

Dear Saints and Friends of Gregory Memorial,



"The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective."¹

~ James 5:15-16

As do many seeking wisdom of their elders, Larry Johnson had asked his dad, Clarence Johnson, for guidance with regard to a relationship with God. In a letter written in May of 1991, Clarence very clearly portrays his own relationship with God and gives us all worthwhile guidance:

"When Jesus was teaching his disciples how to pray, Matthew 6:9, He told them to address God, and recognize His as being the name above all other names, and then go ahead with their prayer to Him.

If I should try to put down on paper what goes through my mind silently, as I approach God to pray to Him, it would go something like this.

'Father in heaven, and Jesus, my Lord and Savior, let Thy Holy Spirit teach me how to get into the right mood, the right frame of mind, the right attitude to pray earnestly and fervently for the right things, and not to pray amiss to consume them selfishly upon myself, but with love for all, and with 100% integrity in every nook and cranny of my life, not being a respecter of persons, not holding a grudge against anyone, knowing that Jesus said love your enemies as well as your loved ones, and knowing that doing the will of God every minute of every day, and being aware of all these truths is the only way in which I can be set free and be worthy to live the more abundant life which Jesus promised those who

obey God and are putting Him first, having no other gods before Him, and allowing Him to use me in His scheme of things in His universe. Then, when I get in such a mood, in such an attitude, let my prayer be that all who know me shall be blessed of my Father, and that the devil may leave each of them alone, and that he will flee from them and take with him his devil-made disease and sickness and pain and suffering and sin and disorder. And may my thinking cause me to become the man I want to be, because God has promised it, and His promise cannot be broken. Amen.'

As Clarence neared his final journey, he reminded those around him to pray for him. He often referred to this passage from James 5:15-16:

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Special thanks to Larry Johnson, for sharing this anecdote about his dad, Clarence Johnson, with the Gregory congregation in our March, 2022 issue of THE HERALD!

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WORSHIP INFORMATION FOR MARCH, 2022

Sunday, 6 March 2022

“1st Sunday in Lent” - Liturgical Color: Purple
 1st Reading: TBA * 2nd Reading: TBA
 Guest Preacher: Rev. Beverly Sherrill Bullock

Sunday, 13 March 2022

“2nd Sunday in Lent” - Liturgical Color: Purple
 1st Reading: TBA * 2nd Reading: TBA
 Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. W. Clay Macaulay

Sunday, 20 March 2022

“3rd Sunday in Lent” - Liturgical Color: Purple
 1st Reading: TBA * 2nd Reading: TBA
 Guest Preacher: Rev. Sylvester H. Bullock

Sunday, 27 March 2022

“4th Sunday in Lent” - Liturgical Color: Purple
 1st Reading: TBA * 2nd Reading: TBA
 Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Shelly Barrick Parsons



OUR PRAYER IN TIMES OF JOY AND CONCERN...One of our great joys and responsibilities to each other and to God here at Gregory Memorial is the regular practice of praying for each other and our community.

<p>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)</p>	<p>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, long-time friend of Dianna S. L. Flaherty (health issue)</p>
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*“Where your pleasure is, there is your treasure; where your treasure, there your heart; where your heart, there your happiness.”
 St. Augustine*

UPDATED WORSHIP GUIDELINES

GREETINGS SAINTS AND FRIENDS OF GREGORY MEMORIAL!

Your Session has been diligent in faithfully assessing how we continue to worship and move forward, and now especially, in light of the updated guidelines and proclamations from both CDC and local and federal leaders. Please note the following:

IF YOU ARE FULLY VACCINATED,

- **We encourage those singing to wear masks when singing hymns;** however, you no longer need to wear a mask when entering/exiting, or moving about the Sanctuary. Of course, if it is your personal comfort level to do so, then please be happy in doing so.
- **We no longer physically block off every other pew.** We encourage you to sit where you are comfortable sitting, and with whom, but please be respectful of others as we make this transition --- there may be some who are still more comfortable sitting with a bit of distance, and that's ok.

IF YOU ARE NOT FULLY VACCINATED,

- **Please be responsible and continue to wear a mask when entering/exiting, singing or moving about the Sanctuary.** And if there are any questions you still have about the vaccines, please contact a Church Elder. Your confidentiality is assured, and we are happy to be of assistance in your decision-making.

