

Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



NOVEMBER 14, 2021 – 11:00 a.m.

We welcome you to worship with us this morning, as we gather in community to draw closer to God, made known in Christ. We pray you will know the presence of the Lord, through our worship, and through the work of the Spirit. We invite you to take these moments before worship to calm your hearts and minds and open yourself to the quiet stillness of the presence of God!

Choral Prelude	Sandra Perkins, Organist Gail B. Rollings, Pianist
Chiming of the Hour	
Welcome & Announcements	Larry Johnson
Passing of the Peace	Rev. Dr. Shelly Barrick Parsons, Guest Preacher
Sharing of Joys/Concerns	

Call to Worship

One: My heart rejoices in the Lord.

ALL: My strength rises up in the Lord!

One: No one is holy like the Lord—

ALL: There is no rock like our God!

One: The pillars of the earth belong to the Lord;

ALL: Let us worship and praise our rock and our strength!

* Hymn of Invitation #65 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

(A Moment of Silent Confession)

Scriptural Readings

1st Reading 1 Samuel 1:4-20 p213

2nd Reading: Mark 13:1-8 p825

Sermon "Just Give Us a Sign!" Rev. Parsons

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

One: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayers.

Offering, Offertory Doxology

* Hymn #606 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Affirmation of Faith (in unison)

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; 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.

[from The PC(USA) Book of Order, F-1.01a]

* Hymn of Thanksgiving #313 "Lord, Make Us More Holy"

***Blessing**

One: We have been blessed!

All: We have met for divine worship, as God's people.

One: We have been blessed!

All: Our sins have truly been forgiven.

One: We have been blessed!

All: We go out into the world as the body of Christ, bearing the good news of the gospel. We are blessed, indeed. Amen!

***Pastoral Benediction**

***Choral Benediction & Postlude**

11/14 THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

S	9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Guest preacher: Rev. Dr. Shelly Barrick Parsons <i>Order Xmas Poinsettias</i>	14	Christ the King/ Reign of Christ 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Guest preacher: Rev. Dr. Shelly Barrick Parsons 12p Session meeting <i>Order Xmas Poinsettias</i>	21
M		15	Church Office open	22
T	6p GSA Tr5000	16	Church Office open	23
W		17	Church Office open 2p Newsletter out	24
T	2p News articles due to church office 7p Stewardship & Finance Com.	18	Thanksgiving Day Church office closed	25
F	9a Church cleaning	19	9a Church cleaning	26
S		20		27

ATTENDANCE: WORSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL

	(M)	(V)	(M)	(V)
November 7, 2021	23	7	5	

M=Members

V=Visitors

OUR PRAYERS & CONCERNS

Amy Townson, Josh Ingram's sister
Becky Scott Smith
Russell Heiser, Ingrid Phoenix's grandson (health issues)
Butch Meade, Glenda Mayhew's brother
Steve "Dee" Shortt, Kim Helmer Shortt's husband (health issue)
Verne & Clara Smith
Peggy Allen
Eddie Frankenstein
Grace Cibula
Etta Holc
Jerry Hasky (health issue)
Pam Henry, Mary Holc's family member
Sandra Elder, Kelly Knupp's mother (health issues)
Adele Linkenhoker, Barbara Taliaferro's friend (health concerns)
Bob Jones (health issues)
Lee Harsh, Valerie Harsh's brother-in-law (health issue)
Rev. Paul Luthman, previously our pastor (recovering from surgery)
Sharon Reed & family, Susan Shockley's co-worker (health issue)
Jennifer Caldwell, friend of Grace Cibula (health issue)
Reese Etheridge, Wayne Powers' uncle (health issue)
Randy Warthan (health issue)
Inez Paul, Mary Holc's mother (health issue, rehab)
Floyd M. Brown, Sr. (health issues)
Pam Landrum, Doris Harmison's daughter (orthopedic issue)
Trevor Fine, Susan Shockley's neighbor's son (health issue)
Traci Wells, Glenda Mayhew's friend (health issue)
The Rolley Family, Marguerite Bishop's friends (health issues)
Debbie Pearson, wife of Butch Pearson, PGPD Ret. (orthopedic
issue: foot)
Junie "Bug" Treaster (recovering from surgery)
Gene Longfield (health issue)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome the Rev. Dr. Shelly Barrick Parsons to Gregory's pulpit this morning! Dr. Parsons is the Executive Director for Capital Trees. Prior to starting at Capital Trees in May, Dr. Parsons served as Director of Children and Family Ministry at River Road Presbyterian Church after relocating to Richmond in 2019 from Morgantown, WV where she served as Presbyterian Campus Pastor for WVU and Executive Director of the Harless Center. Shelly and her family enjoy getting outdoors to hike, mountain bike and ski.

