



*The **Jesus** Experiment*

***Gregory Memorial  
Presbyterian Church***

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



## *Service of Worship*

Sunday, February 5, 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!*

## **GOD GATHERS THE PEOPLE**

PRELUDE

Gail Rollings & Sandra Perkins

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dianne Overstreet

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Mark Sprowl

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us open our hearts to the sunshine of God's love,

**People: Let us open our souls to the gentle wind of God's Spirit.**

Leader: We have gathered to hear the good news of Jesus Christ,

**People: A word that renews us again and again.**

Leader: Glory be to God, Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit...

**People: Who loves us, saves us and renews us. Amen!**

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\*HYMN #4

*Bless His Holy Name*

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

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of new life,  
we confess we prefer the comfortable, the familiar,  
and the path of least resistance.**

**We recognize that to *really* follow the model of Jesus  
in how we deal with our money, show hospitality to the stranger,  
speak out against injustice and help others know Christ  
makes us uncomfortable and anxious.**

**God of transformation,  
forgive us our timidity, and daily increase our faith.  
Strengthen our resolve to let go of old, unhelpful ways and attitudes  
so that we may show the world  
how you've changed our lives in love,  
a change that can't help but touch the lives of those around us  
for the better...**

(An opportunity for personal confession in silence.)

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 (#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.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## WE ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Mary Kay Schroeter

CHOIR ANTHEM

*"Ancient of Days"*

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

2 Corinthians 1:11-17    *In Christ, A New Creation*

MESSAGE

*The Jesus Experiment*

Rev. Mark Sprowl

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\*HYMN #466

*Take My Life and Let It Be*

WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH    (Taken from Luke 15:24, Isaiah 43:19, Isaiah 64:8,  
2 Corinthians 5:17, Romans 8:38)

Leader: We believe our God...

**People: Waits like a patient father for the runaway son to return  
in order to forgive him and welcome him home.**

Leader: We believe our God...

**People: Is doing a something new and hopeful in our midst  
that we can see if only we open our eyes in faith.**

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Leader: We believe our God...

**People: Like a master potter, is fashioning us anew,  
and that, in Jesus Christ, we are truly a new creation.**

Leader: We believe our God...

**People: Loves us without condition  
and that no force can separate us from that life-giving love,  
now or ever. 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.**

\*HYMN #24                      *God You Spin the Whirling Planets*

#### \*BLESSING

Leader: Go with us, Lord, and guide the way

**People: Through this and every coming day,**

Leader: That in Your Spirit strong and true

**People: Our lives may be our gift to You.**

#### \*CHORAL BENEDICTION

## This Week at Gregory February 5 - 12

Today 9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship Service  
Monday 2:00 pm Line Dancing  
6:30 pm Missions & Outreach  
Tuesday 12:30 pm Day Circle  
6:00 pm S&F  
7:00 pm Facilities & Worship  
Wednesday 7:00 pm Choir  
Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship Service

### Sunday Servants

### Today

### February 12

USHERS	Sheila Fields Janet Swinton Rose Scott Wayne Powers	Scouts
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Dianne Overstreet	Scouts
NURSERY	Glenda Mayhew	Debra Bailey
JUNIOR SERMON	Mary Kay Schroeter	Scouts
JUNIOR CHURCH	Jennifer Smyth Jared Smyth	Patsy Johnson Madison Foster
COUNTING	Donald Hunter Rose Scott	Sandy Hunter Verne Smith

### Prayer Concerns

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



## - 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.

**SCOUT SUNDAY** – Join us next Sunday, February 12, when our Scout troops lead us in worship. In addition, the Scouts and their leaders will be preparing a delicious breakfast beginning at 8:30 am. And, make sure to stay after worship for a reception hosted by the Scouts in the Temple Building.



**FEED THE HUNGRY TODAY!** – We join 1000's of churches across the country for the annual "Souper Bowl of Caring," an offering directly helping the needs of the hungry in our community. Our youth will be at the exits today after worship to receive your contribution.

The **PRESBYTERIAN'S WOMEN LUNCHEON** is February 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am at the Courthouse Café in Hopewell. A love offering will be received at this time.

**NEW CHURCH OFFICE HOURS** – We welcome back this week our secretary Julie Jacobs who has been on maternity leave. Church office hours will now return to Tuesday through Friday, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.

**NEW BOOK STUDY** – Pastor Mark will be leading a 4-week class beginning Sunday, March 4 based on Rob Bell's best-selling, *Love Wins: A Book About Heaven, Hell and the Fate of Every Person Who Ever Lived*. While it's not necessary to purchase a book to participate in the class, copies of the book may be ordered for \$12.00. To order a copy, sign up on the form at the exits or e-mail the church office by February 19.

**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.

### 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 January 1	\$2,487
Offering January 8	\$3,740
Offering January 15	\$2,380
Offering January 22	\$2,954
Offering January 29	\$1,674

**January 29 Attendance -**

**Worship 79**

# ***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
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## **PRIMARY CHURCH CONTACTS**

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

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**Clerk of Session:** David Johnson

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