

Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



RESURRECTION OF THE LORD/EASTER DAY

April 17, 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!

GOD GATHERS THE PEOPLE

Choral Prelude - "Ten Thousand Angels"
music & words by Tom Fettke

Sandra Perkins, Organist
Gail Rollings, Pianist

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Rose Scott

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Beverly Sherrill Bullock

Sharing of Joys/Concerns

Call to Worship [*Responsive, led by Pastor*]

One: Halleluia! Jesus is risen! He is risen indeed!

All: **May this declaration resound not only in these walls but touch the lives of all we meet and forever be the truth of which we speak.**

One: Your love, once sown within a garden, tended for your own people, neglected and rejected, now spreads its sweet perfume in this place and wherever it is shown.

All: **Halleluia! Jesus is risen! He is risen indeed!**

[Faith and Worship – John Birch]

* **Opening Hymn** #233 "The Day of Resurrection"

Call to Confession [*Pastor*]

God welcomes the prodigal and searches for the lost sheep. Let us return to our God through prayer and confession.

Prayer of Confession [*In unison*]

You call us to hope, Savior God, but we despair. You call us to work for peace, but we doubt its power. You call us to community, but we judge and shun. Transform us, Holy One, by the joy of this Easter. Let us celebrate this day as a new beginning and a new life. Amen.

(A time for silent prayer of confession.)

Assurance of Pardon [*Pastor*]

Christ conquered death to restore us to life. Believe this good news. Live this resurrection. Hope in God's promise because we are forgiven in Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

Call for the Offering [*Pastor*]

With glad and generous hearts, let us give from what we have received.

Offering, Offertory

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

Prayer of Dedication [*Pastor*]

God, you meet our needs and transform us for service. Accept these gifts as tokens of our gratitude and bless Christ's ministry with these offerings. Amen.

Choral Anthem - "Christ Arose Medley" *arrangement by Dennis Allen*

Junior Church - A special "Time for Children", including a lesson, crafts and snacks, has been planned for any children who wish to join us.

Prayer for Illumination [Pastor]

Savior God, we need your good news. We need the challenge of your Holy Spirit. We need this time of Word and worship. Help us to tune our hearts and minds to your will and your way as we approach the Scriptures today. Amen.

Scriptural Readings

Old Testament: Psalm 118:1-4, 14-24 p. 492-493

New Testament: John 20:1-18 p. 882-883

Sermon "Because" Rev. Beverly Sherrill Bullock

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]*

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer [Responsive, led by Pastor]

One: The heavens and earth rejoice! God has raised Jesus from the dead and promised us everlasting life. Nothing can separate us from God's love in Jesus Christ. We praise you, O Holy One. We adore you. We celebrate our new life in Christ. Hear these prayers of your people for the power of resurrection to transform us and set us free....

All: In your mercy, resurrect us, O God.

One: ...from pandemic exhaustion and anxiety, great resignations, political divisions, gas-lighting and culture wars.

All: In your mercy, resurrect us, O God.

One: ...from our tendencies to hoard and consume without thought of neighbor or planet, from our need to satisfy every craving, from our habit of stuffing ourselves beyond what is healthy or necessary.

All: In your mercy, resurrect us, O God.

One: ...from our thirst for violence, our rationalization of revenge, our disbelief in peace as a pragmatic path.

All: In your mercy, resurrect us, O God.

One: ... from all that lays waste to our souls, all the message that we are unworthy and incapable of becoming the people you created us to be, denying the *imago dei* that sparks within.

All: In your mercy, resurrect us, O God.

One: ...from doubts and depression, from hopeless despair, from overwhelming grief.

All: In your mercy, resurrect us, O God.

One: ...from the social evils that plague us, the injustice of poverty, racism, transphobia, homophobia, and xenophobia.

All: In your mercy, resurrect us, O God.

One: Living Christ, we praise you for opening the gates of everlasting hope. We are not lost. We are not alone. Alleluia and amen. Hear us now as we pray the prayer Christ taught us, "*Our Father...*"

***Departing Hymn #317 "In Christ There is No East or West"**

***Charge & Benediction [Pastor]**

Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed! Leave this worship a resurrected people, living into the hope of the Gospel's good news!

May the grace, hope, peace and love of God our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with you now and always. Amen.

