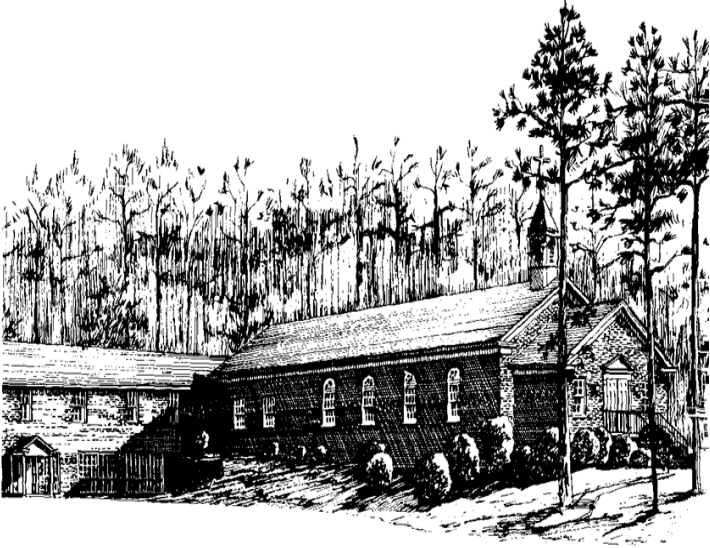


# Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



**Christians Who Love and Care.**

*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!*

**"SCOUTS SUNDAY"**

**MAY 15, 2022**

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**May 15, 2022 – 11:00 a.m.**

*[Today's Greeters: Representatives of BSA Troop 900 & Cub Pack 910]*

**Prelude** Sandra Perkins, Organist/ Gail Rollings, Pianist

**Chiming of the Hour** *Alex Huffman*

## **GOD GATHERS THE PEOPLE**

**Presentation of the Colors:** *Jack Daniel*

American Flag, Christian Flag, Boy/Cub Scout Flags

*[Flag Bearers: Neo Bailey, Colin Dendler, Christian D-M,  
Bear Cub Jackson Pate]*

**Welcome & Announcements** *Jack Daniel*

**Passing of the Peace/Sharing of Joys & Concerns** *Seth Persinger*

**Introduction of Leaders** *Lowell Flickinger*

**& Presentation of the Charters**

*[Scout Leaders, Ralph Orr, Christy Blankenship and Kevin Foster]*

**Call to Worship [Responsive]** *Stephen Thompson*

One: Sing praise to God, who gathers us here;

**All: From the ends of the earth we come.**

One: With a word of promise, God turns our mourning in to dancing.

**All: By the presence of His Spirit, God turns our sorrow into joy.**

One: Arise, shine, for your light has come!

**All: Behold the glory of the Lord! Alleluia!**

\* **Opening Hymn #634 – “To God Be the Glory”**

**Call to Confession****Andrew Lively**

Let us confess our sins before our Savior.

**Prayer of Confession (In unison)****Andrew Lively**

Merciful God, we confess that without you, we are not whole. Forgive our foolish ways, reform our prideful selves, make us listen to the way of peace, remove from us the disbelief to which we cling. You are the One who liberates with a word and nourishes us without your own body. Give us thankful hearts as we come to the waters of life with trust and hope. Amen

*(A Moment of Silent Confession)*

**Promise of God's Forgiveness [Led by Scout]****Andrew Lively**

One: Hear the good news of the gospel:

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, healed, and made whole.**

One: Know that we have been forgiven, and be at peace!

**All: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. Amen!**

**\*Congregational Response (Hymn #581) "Glory Be to the Father"****Call for the Offering****Jackson McPeak**

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance, you shall take some the first of all the fruit of the ground and you shall put it in a basket and you shall set it down before the Lord your God, and together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among, you shall celebrate with all the bounty the Lord your God has given to you and to your house. *[from Deuteronomy 26]*

**\*Congregational Response (Hymn #606) "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"****Prayer of Dedication****Alex Huffman**

Holy God, we present our offerings as did our ancestors of old, giving the first fruits of our labors. May they bring blessing to those with whom we travel the wilderness journey — to the widow, the orphan, the alien, the outsider, who your Son calls us to love and to care for. Amen.

