

Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



"BAPTISM OF THE LORD"

January 9, 2022 – 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 Rollings, Pianist

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Valerie Harsh

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Dr. Clay Macaulay

Sharing of Joys/Concerns

Call to Worship

One: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

All: **maker of heaven and earth.**

[Psalm 124:8¹]

* **Opening Hymn # 475 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"**²

Call to Confession (Pastor)

"The grace of God overflows for us through Christ Jesus, who came into the world to save sinners." [1 Timothy 1:14-15¹]

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sins.

Prayer of Confession (Congregation in unison)

Lord Jesus Christ, yours is the baptism of Spirit and fire, but we confess we are not worthy of you. We have failed to bear the fruit of repentance, but have been worthless chaff, good for nothing. Forgive our sins, Lord Jesus, and call us anew. See us through every trial, whether of water or flame, that we might give you glory and tell the coming generations of the greatness of your redemption.

(A time for silent prayer of confession.)

Assurance of Pardon (Pastor)

One: Friends, believe the good news.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Promise of God's Forgiveness

One: Hear the good news of the gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, healed, and made whole.

One: Know that we have been forgiven, and be at peace!

All: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. Amen!

***Congregational Response Hymn #581 "Glory Be to the Father"**²

Scriptural Readings

1st Lesson: Isaiah 43:1-7 p. 585-586

2nd Lesson: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 p. 834

Sermon "Holy Spirit and Fire" Rev. Dr. Clay Macaulay

"He will baptize you with Holy Spirit and fire..."¹ [Luke 3:16b]

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer (Led by Pastor)

Offering, Offertory (Congregational Response)

* **Doxology Hymn #606 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"**²

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." *[Apostles' Creed]*

***Departing Hymn #463 "How Firm a Foundation"**²

*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

*Postlude

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² Resource: Hymns from GLORY TO GOD, THE PRESBYTERIAN HYMNAL, 2013 Westminster John Knox Press; public domain.

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
Lee Harsh, Valerie Harsh's brother-in-law (health issue)
Sandra Elder, Kelly Knupp's mother (health issues)
Jennifer Caldwell, friend of Grace Cibula (health issue)
Reese Etheridge, Wayne Powers' uncle (health issue)
Dana Etheridge, Wayne Powers' cousin (health issue)
Randy Warthan (health issue)
Inez Paul, Mary Holc's mother (health issue, rehab)
Floyd M. Brown, Sr. (health issues)
Traci Wells, Glenda Mayhew's friend (health issue)
Larry Brown of Chesterfield, Larry Johnson's friend (health issue)
Billy Hudson, friend of Dianna Starr Lykins Flaherty,
Mary Lykins' daughter
Family/friends of Mildred Kephart, Grace Cibula's sister
(d. 12/30)

1/9 THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

S	BAPTISM OF THE LORD 9 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship * Guest preacher: Rev. Dr. Clay Macaulay	16 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship *Guest preacher: Rev. Beverly Sherrill Bullock 12p Session meeting (Moderator: Rev. Bullock)
M	6p BSA Order of the Arrow Karakona Ch. 19 dinner meeting (Fellowship Hall Reception Area, Kitchen & Dining Rm) 10	ML King's Birthday 17
T	1p Circle 11 7p Missions Com. 7p Outreach Com.	6p GSA Tr. 9000 (Fellowship Hall Reception area, Kitchen & Dining Rm). 18
W	12	19
T	13	2p News articles due 7p Stewardship & Finance Com. 20
F	10a Church cleaning 14	10a Church cleaning 21
S	15	22

ATTENDANCE:
WORSHIP
SUNDAY SCHOOL

	M	V	M	V
January 2, 2022	13	2	7	
January 9, 2022				
January 16, 2022				
January 23, 2022				
January 30, 2022				

M=Members

V=Visitors

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be no Called Congregational Meeting today.

We welcome the Rev. Dr. Clay Macaulay to our pulpit this

morning! Dr. Macaulay (graduate of Davidson College (AB 1981; UTS, D.Min., 1985) has served as Dir., Alumni Development for Union Presbyterian Seminary since 2016. He returned to Richmond after serving as a pastor in congregations for 30 years. The son of a Presbyterian minister, Clay spent his boyhood in Mooresville, and grew up in Asheboro, NC. Married to the former Pam Moses of Richmond, Pam and Clay have a daughter, a son, and daughter-in-law who live and work in Florida and North Carolina. With his family, Clay has served pastorates in Williamsburg, VA; Hillsboro, WV; Peoria, IL; and Weems VA.

Guest preachers

Sunday, Jan. 16: Rev. Beverly Sherrill Bullock.

Sunday, Jan. 23: Rev. Sylvester H. Bullock.

Sunday, Jan. 30: Rev. Dr. Shelly Barrick Parsons.

Session Meeting – Sunday, Jan. 16: After worship service; Rev. Beverly Sherrill Bullock, Moderator.

Annual Congregational Meeting for 2021 – Sunday, Jan 30: After worship service; Rev. Dr. Shelly Barrick Parsons, Moderator.

Church Newsletter –Many thanks to those who have contributed such interesting items for our monthly newsletter, THE HERALD. We'd like to get more, so please continue to send your articles to **office@gregorymemorial.org** and look for them in future newsletters!

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Session Members

*(Term = 3 yrs.; * indicates individual serves a partial term)*

Mary Holc (2022); Sandy Hunter (2022); Charles Smyth (2022)

Lisa Brown (2023); Donald Hunter (2023); William Shill (2023*)

Rose Scott (2024); David L. Johnson (2024*); Susan Shockley (2024)

Donald Hunter (Clerk of Session - 2022)

Trustees

Ron Recher (2022); Gail Rollings (2023); Donald Hunter (2024)