Next Sunday ("Christ the King/Reign of Christ") – We will welcome back the Rev. Dr. Shelly Barrick Parsons to Gregory's pulpit on November 21.

Tri-Cities Workcamp 2022 – We've been advised that there will be Workcamp held in July. If anyone knows of young adults that would like to attend, please have them contact me at 804-586-1388 as soon as possible. We are trying to get a tentative headcount. [Contact: Valerie Harsh]

Church Newsletter – We need writers for THE HERALD newsletter. If you are interested, please call the office (804-732-1081) or email the church at: office@gregorymemorial.org

Poinsettias – Deadline to order your Xmas poinsettias is 12/5. Cost: \$14; order forms are in bulletins and on Narthex table.

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Pastor: As announced
Secretary: Nancy Adams (office@gregorymemorial.org)
Organist: Sandra Perkins Pianist: Gail Rollings
Treasurer: Kevin Foster Financial Sec.: Sandy Hunter

Session Members

Rose Scott (2021); David L. Johnson (2021); Barbara Taliaferro (2021)
Mary Holc (2022); Sandy Hunter (2022); Charles Smyth (2022)
Lisa Brown (2023); Donald Hunter (2023)
Donald Hunter (Clerk of Session - 2021)

Trustees

John Carl Allen (2021); Ron Recher (2022); Gail Rollings (2023)

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Scriptures for Worship Service – November 14, 2021

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 1:4-20

On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the Lord had closed her womb. Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the Lord had closed her womb. So it went on year after year; as often as she went up to the house of the Lord, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?'

After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the Lord. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord, and wept bitterly. She made this vow: 'O Lord of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head.'

As she continued praying before the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. So Eli said to her, 'How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine.' But Hannah answered, 'No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the Lord. Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time.' Then Eli answered, 'Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him.' And she said, 'Let your servant find favor in your sight.' Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer. They rose early in the morning and worshipped before the Lord; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the Lord.'

2nd Reading: Mark 13:1-8

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.'

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.'

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Hymns for Worship Service – November 14, 2021

Hymn of Invitation #65 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

- 1) Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but thou art mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
- 2) Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield; be though still my strength and shield.
- 3) When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside. Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side. Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee; I will ever give to thee.

TEXT: William Williams, 1762; stanza 1, trans. Peter Williams, 1771; stanzas 2-3, trans. William Williams, 1772; public domain.
MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907; public domain.

Hymn of Thanksgiving #313 "Lord, Make Us More Holy"

- 1) Lord, make us more holy; Lord, make us more holy; Lord, make us more holy, until we meet again: holy, holy, holy, until we meet again.
- 2) Lord, make us more loving; Lord, make us more loving; Lord make us more loving, until we meet again: loving, loving, loving, until we meet again.
- 3) Lord, make us more patient; Lord, make us more patient; Lord, make us more patient, until we meet again: patient, patient, patient, until we meet again.
- 4) Lord, make us more faithful; Lord, make us more faithful; Lord, make us more faithful, until we meet again: faithful, faithful, faithful, until we meet again.

TEXT and MUSIC: African American spiritual; public domain.