press, 1985.

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

*HYMN #23 *All Creatures of Our God and King* (Verses 1, 4 & 5)

*WE CONFESS OUR SIN

**God of grace and truth
in Jesus Christ you came among us
as light shining in darkness.
We confess that we have not welcomed the light,
or trusted good news to be good.
We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst,
expecting little, and hoping for less.**

**Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope,
so that we may receive the fullness of your grace,
and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.**

[Opportunity for silent prayer.]

*PROMISE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Leader: ...Amen. Our hope lies in God's gracious love for each and every one of us. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Praise God!

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Hymn #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 MISSIONS

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

Lisa Hartsell

CHORAL ANTHEM

Knowing You (Hymn #357)

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

Matthew 17:1-8 (Pew Bible, p. 798)

Jesus Shines

SERMON

*A Disciple Sees the Light:
A View from the 1st Century*

Rev. Mark Sprowl

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN #319

Shine, Jesus, Shine (Verses 1 & 3)

*WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH

**I believe that Jesus was the light that cut through the darkness
at the Beginning of the world,
the one who brings God's light and life to all people.**

**I believe that he is the one the prophet Isaiah said
would bring light to the all nations,
and who, even now, invites people to step from lives of darkness
into his redeeming light.**

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**I believe that Jesus calls his disciples to live our lives
so that we may be cities shining on a hill,
lighthouses in the harbor warning others of danger,
headlights illuminating the road of life,
flashlights showing the path of faith...
as we love, as we care, as we trust, and as we hope! Amen.**

*HYMN #491

Open Our Eyes

*BLESSING (Ephesians 3:20-21)

Leader: Now to God who is able to do immeasurably more
than all we ask or imagine, according to the power of
God that is at work within us,

**People: To God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus
throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen.**

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

trans·fig·u·ra·tion

A marked change in form or appearance; a metamorphosis;
A change that glorifies or exalts.

- 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.

ASH WEDNESDAY - We observe the beginning of the Season of Lent with a worship service this Wednesday at 6:30 pm. The brief service will include an anthem from our choir as well as an opportunity for ashes to be imposed upon those who wish it as a sign of life's frailty and our dependence upon God.

IT TAKES A CONGREGATION... Gregory Church, of course, is much more than a building or an address on Courthouse Road: it's the diverse and gifted disciples who make up this branch of the Body of Christ. Each of us has interests, gifts, talents and experience that can be used to lift up Christ and nurture God's children. The Gregory Session invites you to let us know of your interests in this area by completing the Gifts & Talents Survey in today's bulletin. Please place it in the box near either exit as you leave, and an elder will contact you about how you can partner with us in this life-changing ministry!

SPAGHETTI DINNER - GMPC Youth Group Spaghetti Dinner will be held March 8, 2012 at 6:00 pm. Purchase your tickets from any member of the Youth Group.

THANK YOU! - Thank You to my friends at GMPC for such a warm "Welcome Back"! You're all wonderful people and I feel blessed knowing you! -Julie Jacobs, secretary

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

WORSHIP BOARDS - Children in worship are invited to pick up a "Worship Board" (in the right front pew) which contains biblical games and drawing activities. Please return the Board at the end of the service.

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

2012 Stewardship to Date

"The Facts"

Annual budget expense	\$137,754
Pledged & projected Income	\$133,804
Monthly budget needs	\$11,480
Weekly budget needs	\$2,650

"The Figures"

Offering February 5	\$2309.06
Offering February 12	\$2501.40

Attendance, February 12

Sunday School: 30 - Worship: 125

This Week at Gregory February 19 - 26

Today	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship Service - Minute for Missions
Monday	2:00 pm	Line Dancing
	6:00 pm	Women's Group
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Session Meeting
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Ash Wednesday Service
	7:30 pm	Choir
Sunday	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship Service -5-Cents-A-Meal

Sunday Servants

Today

February 26

USHERS	Wayne Powers Glenda Mayhew Marguerite Bishop Dianne Overstreet	Keith Spain Ruby Spain Jacob Spain Herb Schroeter
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Mary Kay Schroeter	Rose Scott
NURSERY	Ruby Spain	Robbi Foster
JUNIOR SERMON	Lisa Hartsell	Valerie Harsh
JUNIOR CHURCH	Kris Holliday Max Holliday	Susan Walker Jamie Meurer
COUNTING	Morgan Ingram Ron Recher	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	



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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PRIMARY CHURCH CONTACTS

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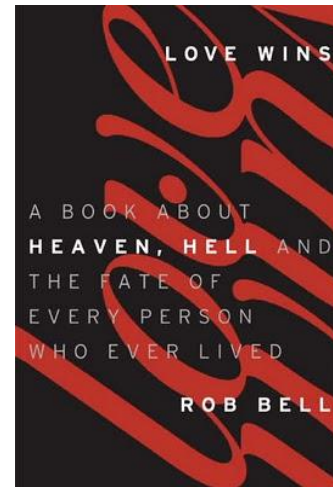
Clerk of Session: David Johnson

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Financial Secretary: Sandy Hunter

LOVE WINS... A Book about Heaven, Hell and the Fate of Every Person Who Ever Lived

FROM LOVE WINS... *"Of all the billions of people who have ever lived, will only a select number "make it to a better Place" and every single other person suffer in torment and punishment forever? Is this acceptable to God? Has God created millions of people over 10,000's of years who are going to spend eternity in anguish? Can God do this, or even allow this, and still claim to be a loving God...?"*



"This doesn't just raise disturbing questions about God; it raises questions about the beliefs themselves. Why them? Why you? Why me? Why not him or her or them?"

In his New York Times bestselling book, "Love Wins," Pastor Rob Bell tries to answer these and other troubling questions about human fate at the end of time. Join Rev. Sprowl for five weeks beginning **Sunday, March 5** as he leads a **discussion of the book**.

While it's not necessary to purchase the book to participate in the class, those who do will appreciate the deeper understanding they gain of the subject. The book can be ordered through the church for \$12.00 a copy (vs. \$23.00 at the bookstore.) Order now to obtain a copy before the class begins by signing up on the sheets near the exits.

ORDER YOUR COPY TODAY!