IF YOU ARE FEELING "UNDER THE WEATHER",

- **Please know that we join with you in spirit, and wish you well, but you are encouraged to stay home and take care of your own health.** Or, if you feel that you can still be out and about, and attending worship, please continue to wear a mask and maintain social distancing.

Love and Peace to You All!

ONLINE WORSHIP

We will continue offering on-line worship each Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m., via FaceBook Live (from the church's Facebook page).

CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION

Our 2022 schedule for Holy Communion has been changed to accommodate "World Communion Sunday" observed on the first Sunday of October. The new schedule provides that we will celebrate Holy Communion on the first Sunday in even-numbered months. Our next Holy Communion will be on **Sunday, April 3** and continuing with the practice of passing the communion elements among the pews.

Holy Communion Schedule for 2022:

February 6, 2022	June 5, 2022	October 2, 2022
April 3, 2022	August 7, 2022	December 4, 2022

March

March 2 – Ash Wednesday. Begin Lent

March 13 – Daylight Saving Time begins 2:00 a.m. **Remember to set all clocks ahead 1 hour!** ("Spring forward")

April 10-16: Holy Week

April 10 – Palm Sunday

April 14 – Maundy Thursday

April 15 – Good Friday

April 16 – Great Vigil of Easter

April 17 – Easter

TO MAKE YOUR DAY



Recipe for a Happy Home

In a large bowl of love, mix:

2 cups of faith
2 cups of patience
1 cup of sympathy

Blend in:

1 cup of forgiveness
2 teaspoons of kindness
½ cup of courage

Pour in a heart of joy and sprinkle with harmony.

Top with a spread of understanding, sweeten
with respect and bake in an oven of trust.

Serve with a tender smile.

Enjoy!

GATEKEEPER: TBA

MARCH, 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6p GSA Tr.5000 Fellowship Hall Reception Area, Kitchen, Meeting/ Dining Rm) 6p Cong. Care Com. 7p Facilities Com.	2 Ash Wednesday Lent begins	3 6a Church cleaning	4	5
6 1st Sunday in Lent 9:30a Sunday School. 11a Worship service <i>Guest preacher: Rev. Beverly Sherrill Bullock</i>	7 1p Worship Com.	8 1p Circle (Fellowship Hall Reception Area, Kitchen, Meeting/ Dining Rm) 7p Christian Ed. Com. 7p Missions & Outreach Com.	9	10 6a Church cleaning	11 10a-4p Special event set-up 5p Rotary Club Fundraiser (Fellowship Hall Reception Area, Kitchen, Meeting/ Dining Rm; 6p-10p)	12
13 2nd Sunday in Lent 2a Daylight Saving Time begins 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship service <i>Guest preacher: Rev. Dr. W. Clay Macaulay</i>	14	15 6p GSA Tr.5000 Fellowship Hall Reception Area, Kitchen, Meeting/ Dining Rm)	16	17 St. Patrick's Day 6a Church cleaning 2p News articles due 7p Stewardship & Finance Com.	18	19
20 3rd Sunday in Lent 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship service <i>Guest preacher: Rev. Sylvester H. Bullock</i> 12p Session meeting <i>Moderator: Rev. Sylvester H. Bullock</i>	21	22	23	24 6a Church cleaning 2p Newsletter out	25	26
27 4th Sunday in Lent 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship service ➤ 5 Cents-a-Meal Offering <i>Guest preacher: Rev. Dr. Shelly Barrick Parsons</i>	28	29 6p GSA Tr.5000 Fellowship Hall Reception Area, Kitchen, Dining Rm)	30 2p Committee reports due 6p BSA Tr900 Honor Court (Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall Reception Area, Kitchen, Meeting Dining Rm)			

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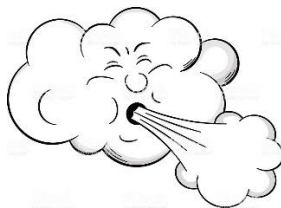
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MARCH NEWSLETTER



COME AND JOIN US!
Sunday School 9:30 A.M.
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*We're on: [Facebook.com/gmpcva](https://www.facebook.com/gmpcva)
Worship 11:00 A.M.*