

**Gregory Memorial  
presbyterian Church**



**NOVEMBER 21, 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!*

<b>Choral Prelude</b>	Sandra Perkins, Organist Gail B. Rollings, Pianist
<b>Chiming of the Hour</b>	
<b>Welcome &amp; Announcements</b>	Rose Scott
<b>Passing of the Peace</b>	Rev. Dr. Shelly Barrick Parsons, Guest Preacher
<b>Sharing of Joys/Concerns</b>	

**Call to Worship**

One: Come to worship Jesus Christ, Alpha and Omega, the one who is, who was, and is to come.

**ALL: We come to worship the one who rules justly.**

**The ruler of the kings of the earth!**

One: Bread of Heaven, God with us!

**ALL: Good Shepherd, True Vine!**

One: Eternal Word, Great I AM

**ALL: Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace!**

One: We come to worship Jesus Christ, King of kings and Lord of lords!

**ALL: To him be glory and dominion forever and ever! Amen.**

\* Hymn of Invitation #12 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

**Prayer of Confession (in unison)**

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*(A Moment of Silent Confession)*

**Scriptural Readings**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 2 Samuel 23:1-7 p261

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: John 18:33-37 p881

Sermon "Thy Kingdom Come?!"

Dr. 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 #275 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

**\*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**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today's worship service** will be led by the Rev. Dr. Shelly Barrick Parsons. We welcome Dr. Parsons to Gregory's pulpit this morning.

**Next Sunday ("Christ the King/Reign of Christ")** – Reverend Beverly Bullock will be our guest preacher on Nov. 28.

**Called Congregational meeting** (Purpose: Election of church Elders and Trustee) will be held after worship service on Nov. 28.

**"Cookies & Cocoa"!!!** - GMPC will host "Cookies & Cocoa" on Dec. 4 at 3 PM after PG Christmas Parade. Due to ongoing pandemic, we will offer hot cocoa and packaged cookies/treats (e.g., small bags of Oreos or Famous Amos cookies). Outreach Committee will purchase items. If you would like to make a donation, contact Lisa Brown (804-926-0991) or GMPC office.

**Tri-Cities Workcamp 2022** – If anyone knows of any young adults that would like to attend July's Workcamp, 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](mailto:office@gregorymemorial.org)

**Poinsettias** – Xmas poinsettia ordering deadline is Dec. 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](mailto: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)

11/21 THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

S	<p><b>CHRIST THE KING/ REIGN OF CHRIST</b> 21</p> <p>9:30a Sunday School</p> <p>11a Worship</p> <p>Guest preacher: Rev. Dr. Shelly Barrick Parsons</p> <p><i>Order Xmas Poinsettias</i></p>	<p><b>1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN ADVENT</b> 28</p> <p>9:30a Sunday School</p> <p>11a Worship • 5-Cents a Meal Offering</p> <p>Guest preacher: Rev. Dr. Beverly Bullock</p> <p>12p Called Congregational Meeting after worship (Election of new Elders &amp; 1 Trustee)</p> <p><i>Order Xmas Poinsettias</i></p>
M	<p>Church Office open 22</p> <p>News articles due in office 10am</p>	29
T	<p>Church Office open 23</p>	2p Committee reports due 30
W	<p>Church Office open 24</p> <p>2p Newsletter out</p>	<b>DEC.</b> 1
T	<p>Thanksgiving Day 25</p> <p>Church office closed</p>	2
F	<p>9a Church cleaning 26</p>	9a Church cleaning 3
S	27	<p>3p "Cookies &amp; Cocoa" hosted by GMPC after PG Xmas Parade 4</p>

ATTENDANCE:	WORSHIP		SUNDAY SCHOOL	
	(M)	(V)	(M)	(V)
November 7, 2021	23	7	5	1
November 14, 2021	18	4	4	1

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  
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)  
Lee Harsh, Valerie Harsh's brother-in-law (health issue)  
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)  
Family/friends of the Late Gene Longfield (d. 11/13)

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Scriptures for Worship Service – November 21, 2021

**2 Samuel 23:1-7**

Now these are the last words of David: The oracle of David, son of Jesse, the oracle of the man who God exalted, the anointed of the God of Jacob, the favorite of the Strong One of Israel: The spirit of the Lord speaks through me, his word is upon my tongue. The God of Israel has spoken, the Rock of Israel has said to me: One who rules over people justly, ruling in the fear of God, is like the light of morning, like the sun rising on a cloudless morning, gleaming from the rain on the grassy land. Is not my house like this with God? For he has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secure. Will he not cause to prosper all my held and my desire? But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away; for they cannot be picked up with the hand; to touch them one uses an iron bar or the shaft of a spear. And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

**John 18:33-37**

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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Hymns for Worship Service – November 21, 2021

**Hymn of Invitation #12 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"**

- 1) Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
- 2) Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might: thy justice, like mountains high soaring above; thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
- 3) To all, life thou givest, to both great and small. In all life thou livest, the true life of all. We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree, then wither and perish; but naught changest thee.
- 4) Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light. Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight. All praise we would render; O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

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**Hymn of Thanksgiving #275 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"**

- 1) A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing. Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.
- 2) Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing, were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he. Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.
- 3) And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us. The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him. His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure. One little word shall fell him.
- 4) That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth. The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also. The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still. His kingdom is forever.

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