

# Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



## "TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD"

February 27, 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**

Rose Scott

**Passing of the Peace**

Rev. Dr. James Taneti

**Sharing of Joys/Concerns**

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

One: "Listen to him!" Our God cries from the mountaintop.

**All: We bow before our God in worship.**

One: May God's Word sink into our ears.

**All: May our hearts be transfigured, our minds filled with understanding.**

\* **Opening Hymn** #275 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"<sup>1</sup>

## **Call to Confession** [*Pastor*]

### **Prayer of Confession** [*All in unison*]

Creator of all, you speak, but we fail to listen. You appear in glory and we nap. You guide, but we fail to follow. You move, but we remain stuck and stagnant in the same patterns of destruction and sin. Free us from our failures, Holy God. Save us from ourselves so we can hear and heed your call. Amen.

*[A Moment of Silent Confession]*

### **Assurance of Pardon** [*Pastor*]

**\*Congregational Response** Hymn #581 "Glory Be to the Father"<sup>1</sup>

### **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**

Hebrew Bible: Exodus 34: 29-35<sup>2</sup> p. 71-72

New Testament: Luke 9: 28-36<sup>2</sup> p. 843

**Sermon** "Speaking of His Departure" Rev. Dr. James Taneti

### **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.<sup>3</sup>

### **Call for Offering** [*Pastor*]

**\* Doxology** Hymn #606 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"<sup>1</sup>

### **Prayer of Dedication** [*Pastor*]

**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** #313 "Lord, Make Us More Holy"<sup>1</sup>

**\*Charge & Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**We welcome Rev. Dr. James Taneti to our pulpit today!**

Dr. Taneti is the Director of the Syngman Rhee Global Mission Center for Christian Education. He is also Assistant Professor of World Christianity at Union Presbyterian Seminary. An ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church in the United States, Dr. Taneti earlier ministered in church, classroom, clinical and correctional settings. After completing theological education at the United Theological College in India, he received a master's degree at Princeton Theological Seminary and a doctoral degree from Union Presbyterian Seminary. His area of expertise is Christianity outside the western hemisphere. In addition to numerous essays and book reviews, Dr. Taneti has authored two books about Christianity in South Asia. He and his wife, Mary, have two high school children, Vismai and Vismitha.

**Our guest preacher line-up for March:**

March 6: Rev. Beverly Sherrill Bullock

March 13: Rev. Dr. Clay Macaulay

March 20: Rev. Sylvester H. Bullock

March 27: Rev. Dr. Shelly Barrick Parsons

**March 2 - Ash Wednesday** (begin 40 days of Lent).

**Circle** will meet on Tuesday, March 11 at 1:00 p.m. in the church Fellowship Hall Meeting/Dining Room.

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<sup>1</sup> Resource: Public domain hymns from GLORY TO GOD, THE PRESBYTERIAN HYMNAL, 2013 Westminster John Knox Press.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> Resource: "Apostles' Creed", BOOK OF ORDER, PC (USA)

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## **GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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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**

*(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)

**2/27 THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY**

S	<p><b><u>"Transfiguration of the Lord"</u></b> 27</p> <p><b>9:30a</b> Sunday School</p> <p><b>11a</b> Worship ➤ 5 Cents a Meal Offering</p> <p>*Guest preacher: Rev. Dr. James Taneti</p>	<p><b><u>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent</u></b> 6</p> <p><b>9:30a</b> Sunday School</p> <p><b>11a</b> Worship</p> <p>*Guest preacher: Rev. Beverly Sherrill Bullock</p>
M	28	<b>1p</b> Worship Com. 7
T	<p><b>MARCH</b> 1</p> <p><b>6p</b> GSA Tr 5000 (Fellowship Hall Meeting/Dining Rm)</p> <p><b>6p</b> Congregational Care Com..</p> <p><b>7p</b> Facilities Com.</p>	<p><b>1p</b> Circle (Fellowship Hall Kitchen, Meeting/ Dining Rm.) 8</p> <p><b>7p</b> Christian Ed. Com.</p> <p><b>7p</b> Missions –Outreach Com.</p>
W	<p><b><u>Ash Wednesday</u></b> 2 Lent begins</p>	9
T	3	<b>6a</b> Church cleaning 10
F	4	11
S	5	12

**ATTENDANCE:**

**WORSHIP**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

	M	V	M	V
Feb. 6, 2022	23	6	5	1
Feb. 13, 2022	21	3	7	
Feb. 20, 2022	19	4	6	
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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Hymns for Worship Service – February 27, 2022

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**Hymn #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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*MUSIC: Martin Luther, 1529, alt.; public domain.*

**Hymn #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.

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