

RESURRECTION ... Present Progressive

Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church

P.O. Box 182 — 6300 Courthouse Road

Prince George, VA 23875



Sunday, April 8, 2012 11:00 am

Easter... *the Day of Resurrection*

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!*

*Because You live, O Christ, the garden of the world has come to flower.
The darkness of the tomb is flooded with Your resurrection power.*

*Because You live, O Christ, the spirit bird of hope is freed for flying;
Our cages of despair no longer keep us closed and life denying.*

*Because You live, O Christ, the rainbow of Your peace will span creation,
The colors of Your love will draw all humankind to adoration.*

- Shirley Erena Murray (Hymn #292)

GOD GATHERS THE PEOPLE

CHORAL FANFARE

Easter Alleluia

Adult Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP (Traditional Easter Greeting)

Jerry Bond

Leader: Let us greet the new day with the awe and wonder,
with the same joy and jubilation of those surprised by the miracle
of the empty tomb on that first Easter morning
and together shout the ancient words that are exclaimed today
in scores of languages around our globe... HE IS RISEN!

People: He is risen indeed!

Leader: Jesus Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

*HYMN #288

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today I (Verses 1-3)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jerry Bond

*Congregation please stand, if able.

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THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Mark Sprowl

PRAYER FOR EASTER DAY

Leader: Glory to you, O God...

**People: On this day, you won victory over death,
Raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life.**

Leader: Glory to you, O Christ:

**People: For us and for our salvation you overcame death
And opened the gate to everlasting life.**

Leader: Glory to you, O Holy Spirit:

People: You lead us into the truth.

Leader: Glory to you, O Blessed Trinity
Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer God, now and forever.

People: Amen. Hallelujah!

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (*Christ the Lord is Risen Today!* #288, Verse 4)

**Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!**

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

Rev. Mark Sprowl

CHOIR ANTHEM

Easter Carol

Adult Choir

(All children ages 3 years –6th grade are invited to follow their leaders downstairs for a special crafts activity and snack during Junior Church; Parents may meet their children after worship in the Fellowship Hall.)

BIBLE READING

John 20:1-18 (p. 882 Pew Bible) *The Morning's Surprise!*

SERMON

RESURRECTION ... Present Progressive

Rev. Mark Sprowl

"The present progressive tense indicates continuing action, something going on now... Signal Words: 'At the moment,' 'today,' 'now,' 'right now.'" – Basics of English Grammar

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN #447

Because He Lives

*WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH (adapted from 1 Corinthians 15:3-7)

**This is the good news which we have received,
In which we stand, and by which we are saved:**

**That Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,
That he was buried, that he was raised on the third day,
And that he appeared first to the women,
Then to Peter, and to the Twelve
And then to many faithful witnesses.**

**We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.
Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end;
He is our Lord and our God. And in his resurrection,
We discover God's promise of new life for us all! 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 #298

The Day of Resurrection

*BLESSING

*Go now with faithful stamina into your courtyards
to answer whether you know him or not,
Go knowing that he who said, "Follow me," will stand with you.
Go knowing that when you falter, he will hold you up.
Go knowing that when you fail, he will forgive you.
Go knowing that when you say, "I know this Jesus,"
you will dance with the angels on Easter morning.
May you know the peace of faithfulness,
the joy of community, and the love of grace.
In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.*

Ann Weems, *From Advent's Alleluia to Easter's Morning Light*

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Alleluia No. 1

- 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 visit-ors and “regulars” may use the cards to let us know of prayer requests or special needs.

THE FLOWERING CROSS - Help to transform the Cross into a sign of new life. Feel free to use one or more of the flowers near an entrance to “flower” the wire cross at the front.

FLOWER PROVIDERS – We thank you for helping us to decorate for Easter. Please remember to take your flowers home after worship.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING – Children who still have their fish coin boxes and adults who would like to make a contribution to OGHOS may still do so. Please write OGHOS on your check or envelope.

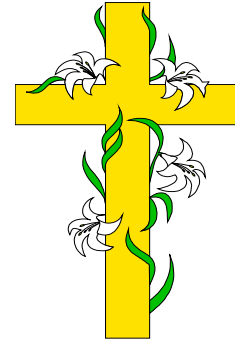
EVENING CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday, April 10 at the home of Jean Waymack.

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

DAILY DEVOTIONALS – The popular devotional *These Days* is available free of charge near the front doors of the sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. Take one to a friend!

SPECIAL THANKS to Marquita Simpson for her artistic efforts in decorating the sanctuary during Lent and Easter.

