

Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 1, 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!

Prelude

Sandra Perkins, Organist
Gail Rollings, Pianist

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Sandy Hunter

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Marvin Daniel
Guest Preacher

Sharing of Joys/Concerns

Call to Worship [Pastor]

"Come before the Lord, our God, with Worship!
With Strong tongues of praise, come before the Holy One
with full rich words of God's faithfulness, goodness and love.
Goodness and love. Let us give our worship and shout to
God with praise!"

***Opening Hymn - #595 "Holy, Holy, Holy"**

Call to Confession [Pastor]

Prayer of Confession [In unison]

God of tender mercies, sometimes we don't know what
to do with ourselves. We anger at the slightest insult and
imagine great vengeance upon those who wronged us. We
laze about in the good news of our faith and do not consider
the very deep commitment of faith. We care for ourselves
but not for others. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive us, help us
to repent, and make us whole. Amen.

(A time for silent prayer of confession.)

Assurance of Pardon [Pastor]

Congregational Response [Remain seated and sing:]

Response Hymn - #418 "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling"

Call for the Offering [Pastor]

Offering, Offertory

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

Prayer of Dedication [Pastor]

Scriptural Readings [Pastor's alternate: The Message Trans.]

Old Testament, NRSV Trans.: Psalm 32 p. 440

New Testament, NRSV Trans.: Luke 15:1-3; 11-32 p. 850-851

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 concluding with Lord's Prayer

[Pastor offers prayers, each prayer ending with:]

One: Lord in your mercy...

All: Hear our prayer.

***Departing Hymn - #542 "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"**

***Charge & Benediction [Pastor]**

***Postlude**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome Rev. Marvin Daniel back to our pulpit today!

"Camp Fun Day" at Camp Hanover: Sunday, May 1 from 2p.m. – 5 p.m. You are invited to join the staff and guests of Camp Hanover for a fun-filled day of games, activities, hiking (if you want), and relax with a Camp tour, S'mores, hotdogs and door prizes. Meet the Camp Goats! *It's FREE!*

Pulpit line-up for May:

May 1: Rev. Marvin Daniel

May 8: "Mother's Day" - Doug Walters, Exec. Dir., Camp Hanover

May 15: "Scouts Sunday" – BSA Troop 900

May 22: Rev. Andy Meyers; and Session Meeting Moderator

May 29: Rev. Sylvester H. Bullock

Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering, Sunday, May 8: See enclosed flyer. Offering envelopes will be provided in May 8 worship service bulletin.

Circle meeting: Tuesday, May 10 at 1:00 PM: location TBA.

Movie Night: Wednesday, May 11: Movie night ("Noah") will begin with dinner (barbecue with coleslaw) at 6:00 p.m., followed by movie ("Noah") at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome; bring a guest!

Scouts Sunday, May 15: Scouts will host an Appreciation Reception for congregation in the Fellowship Hall after worship service.

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 email: office@gregorymemorial.org

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)

5/1 THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

S	<p style="text-align: right;">May 1</p> <p>3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER</p> <p>9:30a Sunday School</p> <p>11a Worship *Guest preacher: Rev. Marvin Daniel</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">8</p> <p>4th SUNDAY OF EASTER "MOTHER'S DAY"</p> <p>9:30a Sunday School</p> <p>11a Worship ➤ Presby. Women's Birthday Offering</p> <p>*Guest preacher: Doug Walters</p>
M	<p>1p Worship Cmte.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">2</p>	<p>6p BSA Crater Order of Arrow, Karakona Ch. 19 (Fellowship Hall Reception Area, Kitchen, Meeting/Dining Rm)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">9</p>
T	<p>6p GSA Tr9000 (Fellowship Hall Reception Area, Kitchen, Meeting/Dining Rm)</p> <p>6p Congregational Care Cmte.</p> <p>7p Facilities Cmte.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">3</p>	<p>1p Circle (Location: TBA)</p> <p>7p Faith Cmte.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">10</p>
W	<p style="text-align: right;">4</p>	<p>Movie Night at GMPC</p> <p>6p BBQ & coleslaw dinner In Fellowship Hall, followed by:</p> <p>6:30p Movie "Noah"</p> <p style="text-align: right;">11</p>
T	<p>6a Church cleaning</p> <p style="text-align: right;">5</p>	<p>6a Church cleaning</p> <p style="text-align: right;">12</p>
F	<p style="text-align: right;">6</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">13</p>
S	<p style="text-align: right;">7</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">14</p>

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	28	8	6	

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, Mary Lykins'
daughter
Renee' Renier, Diana Flaherty's long-time friend (health issue)
Shirley MacNeill (health issue)
Emily Henry, Mary Holc's sister (health issue)
Charlie Perkins (surgery, health issue)
Family/friends of Pam Henry, Mary Holc's friend (d. 4/20)

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Hymns for Worship Service – May 1, 2022 (3rd Sunday of Easter)

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

Opening Hymn #595 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

- 1) Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you! My heart knows how to say to you:
you are holy, Lord!
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TEXT and MUSIC: Trad. Argentine; public domain

Responsive Hymn #418 "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"

- 1) Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me. See, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me. *"Come home, come home! You who are weary, come home" Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, "O sinner, come home!"*
 - 2) Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleasing for you and for me? Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me? *"Come home, come home! You who are weary, come home" Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, "O sinner, come home!"*
 - 3) O for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me. *"Come home, come home! You who are weary, come home" Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, "O sinner, come home!"*
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TEXT and Music: Will L. Thompson, 1880.

Departing Hymn #542 "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

- 1) God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.
 - 2) God be with you till we meet again; unseen wings protecting hide you, daily manna still provide you: *God be with you till we meet again.*
 - 3) God be with you till we meet again; when life's perils thick confound you, put unfailing arms around you:
God be with you till we meet again.
 - 4) God be with you till we meet again; keep love's banner floating o'er you; smite death's threatening wave before you: *God be with you till we meet again.*
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Scripture Readings for Worship Service – May 1, 2022 (3rd Sunday of Easter)

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Old Testament: Psalm 32 (The Message Translation)

Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit. When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." And you forgave the guilt of my sin. Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found; surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach them. You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance. I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you. Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you. Many are the woes of the wicked, but the LORD's unfailing love surrounds the one who trusts in him. Rejoice in the LORD and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!

New Testament Luke 15:1-3; 11-32 (The Message Translation)

[Luke 15:1-3] By this time a lot of men and women of questionable reputation were hanging around Jesus, listening intently. The Pharisees and religion scholars were not pleased, not at all pleased. They growled, "He takes in sinners and eats meals with them, treating them like old friends." Their grumbling triggered this story.

[Luke 15:11-32] Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them." "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' So he got up and went to his father. "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate. "Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. 'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' "The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!' "'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'"