## WE ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

### Scriptures *[Readings by Scouts]*

1st Reading: Leviticus 19: 9-18 p. 93  
2nd Reading: Psalm 24: 1-6 p.436

*Stephen Thompson*  
*Andrew Costello*

Sermon "Duty to God"

*Dickie Thompson*  
*Assistant Scoutmaster*

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### **\*We Affirm Our Faith (In unison)**

*Dickie Thompson, ASM*

The Lord God is our Great Scoutmaster who provides all our needs. He lets us camp in forests tall and meadows green. He leads us on trails besides waters deep and still, brooks babbling, streams rushing, and rivers raging. He restores our bodies, minds and souls, even as we observe the eagle soaring to greater heights above. He encourages the Eagle Scout in his upward climb. He teaches Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, and Venturers to live the Scout Oath and Law. Even though the trails may lead through dark valleys with towering mountains, we are courageous because he leads us onward. He continually blesses us with food for mind and body. Even when our enemies dislike or distrust us, he blesses us with the gifts of love and forgiveness. Surely, his goodness and mercy will sustain us all the days of our lives. And, when we climb the final trail through the awesome pass that leads to the Great Council fire, we shall join those who traveled the trail before us and joyfully live with him forever! Amen. *[from Scouts BSA Handbook]*

### **Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer *[Responsive]***

*Joshua McPeak*

[Leader (the "One") offers prayers, each one ending with:]

One: *Lord in your mercy...*

**All: Hear our prayers.**

[Leader closes with: "As the Body of Christ, hear us now as we pray as Christ taught us, ***"Our Father..."***"]

**\*Blessing [Responsive, led by Scout]**

*Joshua McPeak*

One: We have been blessed!

**All: We have met for divine worship, as God's people.**

One: We have been blessed!

**All: Our sins have truly been forgiven.**

One: We have been blessed!

**All: We go out into the world as the body of Christ, bearing the good news of the gospel. We are blessed, indeed. Amen!**

**\*Departing Hymn #45 - "I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes (Psalm 121)"**

**Charge & Benediction [By Scout]**

*Jack Daniel*

Travel the wilderness road and return to the Lord your God. For God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast mercy.

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and may God--- Father, Son, and Holy Spirit---remain with you always. Amen.

**\*Postlude**

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**THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY**

S	<p><b>5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> 15  <b>"SCOUTS SUNDAY"</b></p> <p>9:30a Sunday School</p> <p>11a Worship          ➤ P. W. Birthday Offering          *Scouts Worship Service</p> <p>Guest Preacher:          Dickie Thompson, ASM</p> <p>12p Appreciation Reception          In Fellowship Hall hosted          by BSA Troop 900 Scouts</p>	<p><b>6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> 22</p> <p>9:30a Sunday School</p> <p>11a Worship          ➤ 5 Cents Meal Offering</p> <p>*Guest preacher: Rev. Andy Meyers</p> <p>12p Session Meeting          Moderator: Rev. Andy Meyers</p>
M	16	23
T	<p>6p GSA Troop 5000 17          (Fellowship Hall Reception Area,          Kitchen, Meeting/          Dining Rm)</p>	24
W	18	25
T	<p>6a Church cleaning 19          2p News articles due          7p Stewardship &amp; Finance Cmte.</p>	<p>6a Church cleaning 26          2p Newsletter out</p>
F	20	27
S	21	28

**ATTENDANCE:**

**WORSHIP**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

	M	V	M	V
May 1, 2022	16	7	5	
May 8, 2022	24	7		
May 15, 2022				
May 22, 2022				
May 29, 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)

Charlie Perkins (surgery, health issue)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**We welcome Scout Troop 900, Scout Leaders and affiliates**, to Gregory's pulpit this morning. Our Scouts will be giving the worship service this morning.

**An Appreciation Reception for the congregation**, hosted by the Scouts and their affiliates, will be held in the Fellowship Hall immediately after the worship service. You're invited to join us and celebrate "Scouts Sunday"!

**Session Meeting** – After worship service next Sunday, May 22, at 12 p.m. The Rev. Andy Meyers will serve as Moderator.

### **May Pulpit Line-up:**

May 1: Rev. Marvin Daniel

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

May 15: "Scouts Sunday" – BSA Troop 900 & Affiliates

May 22: Rev. Andy Meyers; also serving as Session Meeting Moderator

May 29: Rev. Sylvester H. Bullock

**Newsletter articles needed** – If you have one to share, please send to office at [office@gregorymemorial.org](mailto:office@gregorymemorial.org) or drop it in the office door mailbox.

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Pastor: As announced

Secretary: Nancy Adams ([office@gregorymemorial.org](mailto:office@gregorymemorial.org))

Organist: Sandra Perkins

Pianist: Gail Rollings

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)



## Hymn #634 – "To God Be the Glory"

- 1) To God be the glory; great things he has done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the lifegate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory: great things he has done!*

- 2) Great things he has taught us; great things he has gone, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; but purer and higher and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory: great things he has done!*

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## Hymn #45 "I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes (Psalm 121)"

- 1) I to the hills will lift my eyes; from whence shall come my aid? My help is from the Lord alone, who heaven and earth has made.
- 2) God will not let your foot be moved; your guardian never sleeps; God's watchful and unslumbering care protects and safely keeps.
- 3) Your faithful keeper is the Lord, your shelter and your shade. 'Neath sun or moon, by day or night, you shall not be afraid.
- 4) From evil God will keep you safe, provide for all you need. Your going out, your coming in, God will forever lead.

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