

Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church

GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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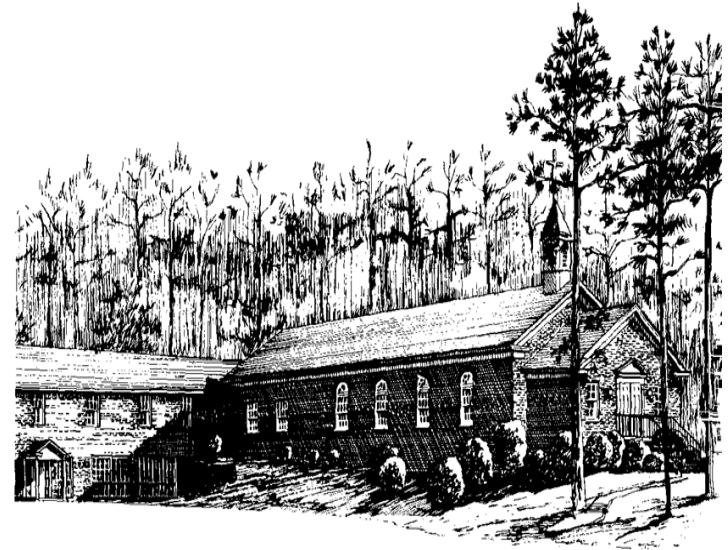
Session Members

*(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 28, 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 Rose Scott

**PASSING OF THE PEACE/
SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS** Rev. Dr. Charles E. Bagwell
Guest Preacher

CALL TO WORSHIP *[Responsive, based on Luke 14:11]*

One: All who exalt themselves will be humbled.

All: And those who humble themselves will be exalted.

One: God invites us all to the kin-dom's banquet.

All: Honored by God's welcome, we gather by grace.

*** OPENING HYMN #267 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"**

* Please stand, as able.

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) and wife, Dianne
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)
Judy Recher (injured from fall) and husband, Ron

THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

S	AUGUST 28	4
	9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service ➤ 5 Cents a Meal Offering *Guest preacher: Rev. Dr. Charles E. Bagwell	9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service *Guest preacher: TBA
M	29	5
	LABOR DAY	
T	30	6
	6p GSA Tr. 5000, (Fellowship Hall Reception Area, Kitchen, Meeting/ Dining Rm.) 6p Congregational Care Cmte. 7p Facilities Cmte.	
W	31	7
	SEPTMBER 1	8
T	6a Church cleaning	6a Church cleaning
F	2	9
S	3	10

ATTENDANCE:

WORSHIP

SUNDAY SCHOOL

	M	V	M	V
August 7, 2022	23	7	7	
August 14, 2022	25	8	7	
August 21, 2022	15	4	4	1
August 28, 2022				

M=Members

V=Visitors

CALL TO CONFESSION [Pastor]

The path of faithfulness is the past of humility. Let us bow before the God who created us and confess the sins that betray us and our faith.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [In unison]

Savior God, forgive us when we jockey for the highest position and the most honorable seat at your table. All are welcome, but we want to know who was invited first. We categorize and rank according to the world's standards, not yours. Forgive our hierarchal ways. Forgive our lust for prestige and power. Return us to Christ, our model of humility and our guide in faith. Amen.

(Continuing in silent personal confessions....)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON [Pastor; Isaiah 43:1]

"Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine."

Thanks be to God; we are forgiven and freed. Amen.

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION [In unison]

Eternal God, your Word speaks truth into our lives. When we humble ourselves to listen, you mature us with knowledge and strengthened faith. Open us to your Word read and proclaimed today, so we might hear and embrace the message you intend for us. Amen.

SCRIPTURAL READINGS

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 112 p. 490
 New Testament Lesson: Luke 14:1, 7-14 p. 849

SERMON

"A Place at the Table"

Rev. Dr. Charles E. Bagwell

*** REFLECTIVE HYMN #286 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"**

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]

OFFERING, OFFERTORY

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

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

Take our hearts, our hands, our gifts, Holy God. Mold us; shape us; send us so that we might be your body in the world you so love. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

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

All: Hear our prayers

***DEPARTING HYMN #546 "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"**

***CHARGE & BLESSING [Pastor]**

***POSTLUDE**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome the Rev. Dr. Charles E. Bagwell to our pulpit!

Dr. Bagwell is Professor of Surgery at VCU and head of the Division of Pediatric Surgery at the Children's Hospital. He recently completed seminary training and was commissioned by the Presbytery in March, serving in his home church in Brandermill.

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