

Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church

GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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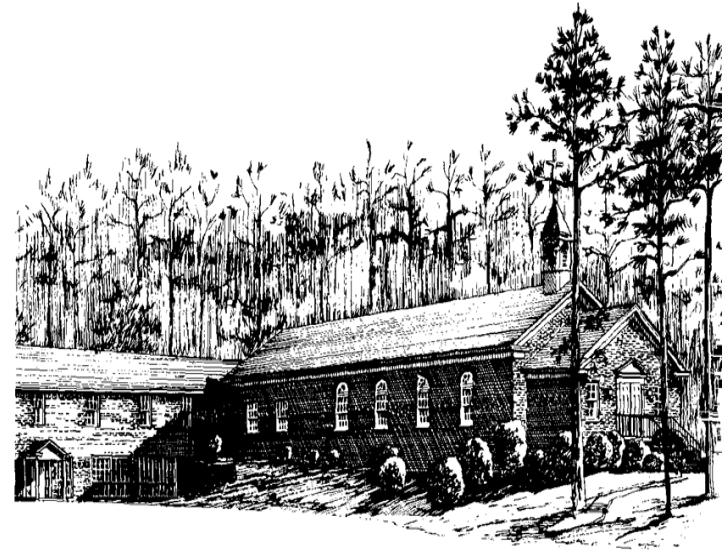
Session Members

*(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)

Trustees

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



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

**August 14, 2022
11:00 a.m.**

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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; based on Hebrews 12:1-2]*

One: We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.

All: Let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely.

One: Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

All: Let us look to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

*** OPENING HYMN #39 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"**

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
Chris Ashby, Wayne Powers' gr.daughter Brittney's husband (health
Issues)
Larry Johnson (surgery, recovering at home)

THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

		AUGUST	14		21
S	9:30a	Sunday School		9:30a	Sunday School
	11a	Worship Service		11a	Worship Service
	*Guest preacher: Rev. Sylvester H. Bullock			*Guest preacher: Pastor Pat Elder	
	12p	Stated Session Meeting			
		Moderator: Rev. Sylvester H. Bullock			
			15		22
T			16		23
W			17		24
T	6a	Church cleaning	18	6a	Church cleaning
	2p	News articles due		2p	Newsletter out
	7p	Finance Cmte.			
F			19		26
S			20		27

ATTENDANCE:

WORSHIP

SUNDAY SCHOOL

	M	V	M	V
August 7, 2022	23	7	7	
August 14, 2022				
August 21, 2022				
August 28, 2022				

M=Members

V=Visitors

CALL TO CONFESSION [Pastor]

Our sins and shortcomings are not permanent obstacles to God. Grace and forgiveness are freely given. Let us take this opportunity to humbly approach our God and confess our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [In unison]

Christ calls us to stand with the least and the last, but we cling to power and privilege. We fear worldly consequences for faithful action. We fail to follow where Christ leads, making excuses for ourselves, for our silence in the face of oppression, for our lack of action. Forgive us, God, and help us risk following where Christ calls. Amen.

(Continuing in silent personal confessions....)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON [Pastor]

God's love is sure and steadfast. Receive the good news that you are forgiven and return to right relationship with God. Amen.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #581 "Glory Be to the Father"**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION [In unison]

Open our ears and humble our hearts as we approach your Word read and proclaimed today, Great God. May we listen, discern and follow the path you intend for us. Amen.

SCRIPTURAL READINGS

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 5: 1-7 p. 552
 New Testament Lesson: Luke 12: 49-56 p. 848

SERMON

"Mature Grapes"

Rev. Sylvester H. Bullock

REFLECTIVE HYMN #65 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

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; from Luke 12:48]*

"From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required." Let us present our tithes and offerings to God.

OFFERING, OFFERTORY

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *[In unison]*

The bounty of summer is upon us. God's table is filled with a feast beyond our wildest dreams. We are grateful to be God's welcome guest. May the gifts we give during this offering bless others as we have been blessed. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

[Responsive; Pastor prays, each prayer ending "Lord in your mercy..."]

All: Hear our prayers

*DEPARTING HYMN #187 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

*CHARGE & BLESSING *[Pastor]*

*POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

August's Guest Preachers:

August 7: Rev. H. Carson Rhyne, Jr.

August 14: Rev. Sylvester H. Bullock; also Session Moderator

August 21: Pastor Pat Elder

August 28: Rev. Dr. Charles Bagwell

Stated Session Meeting – today after worship service.

Newsletter articles are needed! We've had some 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 email it to: office@gregorymemorial.org

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