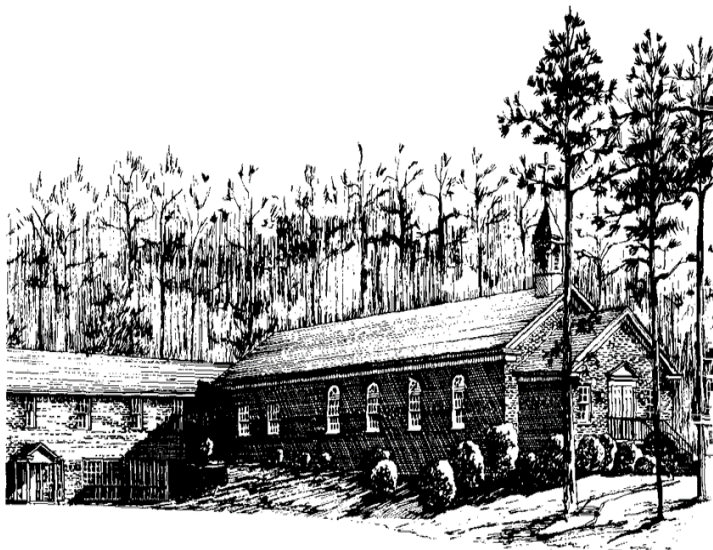


# GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**Christians Who Love and Care.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.  
We bless you from the house of the LORD. The LORD is  
God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession  
with branches, up to the horns of the altar. You are my  
God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will  
extol you. O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for  
his steadfast love endures forever. ~Psalm 118:  
26-29**

**April 24, 2022**

# **Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church**



## **2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**April 24, 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**

Larry Johnson

**Passing of the Peace**

The Reverends Beverly S.  
& Sylvester H. Bullock

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

One: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

All: **This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

\* **Opening Hymn** #265 - "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

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

No one is lost to God. All our welcome to witness and receive God's saving grace. Let us confess our sins before our Savior.

**Prayer of Confession [In unison]**

You send us, God of the Great Commission, but we hedge and hesitate. Forgive our fear and our excuses. We are witnesses of your grace and glory but allow others to silence our praise. We imprison ourselves with doubt and shame and fail to shine your light for all to see. Forgive our fears. Free our testimony. Amen.

*(A time for silent prayer of confession.)*

**Assurance of Pardon [Pastor]**

Christ has transformed us. Christ has renewed us. Through Christ’s death and resurrection, we are a new creation, ready to sing God’s glory and testify to God’s grace. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

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

**Call for the Offering [Pastor]**

Humbled by God’s generosity, let us offer our gifts to God and Christ’s church.

**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 signs of our gratitude and our commitment to witness to Christ’s ministry in your world. Amen.

**Prayer for Illumination [Pastor]**

Savior God, your Word is a lamp to our feet on this discipleship road. Walk with us. Guide us with your wisdom and grace. Open us to discerning your will and your way. Amen.

**Scriptural Readings**

Old Testament:	Psalm 150	p. 508
New Testament:	John 20:19-31	p. 883

**Sermon**      “Beyond a Shadow of a Doubt ”                      The Revs. 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: Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed! We join our voices with the chorus of creation, praising our God of resurrection glory! The trajectory of death has been disrupted. God's promise of a world made new, redeemed by Christ's passion, is worthy of trumpets, tambourines, and dance! We celebrate you, Savior God. We adore you. We approach you in prayer full of gratitude and praise. Even though the lilies that adorn our sanctuaries are still fresh and our lives know happiness and joy, we continue to grieve the state of our world, the illness that lays so many low, the violence of war and the troubled spirits of those oppressed. *Lord in your mercy...*

#### **All: Hear our prayers.**

One: Hear our prayers for peace, Redeeming God. Heal the rifts that break us apart. Humble the tyrants hell-bent on war. Empower the diplomats with nonviolent strategies. Protect the people of Ukraine. *Lord in your mercy...*

#### **All: Hear our prayers.**

One: Encourage us, God of grace, in our witness. May we not fear or avoid your call to shine and sing. Give us the courage to face our painful truths so we can participate in necessary and faithful change. Grant us the wisdom to learn from our past so we can help build towards your glorious future. Guide us in all we say and do, Inspiring God, so we can bear witness to the hope you offer and the path Christ has paved. *As the Body of Christ, hear us now as we pray as Christ taught us, "Our Father..."*

**\*Departing Hymn #353 - "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"**

**Charge & Benediction [Pastor]**

Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed! We are an Easter people!  
Live into the hope of Christ's resurrection!

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

**\*Postlude**

**4/24 THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY**

	<b><u>2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</u></b> 24	May 1
S	<p><b>9:30a</b> Sunday School</p> <p><b>11a</b> Worship service          ➤ 5 Cents Meal Offering</p> <p>*Guest preachers:          Rev. Beverly Sherrill Bullock          Rev. Sylvester H. Bullock</p> <p><b>12p</b> Session meeting          Moderator:          Rev. Sylvester H. Bullock</p>	<p><b><u>3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER</u></b></p> <p><b>9:30a</b> Sunday School</p> <p><b>11a</b> Worship          *Guest preacher: TBA</p>
M	25	<b>1p</b> Worship Cmte. 2
T	26	<p><b>6p</b> GSA Tr9000          (Fellowship Hall Reception Area,          Kitchen, Meeting/Dining Rm)</p> <p><b>6p</b> Congregational Care Cmte.</p> <p><b>7p</b> Facilities Cmte.</p>
W	27	4
T	28	<b>6a</b> Church cleaning 5
		<b>2p</b> May newsletter out
F	29	6
S	30	<b>2p</b> Cmte. reports due 7

**ATTENDANCE:**

**WORSHIP**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

	M	V	M	V
Apr. 3, 2022	17	7	7	
Apr. 10, 2022	24	6	7	1
Apr. 17, 2022	29	18	7	
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)  
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, MaryLykins' daughter  
Renee' Renier, Diana Flaherty's long-time friend (health issue)  
Shirley MacNeill (health issue)  
Emily Henry, Mary Holc's sister (health issue)  
Family/friends of Pam Henry, Mary Holc's friend (d. 4/20)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**We welcome the Rev. Beverly Sherrill Bullock and Rev. Sylvester H. Bullock to Gregory's pulpit this morning!**

**Session meets today** after worship service; Moderator: Rev. Sylvester Bullock.

**Newsletter articles are needed!** We've had some really good lead newsletter stories, and have now run out. 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](mailto:office@gregorymemorial.org)

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Treasurer: Kevin Foster Financial Secretary: 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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Hymns for Worship Service – April 24, 2022 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter)

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**Hymn # 265 "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"**

- 1) Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run; his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
- 2) To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head; his name, like sweet perfume, shall rise with every morning sacrifice.
- 3) People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest sone, and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.
- 4) Blessings abound where'er he reigns: the prisoners leap to loose their chains; the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.
- 5) Let every creature rise and bring honors peculiar to our King; angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the load Amen!

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**Departing 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.*

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Scripture Readings for Worship Service – April 24, 2022 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter)

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**Old Testament: Psalm 150**

Praise the LORD!

Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!

Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!

Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

Let everything that breathes praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD!

**New Testament: John 20:19-31**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe<sup>[a]</sup> that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.