



# TEMPTED

*Because he himself was tested...  
he is able to help those who are being tested.*  
Hebrews 2:18

**Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church**

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



Sunday, February 26, 2012 11:00 am

## First Sunday in the Season of Lent

*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

Sandra Perkins & Gail Rollings

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rose Scott

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Mark Sprowl

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 139:23-24)

Leader: Search me, O God, and know my heart;

**People: Try me and know my thoughts!**

Leader: See if there is any wicked way in me.

**People: And lead me in the way everlasting.**

\*HYMN #254 *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley* (Verses 1-3)

\*WE CONFESS OUR SIN

**God of New Life,  
we come to you in prayer with hope,  
because you too know what it's like  
to live with the pulls and tugs of this world...**

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

**The temptations...**

**...to yield to the call of wealth and power,  
...to place our needs and desires above those of others,  
...and to run after momentary pleasure  
at the risk of hurting those we love.**

**Forgive us when we stray from the path you've shown us,  
from your example of a life faithfully lived.**

**When the tests and temptations of life come our way,  
help us to be strong.**

**Help us always to remember whose children we are  
and to be faithful to the mission to which you've called us...  
to let others see your transforming light and love  
through all that we say and do  
so that they too may seek to trust their lives to you,  
even as you claim them as your beloved sons and daughters...**

*[Opportunity for personal prayer 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 (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.**

**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

CHORAL ANTHEM

*Lord Jesus, Think on Me*

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 READINGS

Luke 4:1-13 (Pew Bible p. 835)

*Jesus Tested*

Hebrews 4:14-16 (Pew Bible p. 973)

*A Sympathetic Ear*

MESSAGE

*In the Wilderness with the Devil, Jesus and Me*

Rev. Mark Sprowl

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

\*HYMN #252

*Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Hebrews 4:15-16)

**We believe that Jesus is both the Son of God  
and heaven's great high priest.  
As our high priest, he is neither distant nor unsympathetic.  
Rather, he has been tested by the trials  
and temptations of human life, just as we have.  
But unlike us, he did so committing no sin.**

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**Because of this, we can approach him boldly,  
finding, at the foot of his throne,  
the mercy and grace we need. 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 #499

*He Leadeth Me*

\*BLESSING (Numbers 6:24-26)

Leader: May the Lord bless us and watch over us.

**People: May the Lord smile on us and be kind to us.**

Leader: May the Lord look with favor on us  
and give us peace.

**People: Both now and forever. Amen.**

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

**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
Offering February 19	\$3737.95

**Attendance, February 19**

Sunday School: 23 - Worship: 65

## **- 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.*

**SEASON OF LENT** - Today is the first Sunday of the season of Lent which is celebrated during the six weeks before Easter. Lent is an opportunity for personal reflection upon God's deep love for us despite our spiritual failures. It is marked by the color purple suggesting the somber mystery of the cross.

**PRINCE GEORGE TRIAD** will meet Monday, February 27 at 1:00 pm at the Prince George Library. Lt. Burroughs of the P.G.P.D. will speak on, "Scams & Fraud." The free program is open to all.

**LENTEN WORSHIP & LUNCHEONS** - Churches in Prince George begin this annual series this Thursday, March 1 at noon at Sycamore United Methodist Church, 9710 Old Stage Road, Prince George. Lunch is free and all are invited!

**FUNDRAISING DINNER** - Gregory Youth are sponsoring their annual spaghetti dinner on Thursday, March 8 to raise funds for this summer's Workcamp. Tickets are \$7.00. Meals may be eaten at the church or boxed to go. You can buy tickets from our youth or at the door.

**LOVE WINS!** Is the title of the best-selling book by Rev. Rob Bell that takes a biblical look at our assumptions of who is "going to hell," divine punishment and blessing in the life to come and comes up with some surprising conclusions! Rev. Sprowl leads a 5-week discussion beginning Sunday, March 4 at 9:45 am in the parlor. Those who've ordered books will be contacted when they arrive.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** - The Session has called a meeting of the congregation to immediately follow worship on Sunday, March 11 for the purpose of electing two elders and to vote on church incorporation. Please join us for this brief but important meeting.

**WORK DAY** - Remember, March 17 is Work Day at Gregory. Come at 8:00 am to enjoy breakfast and a morning of fellowship as we work together to keep our church looking good!

**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.

## This Week at Gregory February 26 - March 4

Today	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship Service
		5-Cents-A-Meal Offering
Monday	2:00 pm	Line Dancing
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Choir
Thursday		Pre-School, Dr. Yandle visit
Sunday	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship Service
		Communion

### Sunday Servants

### Today

### March 4

USHERS	Keith Spain Ruby Spain Jacob Spain Herb Schroeter	Bobby Allen Donna Allen Velma Allen Brenda Bond
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Rose Scott	Jerry Bond
NURSERY	Robbi Foster	Glenda Mayhew
JUNIOR SERMON	Valerie Harsh	Susan Walker
JUNIOR CHURCH	Susan Walker Jamie Meurer	Jessica Mauger Kevin Foster
COUNTING	David Johnson Evelyn Lichvar	Donald Hunter Glenda Mayhew

## 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 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:** [www.gregorymemorial.org](http://www.gregorymemorial.org)

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

**Interim Pastor:** Mark Sprowl, mobile 804-512-9197, [mesjlh@aol.com](mailto:mesjlh@aol.com)

**Secretary:** Julie Jacobs, [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