

Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



February 20, 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 God's presence!

Choral Prelude

Sandra Perkins, Organist
Gail Rollings, Pianist

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Donald R. Hunter

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Andy Meyers

Sharing of Joys/Concerns

Call to Worship [*Pastor leads...*]

One: Come, worship the Lord with gladness!

All: Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise.

One: For the Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

All: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, His mercies never come to an end.

One: Let us worship the Lord together!

* **Opening Hymn** #353 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" ¹

Call to Confession [Pastor]

Friends, if we say we have no sin then we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sin, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. So in faith, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession [All in unison]

Merciful God, we know that we are called to love: to love one another, to love you, even to love those who disagree with us or worse. And yet we still do not love as you would have us. We try to circle the group we consider friends and love only them. We may let shame we feel overwhelm us and turn us inward. We need your grace when we hurt, because our first instinct is to lash out at others. Forgive us, Lord, for our hard hearts and selfish minds. By your mercy, let us be merciful. By your grace, let us see the forgiveness you give to us. By your love, let us love beyond what we believe possible. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

[A Moment of Silent Confession]

Assurance of Pardon [Pastor]

Brothers and sisters, hear the Good News! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ. And Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation: the old life has gone and a new life has begun. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen!

***Congregational Response** Hymn #581 "Glory Be to the Father"¹

Prayer for Illumination [All in unison]

O Holy Spirit, come among us in the reading of this holy word, that our ears might hear and our hearts perceive your instruction for us this day. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Scriptural Readings

Old Testament: Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40² p. 443-444
New Testament: Luke 6:27-38² p. 838

Sermon "A Slap in the Face" Rev. Andy Meyers

Affirmation of Faith [All 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*³

Call for Offering [Pastor]

Let us give to God what God has first given us, in our tithes and our offerings.

Offering & Offertory

* **Doxology Hymn #606 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"**¹

Prayer of Dedication [Pastor]

Gracious God, all that we have is a gift from you: our time, our talents, our possessions are all signs of your gracious love. So take these gifts we offer and use them for your service that others might be fed in body and in spirit. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer [Pastor offers prayers, each prayer ending with:]

One: Lord in your mercy...

All: Hear our prayer.

***Departing Hymn #370 "This Is My Father's World"**¹

***Charge & Benediction**

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all, now and forever. Amen.

***Postlude**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome Rev. Andy Meyers to our pulpit today!

Rev. Meyers is a member-at-large in the Presbytery of the James, and has been a member of the Presbytery since 2010. A native of the Seattle-Tacoma area, he has served churches in Georgia, Michigan, and Virginia. He is a bi-vocational minister and his day job is as an actuary at Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield. He has two children, Evie (14) and Jamie (11), and one dog, "Houdini."

Guest preacher line-up: 2/27: Rev. Taneti; 3/6: TBA;
3/13: Rev. Macaulay; 3/20: Rev. Bullock; 3/27: Rev. Parsons

Movie Night, Wednesday, Feb. 23 – "Movie Night" is this Wednesday! The Missions & Outreach Committee is hosting ***Dinner and a Movie in the Fellowship Hall.*** A Hot Dog Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. and the movie, "Jesus", will begin at 6:30 p.m. Come and join us for a great night of fellowship. Bring a friend!

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² Resource: THE HOLY BIBLE, (NRSV) © 1989 by Div. of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America, All rights reserved. Published by Zondervan.

³ Resource: "Apostles' Creed", BOOK OF ORDER, PC (USA)

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Session Members

*(Term = 3 yrs.; * indicates 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)

2/20 THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

S	<p style="text-align: right;">20</p> <p>9:30a Sunday School</p> <p>11a Worship</p> <p>*Guest preacher: Rev. Andy Meyers</p> <p>12p Session Meeting Moderator: Rev. Andy Meyers</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">27</p> <p><u>"Transfiguration of the Lord"</u></p> <p>9:30a Sunday School</p> <p>11a Worship</p> <p>*Guest preacher: Rev. Dr. James Taneti</p>
M	<p><u>Washington's Birthday</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;">21</p>	28
T	<p style="text-align: right;">22</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">MARCH 1</p> <p>6p GSA Tr 5000 (Fellowship Hall Reception Area, Kitchen & Dining Rm)</p> <p>6p Congregational Care Com..</p>
W	<p>2p Reports to Presbytery</p> <p>6p Movie Night: "Jesus" in Fellowship Hall; Hot dog dinner, 6p Movie, 6:30p</p> <p style="text-align: right;">23</p>	2
T	<p>6a Church cleaning</p> <p>2p Newsletter out</p> <p style="text-align: right;">24</p>	3
F	<p style="text-align: right;">25</p>	4
S	<p style="text-align: right;">26</p>	5

ATTENDANCE:

WORSHIP

SUNDAY SCHOOL

	M	V	M	V
Feb. 6, 2022	23	6	5	1
Feb. 13, 2022	21	3	7	
Feb. 20, 2022				
Feb. 27, 2022				

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
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
Renee' Renier, Diana Flaherty's long-time friend (health issue)

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Hymn #353 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

- 1) My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name. *On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.*
- 2) When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace; in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. *On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.*
- 3) His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood; when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. *On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand*
- 4) When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found, dressed in his righteousness along, faultless to stand before the throne. *On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.*

TEXT: Edward Mote, c. 1834, alt.; public domain.

MUSIC: William Batchelder Bradbury, 1863, alt.; public domain.

Hymn #370 "This is My Father's World"

- 1) This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the wonders wrought.
- 2) This is my Father's world. O, let me ne'er forget that through the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet. This is my Father's world. The battle is not done: Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one.

TEXT: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901; public domain.

MUSIC: Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915; harm. Edward Shippen Barnes, 1926, alt.; public domain.

Old Testament: Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

[V.1-11:] Do not fret because of those who are evil or be envious of those who do wrong; for like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away. Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, your vindication like the noonday sun. Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; do not fret when people succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes. Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret—it leads only to evil. For those who are evil will be destroyed, but those who hope in the LORD will inherit the land. A little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look for them, they will not be found. But the meek will inherit the land and enjoy peace and prosperity.

[V. 39-40:] The salvation of the righteous comes from the LORD; he is their stronghold in time of trouble. The LORD helps them and delivers them; he delivers them from the wicked and saves them, because they take refuge in him.

New Testament: Luke 6:27-38

“But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

“Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”