ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome the Rev. Sylvester H. Bullock, back to our pulpit!

July's Guest Preachers:

July 3: Rev. Sylvester H. Bullock July 10: Rev. Clay Macaulay July 17: TBA July 24: Rev. Dr. Errol G. Rohr July 31: TBA

<u>Session Meeting</u> – No Stated Session Meeting in July.

<u>**Circle Meeting**</u> – Tuesday, July 12 at 1 p.m.; location: Church Parlor.

Tri-Cities Workcamp for 2022 - July 18-23; Details: TBA

These Days (July-September) – Copies are available in the Narthex.

GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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)

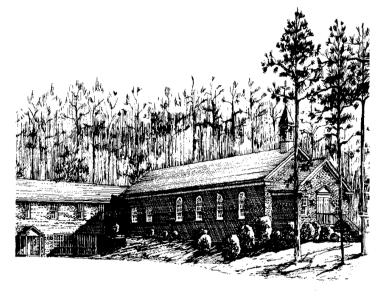
<u>Trustees</u>

Ron Recher (2022); Gail Rollings (2023); Donald Hunter (2024)

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

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Christians Who Love and Care.

"Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End."

~ Revelations 22:12-13

July 3, 2022

GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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 that 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	Larry Johnson				
Passing of the Peace/ Sharing of Joys & Concerns	Rev. Sylvester H. Bullock, Guest Preacher				
 Call to Worship [Responsive, Pastor leads] One: O Lord, my God ,you have drawn me up, All: you have healed me. One: You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth, All: you have clothed me with joy. One: May my soul praise you and not be silent All: I will give thanks to you forever! 					

* Opening Hymn # 12- "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

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) Kenny Overstreet (health issue) Charlie Perkins (surgery, health issue) Jim & Karen Hamilton of Charlotte, NC, Judy Recher's nephew & niece (injured, vehicular accident) Ron Recher (recovering, home) Judy Recher

ANNOUNCEMENTS – See back cover.

THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

	JULY	3		10
	9:30a Sunday School		9:30a Sunday School	
s	11a Worship Service		11a Worship Service	
2	*Guest preacher: Rev. Sylvester H. Bullock		*Guest preacher: Rev. Clay Macaulay	
	INDEPENDENCE DAY	4		11
Т		5		12
	6p Congregational Care Comte.		1p Circle (Location: Church Parlor)	
	7p Facilities Comte.		7p Faith Comte.	
W		6		13
Т	6a Church cleaning	7	6a Church cleaning	14
	U U		7p Finance Comte.	
F		8		15
		9		16

ATTENDANCE:	WO	WORSHIP		SUNDAY SCHOOL	
	М	V	М	V	
June 5, 2022	23	4	6		
June 12, 2022	18	4	6		
June 19, 2022	21	5	6		
June 26, 2022*	24	11			

M=Members V=Visitors

*"Sunday in the Park"; no Sunday School

Call to Confession [Pastor]

Sometimes God gives us the simplest of instructions; yet they don't seem worthy of our time or commitment. Knowing that we digress and acknowledging that we transgress, let us confess our sins together at this time with our prayer of confession.

Prayer of Confession [In unison]

O Lord, we extol you once more. We cry for your help. For we have not followed your will. We have not helped bear one another's burdens. We have not been your faithful laborers going out into your harvest. We have fallen into the pit of self-deception and selfreliance again. We ask that you draw us up and draw us more into your pervasive presence. By your favor we confess and through your abundant mercy we make our supplication. Hear and be gracious to us! Cleanse our souls so that we may praise you in fullness once more. Amen.

(Continuing in silent personal confessions....)

Assurance of Pardon [Pastor]

My friends, even though we have been detected in transgression, the Spirit seeks to restore us in a spirit of gentleness. Anyone who has washed is made clean and anyone who has asked is pardoned! In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and restored!

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

Prayer for Illumination [In unison]

Establishing and equipping God, where you say "go" may we go. When you say "restore" may we work towards your restoration. And in what you describe as "joy" may we live into and out of as we hear your Word speaking to us once again on this day. We love you, Lord. Amen.

Scriptural Readings

Old Testament:	2 Kings 5: 1-14	p. 293
New Testament:	Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20	p. 844
Sermon:	"Love Your Neighbor"	Rev. Sylvester H. 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]

Call for the Offering [Pastor]

The psalmist writes, "You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give ..." May our gifts today be given in that spirit!

Offering, Offertory

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

Prayer of Dedication [In unison]

O Lord, our God, you have called us into the bountiful fields of this world, may we go and fulfill your harvest. O Lord, our God, you have established us as strong mountains, may we stand for your glory and justice in this world. O Lord, my God, you have given us so much; please accept these our responses with our gratitude. Amen.

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer [Responsive; Pastor leads]

- One: We extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn us up, you rejoice with us, and you alone heal our souls. We celebrate and praise your name for you are the one who meets us and greets us and challenges us and loves us with passion and strength.
- All: By your favor, you have established us as your people, and you have chosen to remain steadfast by our side.

- One: God, hear our thanks. We thank you for this day. We thank you for this time to gather. We thank you for this place and these people and your church. We thank you for your undeserved and unearned gifts of grace and peace and mercy. Help us to receive all that you give us with the posture of gratitude and allow it to shape us as we continue to live and move in this your world. God, hear our cries. We cry out for those who feel they are the least — either because others have made them feel that way or because they have lost their notion of being your beloved. We cry out for the last — those who have a hard time finishing because of their circumstances or those who are pushed to the end of the line by this world.
- All: We cry out for those who are lost either lost in cycles of addition, violence, systems or lost in the never-ending rat race of this world.
- One: We pray for these people in our midst and these people in our communities. For those who have suffered loss, bring your peace. For those who are sick, bring relief. For those who are unknowingly suffering from unchecked pride, give them humility. For those who need your presence, allow us to share glimpses of you with them this week. For all these people and more, we pray. And now hear us as we boldly pray that great prayer of trust that you taught us, *"Our Father..."*

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

*Charge & Benediction [Pastor]

The Lord has heard. The Lord is our helper. The Lord now sends us back into the fields with the assurance that the harvest is plentiful. So go. Go out.

Go forth with the grace and peace of God our Creator, our Redeemer, and our Sustainer now and forevermore. Amen.

*Postlude

Hymn #12 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

- 1) Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
- 2) Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might: thy justice, like mountains high soaring above; thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
- 3) To all, life thou givest, to both great and small. In all life thou livest, the true life of all. We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree, then wither and perish; but naught changest thee.
- 4) Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light. Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight. All praise we would render; O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

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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.

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