

Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



2ND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 13, 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

Valerie Harsh

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Dr. Clay Macaulay

Sharing of Joys/Concerns

Call to Worship [Led by Pastor]

One: The Lord is merciful and gracious,

All: **slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Psalm 103:8¹

*** Opening Hymn #35 "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" ²**

Call to Confession [*Pastor*]

Prayer of Confession [*Congregation in unison*]

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sins. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

(A time for silent prayer of confession.)

Assurance of Pardon [*Led by Pastor*]

One: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.
In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: **May the God of mercy who forgives us our sins,
strengthen you in all goodness,**

One: and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

All: **Amen.**

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

Prayer for Illumination [*Pastor*]

Scriptural Readings

1st Lesson: Psalm 27¹ p. 437-438

2nd Lesson: Luke 11:1-4¹ p. 845

Sermon "Following Jesus: Praying" Rev. Dr. Clay Macaulay

"He was praying in a certain place..."

Luke 11:1a¹

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.³

Call for the Offering [*Pastor*]

Offering, Offertory

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

Prayer of Dedication [*Pastor*]

Prayers of the People, concluding with Lord's Prayer³

[Pastor offers prayers, each prayer ending with:]

One: Lord in your mercy...

All: Hear our prayer.

***Departing Hymn #65 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah "²**

***Charge & Benediction [*Pastor*]**

***Postlude**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome back the Rev. Dr. Clay Macaulay to our pulpit today!

Since 2016, Clay Macaulay (UTS, D. Min., 1985) has served as the Director for Alumni Development for Union Presbyterian Seminary. He returned to Richmond after serving as a pastor in congregations for thirty years. The son of a Presbyterian minister, Clay spent his boyhood in North Carolina, born in Mooresville, and grew up in Asheboro. Clay has 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, WVA, Peoria, IL, and Weems, VA. He is a graduate of Davidson College (AB 1981).

Easter Lilies: Cost: \$14/plant; make check payable to Gregory Memorial by Mar. 27, using order forms in bulletin or on Narthex table.

The Pulpit line-up for March:

March 20: Rev. Sylvester H. Bullock

March 27: Rev. Dr. Shelly Barrick Parsons

Newsletter articles are needed! If you have an article to share in The Herald, or one clipped from another source to use (*with permission*), send it by email: office@gregorymemorial.org. or bring it by. We've had some really good ones, and have now run out. *So, more, please!*

¹ 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.

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

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

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)

3/13 THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

	<u>2ND SUNDAY IN LENT</u>	13	<u>3RD SUNDAY IN LENT</u>	20
S	<p>2a Daylight Saving Time starts</p> <p>9:30a Sunday School</p> <p>11a Worship</p> <p>*Guest preacher: Rev. Dr. W. Clay Macaulay</p> <p><i><u>Order Easter Lilies</u></i></p>		<p>9:30a Sunday School</p> <p>11a Worship</p> <p>*Guest preacher: Rev. Sylvester H. Bullock</p> <p>12p Session Meeting Moderator: Rev. Bullock</p> <p><i><u>Order Easter Lilies</u></i></p>	
M		14		21
T	<p>6p GSA Tr. 5000, (Fellowship Hall Reception Area, Kitchen, Meeting/ Dining Rm.)</p>	15		22
W		16		23
T	<p><u>St. Patrick's Day</u></p> <p>6a Church cleaning</p> <p>2p News articles due</p> <p>7p Stewardship & Finan.Com.</p>	17	<p>6a Church cleaning</p> <p>2p Newsletter out</p>	24
F		18		25
S		19		26

ATTENDANCE:

WORSHIP

SUNDAY SCHOOL

	M	V	M	V
Mar. 6, 2022	24	6	8	
Mar. 13, 2022				
Mar. 20, 2022				
Mar. 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)
Shirley MacNeill (health issue, Chippenham Med. Ctr.)
Family/friends of Charles A. Shortt III (d. 3/7)

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Hymns for Worship Service – March 13, 2022

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

Hymn #35 – "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

1) Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

2) Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth, shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth! Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what he ordaineth?

3) Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly for aye we adore him.

TEXT: Joachim Neander, 1680; trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt; public domain.

MUSIC: Stralsund *Ernewerten Gesanbuch*, 1556; harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863; public domain.

Hymn #65 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

1) Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but thou art mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.

2) Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.

3) When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside. Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side. Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee; I will ever give to thee.

TEXT: William Williams, 1762; stanza 1, trans. Peter Williams, 1771;

stanzas 2-3, trans. William Williams, 1772; public domain.

MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907; public domain.

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Scripture Readings for Worship Service – March 13, 2022

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Old Testament: Psalm 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation— whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life— of whom shall I be afraid? When the wicked advance against me to devour me, it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall. Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then I will be confident.

One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple. For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock. Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the Lord. Hear my voice when I call, Lord; be merciful to me and answer me. My heart says of you, “Seek his face!” Your face, Lord, I will seek.

Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper. Do not reject me or forsake me, God my Savior. Though my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will receive me. Teach me your way, Lord; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors. Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes, for false witnesses rise up against me, spouting malicious accusations.

I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.

New Testament: Luke 11:1-4

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.”

He said to them, “When you pray, say:

‘Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.’