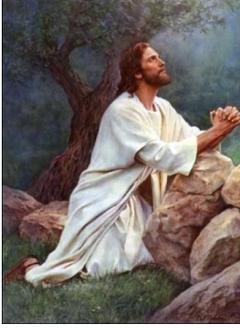




## *Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church*

*P.O. Box 182 — 6300 Courthouse Road*

*Prince George, VA 23875*



## *Second Sunday in the Season of Lent*

Sunday, March 4, 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!*

*Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,  
Find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:  
Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see  
All the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.*

Hymn #477 "Come and Find the Quiet Center"

## **GOD GATHERS THE PEOPLE**

PRELUDE

Sandra Perkins & Gail Rollings

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jerry Bond

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Mark Sprowl

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 139:23-24)

Leader: O God, if we think of the Church as a house,

**People: You are its foundation, and we form the timbers.**

Leader: If we understand the Church as a living body,

**People: You are its head, and we work together as the body's parts.**

Leader: If we believe the church to be a growing plant,

**People: You are the life-giving vine and we become the branches.**

Leader: Let us now worship God in Jesus Christ.

**People: ...Our foundation, our head, our source of life!**

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

\*HYMN #71      *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* (Verses 1 & 4)

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord Jesus, we thank you for the gift of prayer...  
that you, the Lord of the universe,  
wish for us to share with you all that fills our hearts,  
from our worst failings to our deepest desires,  
and that you promise to answer our prayers, in your wisdom,  
at the right time and according to your perfect will.**

**Forgive us when we neglect this regular conversation with you,  
somehow believing we can make it on our own.  
Help us to depend ever more deeply  
upon your moment-by-moment grace  
and to rejoice as we sense your loving hand at work in our lives...**

(An opportunity for personal confession in silence.)

PROMISE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Leader: ...Amen. Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn us? Only our Lord Jesus Christ, the one who died for us, who rose for us, who reigns in power for us, who even now prays for us.

**People: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.  
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.**

Leader: Friends, know that you are loved and forgiven and let your hearts be at peace.

**People: Praise God! Amen.**

\*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

Susan Walker

CHORAL ANTHEM

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

Matthew 6:7-15

*Pray Like This...*

MESSAGE

*The Prayer Jesus Prayed*

Rev. Mark Sprowl

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

\*HYMN #473 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* (Verses 1-2)

\*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;**

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**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 [*Please refer to insert.*]

\*HYMN #478                      *Sweet Hour of Prayer* (Verses 1 & 3)

\*BLESSING

Leader: We are God's people...

**People: Loved and forgiven!**

Leader: Healed and called!

**People: Empowered and sent out!**

Leader: Beloved of God, our worship ends and our service begins!

**People: Alleluia! 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
Offering February 26	\$1851.75

### Attendance, February 26

Sunday School: 17 - Worship: 65

***WELCOME!*** 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.

## COMING UP AT GREGORY...

**THE SEASON OF LENT** – The six weeks before Easter provide for us an opportunity to reflect personally upon God’s deep love for us despite our spiritual failures. It is a time marked by the color purple suggesting the somber mystery of the cross.

**FLOWERS** for today’s service are given by Rose Scott & Wayne Powers to the glory of God and in honor of Howard Scott’s birthday.

**WORSHIP MUSIC** – During March, we’re experimenting with playing worshipful music over our sound system before the service in an attempt to create a more worshipful atmosphere. Let us know whether you find the music helpful or not.

**COMMUNITY LENTEN WORSHIP & LUNCHEONS** - Begin this Thursday, March 8 at the Church of the Sacred Heart, 9300 Community Lane, Petersburg. All are invited!

**FUNDRAISING DINNER** – Join our Gregory Youth at their annual spaghetti dinner this Thursday, March 8 to raise funds for this summer’s Workcamp. Tickets are \$7.00 for adults; \$5.00 ages 4-13. Meals may be eaten at the church or boxed to go.

**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. Both members and visitors are invited.

**BOOK STUDY** - Pastor Mark continues his discussion on *Love Wins: A Book about Heaven, Hell, and the Fate of Every Person Who Ever Lived* Sundays at 9:45 am in the parlor through April 1. It is not necessary to have read the book to join the class, but copies may be ordered in class for \$12 or by e-mailing Mark or the church office.

**WORK DAY** – Join us Saturday, March 17 at 8:00 am to enjoy breakfast and a morning of fellowship as we work together to keep our church looking good!

**CHAIR FUND** – We’ve recently purchased 100 padded dining chairs for use at events in our Fellowship Hall for \$13 each and are looking for folks who could one subscribe one or more chairs at that price. Put your check in the offering or see Evelyn Foster.

**NOSTRA CULPA!** - We are sorry for some typos in our recent newsletter the most egregious of which getting the first name wrong of our Trustee, Jessica Mauger. It was a busy week with two bulletins, a Session meeting and a newsy newsletter, but we promise to do better. Onward to April! - *M. Ethan Sprowl, ed.*

**CONGREGATIONAL CARE COMMITTEE** meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm in the home of Kay Alloway. Its members help to plan social gatherings at the church and attend to the special needs of our ill and homebound members. Feel free to come to any meeting!

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

**DAILY DEVOTIONALS** - We apologize, but we are currently out of our *These Days* Daily Devotional publication. The next issue will be available free of charge in April.

## ***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

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...

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**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 (#473, *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*)

**Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge – take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.**

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.**