MORE SPECIAL THANKS - Christine Belsches thanks her Gregory friends for their loving prayers, visits, cards and delicious home cooked food!



2012 Stewardship to Date

“The Facts”		“The Figures”	
Annual budget expense	\$137,754	Offering April 1	\$4860.52
Pledged & projected Income	\$133,804		
Monthly budget needs	\$11,480		
Weekly budget needs	\$2,650		

Attendance April 1

Sunday School - 30, Worship - 86

This Week at Gregory April 8 - April 15

Today	7:30 am Easter Sunrise Service 8:30 am Breakfast 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Easter Sunday Worship Service
Monday	Noon Widows Group 2:00 pm Line Dancing 6:00 pm Christian Ed & S&F
Tuesday	7:30 pm Evening Circle @ home of Jean Waymack.
Wednesday	Committee Reports Due 7:00 pm Choir
Sunday	9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service

Sunday Servants

Today

April 15

USHERS	Keith Spain Ruby Spain Jacob Spain Herb Schroeter	Bobby Allen Donna Allen Velma Allen Brenda Bond
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Jerry Bond	Dianne Overstreet
NURSERY	Debra Bailey	Ruby Spain
JUNIOR SERMON	Mark Sprowl	Valerie Harsh
JUNIOR CHURCH	Valerie Harsh Pamela Harsh	Virginia Maloney Jared Smyth
COUNTING	Donald Hunter Glenda Mayhew	Ron Recher Verne Smith

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	Gladys Wiseman



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

<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
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<i>Stewardship & 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

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

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

Secretary: Barbara Hatch, gregorymemorialoffice@verizon.net

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

Clerk of Session: David Johnson

Treasurer: Kevin Foster, kevin.foster@bsvnet.com, phone 804-732-1096

Financial Secretary: Sandy Hunter

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Easter Flowers - 2012



*The beautiful flowers located throughout
the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by:*

Bobby & Donna Allen in honor of Lilyana & Brianna Gravina and in memory of Smokey and Stephen Ondisko.

Blake & Marguerite Bishop in memory of Roland Wiseman, Jimmy Wiseman, Roy Bishop and Loveday Bishop.

Grace & Helen Cibula in memory of Gladys Vtipil.

Sandy & Jim Correll in honor of their family and in memory of Milton K. Morgan, Jr.

Flora Dutton & Paige Barnes in memory of Barbara (Bobi) Barnes.

Justin Ellis-Bowman in honor of Amy & Jaylon Ellis.

Sheila Fields in memory of Ruby Frith.

Robbi & Allen Foster in memory of Roberta & Estes Harlow.

Robert & Ann Hartsell in honor of Mila C. Campen and in memory of Robert L. Campen, Louise Hartsell and Lonnie Hartsell.

Doug & Mary Holc in honor of their children, grandchildren, mothers and brothers & sisters.

The Hunter Family in memory of Wilma & "Duck" Hunter and Edith & Cliff Mayerhoefer.

Sandy & Donald Hunter in memory of Pearle & Henry Livesay.

Linda & Larry Johnson in honor of their grandchildren: Corinne, Jack, Owen & Natalie and in memory of their parents.

Oneita E. Johnson in memory of H.B. Johnson, Jr.

Evelyn Lichvar in memory of her mother, Agnes Bauer.

Shirley MacNeill in memory of James MacNeill and Trudy McClenny.

Joan Mann in memory of Richard Mann.

Dianne Overstreet in memory of Francis & Olivia Epps.

Charles & Sandra Perkins in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Percy H. Perkins, Jr., Kathy Harvell and Garland R. Foster, Sr.

Travis Quick in memory of Hilda M. Quick, Travis W. Quick, Jr., Karen E. Quick Boyce and Mickael E. Boyce, Jr.

Ron & Judy Recher in memory of their parents.

Rose Scott & Wayne Powers in honor of Gladys Wiseman and in memory of Peg Ward, Roland Wiseman and Jimmy Wiseman.

Marquita Simpson in memory of Jerry Simpson and Ruth & John McKillop.

Mark & Jan Sprowl in honor of their children, Tim & Holly.

Janet Swinton in memory of Raymond Swinton.

Susan Walker in honor of her children: Travis & Bridgette Walker and Joshua Walker, and grandchildren: Hayen & Kyle Walker.

Gladys & Wesley Wiseman in memory of Roland and Jimmy Wiseman.

Joyce Wrenn in honor of her niece, Annette Hauck, who is battling cancer in Pensacola, FL, and in memory of Jim Wrenn.