***Postlude**

4/17 **THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY MEMORIAL**

	<u>RESURRECTION OF THE LORD/EASTER DAY</u>	17	<u>2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER</u>	24
S	<p>6:30a Sunrise Service, followed by breakfast</p> <p>9:30a Sunday School</p> <p>11a Worship service *Guest preacher: Rev. Beverly Sherrill Bullock</p>		<p>9:30a Sunday School</p> <p>11a Worship service ➤ 5 Cents Meal Offering</p> <p>*Guest preachers: Rev. Beverly Sherrill Bullock Rev. Sylvester H. Bullock</p> <p>12p Session meeting Moderator: Rev. Sylvester H. Bullock</p>	
M		18		25
T	6p GSA Tr5000 (Fellowship Hall Reception Area, Kitchen, Meeting/Dining Rm.)	19		26
W		20		27
T	<p>6a Church cleaning</p> <p>7p Stewardship & Finance Cmte.</p>	21	<p>6a Church cleaning</p> <p>2p May newsletter out</p>	28
F		22		29
S		23	2p Cmte. reports due	30

ATTENDANCE:

WORSHIP

SUNDAY SCHOOL

	M	V	M	V
Apr. 3, 2022	17	7	7	
Apr. 10, 2022	24	6	7	1
Apr. 17, 2022				
Apr. 24, 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 Lykins Flaherty, Mary Lykins' daughter
Renee' Renier, Diana Flaherty's long-time friend (health issue)
Shirley MacNeill (health issue)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome back the Rev. Beverly Sherrill Bullock to our pulpit!

Today's Easter lilies are dedicated to the glory of God in honor of/in memory of those named. Please take your lilies home today after worship.

Junior Church – A Special "Time for Children"! After today's Choral Anthem, we have planned a special "Time for Children" including a lesson with crafts and snacks for any children who wish to join us!

The worship service next Sunday, Apr. 24, will be led by Rev. Beverly Sherrill Bullock and Rev. Sylvester H. Bullock.

Session Meeting – Sunday, Apr. 24, 12 p.m. Moderator: Rev. Sylvester Bullock.

Newsletter articles are needed! If you have an article you'd like to share, please leave it in Nancy's office door mailbox, or, send it in to the church office by email: office@gregorymemorial.org

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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)

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

**Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church
Easter Flowers - 2022**



The lilies in our Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by:

Grace P. Cibula (2), In honor of Sandy and Donald Hunter.

Pat Elder, In memory of Mary Sue Pannier.

The Hunters, In memory of our parents and grandparents.

Linda and Larry Johnson, In honor of our grandchildren: Corinne, Jack, Owen, Natalie and Emily; In memory of our parents: Mae and Homer Elkins, and Ima and Clarence Johnson.

Mary Lykins, In memory of David Lykins.

William Robertson, In honor of Shirley MacNeill.

Janet Shill, In memory of Raymond Swinton.

***Barbara Taliaferro (2), In memory of Tommie L. Taliaferro;
In memory of Tracy Taliaferro.***

Please take your Easter lilies after the worship service.

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Hymns for Worship Service – April 17, 2022 (Easter Day)

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Opening Hymn #233 "The Day of Resurrection!"

- 1) The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad, the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God. From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free, our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.
- 2) Let the hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light, and listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain, his own "All hail!" and hearing, may raise the victor strain.
- 3) Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth its song begin; the round world keep high triumph and all that is therein. Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend, for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end.

TEXT: John of Damascus, 8th cent.; trans. John Mason Neale, 1862, alt.; public domain.
MUSIC: Henry Thomas Smart, c. 1835; public domain.

Departing Hymn #317 "In Christ There Is No East or West"

- 1) In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north, but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.
- 2) In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find; his service is the golden cord close-binding humankind.
- 3) Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be. All children of the living God are surely kin to me.
- 4) In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south and north. All Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

TEXT: John Oxenham, 1908, alt.; public domain.
MUSIC: African American spiritual: Jubilee Songs, 1884; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1940; public domain.

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Scripture Readings for Worship Service – April 17, 2022 (Easter Day)

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Old Testament: Psalm 118:1-4, 14-24

[Psalm 118:14-24:] O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever." Let the house of Aaron say, "His steadfast love endures forever." Let those who fear the LORD say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

[Psalm 118:14-24:] The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD does valiantly; the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly." I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD. The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death. Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

New Testament: John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look^[a] into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.