

Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church

GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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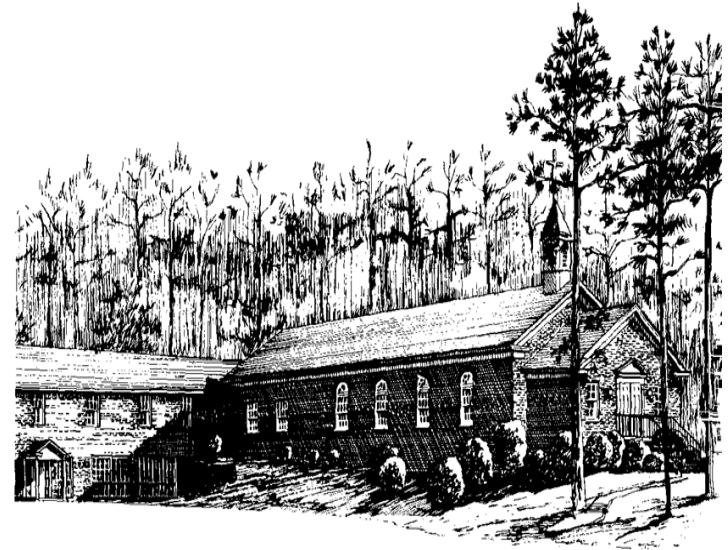
Session Members

*(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 21, 2022
11:00 a.m.**

**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** Pastor Pat Elder
Guest Preacher

CALL TO WORSHIP [Responsive]

One: God lifts us from death to life.

All: We are preserved for God's purposes.

One: Through the compassion of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we are preserved in the Holy Spirit.

All: For such a great gift, with thanksgiving we praise the Lord of Life!

***OPENING HYMN #321 "The Church's One Foundation"**

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 & Dennis 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 (health issue)
Jim & Karen Hamilton of Charlotte, NC, Judy Recher's nephew
& niece (injured, vehicular accident)
Chris Ashby, Wayne Powers' gr.daughter Brittney's husband (health issues)
Larry Johnson (recovering at home from surgery)

THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

	AUGUST	21	28
S	9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service *Guest preacher: Pastor Pat Elder		9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service ➤ 5 Cents-a-Meal Offering *Guest preacher: Rev. Dr. Charles Bagwell
		22	29
T		23	30
W		24	31
T	6a Church cleaning 2p Newsletter out	25	SEPTEMBER 1
F		26	2
S		27	3

ATTENDANCE:

WORSHIP

SUNDAY SCHOOL

	M	V	M	V
August 7, 2022	23	7	7	
August 14, 2022	25	8	7	
August 21, 2022				
August 28, 2022				

M=Members

V=Visitors

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [In unison]

Lord Jesus, we call upon you. Save us! We are intimidated by our circumstances, distracted from your purposes, drowning in doubts and fears. We are presumptuous about your will, belittling others and magnifying ourselves. We envy the blessings of others, secretly despising their dreams. We have hardened our hearts to the suffering of our brothers and sisters, feeding ourselves in the face of the injustice that holds them captive. Lord Jesus, who searches our hearts, lift us from sin and help us to walk with you in faith, humility, and the love that passes all understanding. Amen.

(Continuing in silent personal confessions....)

PROMISE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS [Responsive]

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"**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION [In unison]

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

SCRIPTURAL READINGS

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 15 p. 430

New Testament Lesson: 1st John 1: 5-10 p. 989

SERMON

"Where's My Light?"

Pastor Pat Elder

***REFLECTIVE HYMN #442 "Just As I Am, without One Plea"**

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]*

OFFERING, OFFERTORY

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

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION *[In unison]***

Just as Jesus turned gallons of water into wine, we too know God's extravagant blessings. Take these gifts we give today and bless them, Holy God, that others may know your abundance and live whole and healthy lives. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER *[Responsive]*

Pastor prays, each prayer ending "Lord, in your mercy..."

All: Hear our prayers

***DEPARTING HYMN #550 "Give Praise to the Lord"**

***BLESSING**

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!

***PASTORAL BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome Pastor Pat Elder back to our pulpit!

August's Guest Preachers:

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

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

August 21: Pastor Pat Elder

August 28: Rev. Dr. Charles Bagwell

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: Hymns and liturgy from GLORY TO GOD, THE PRESBYTERIAN HYMNAL, Westminster John Knox Press, 2013.

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