

Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church

GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Organist: Sandra Perkins Pianist: Gail Rollings
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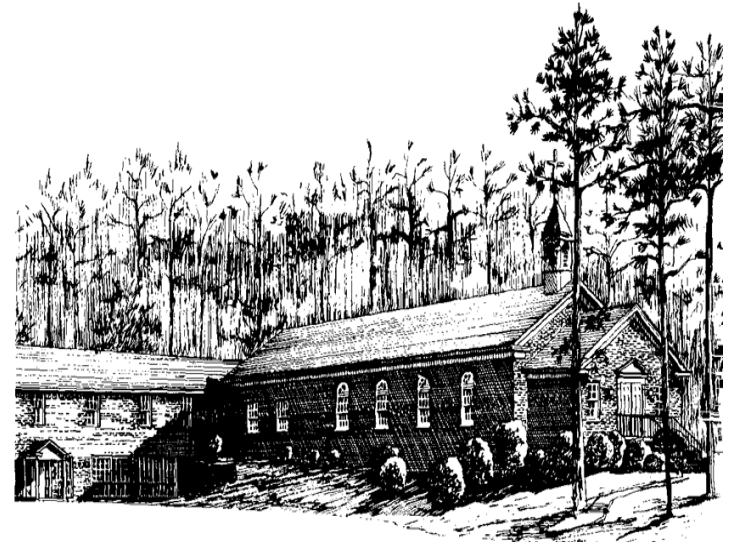
Session Members

*(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

**SEPTEMBER 4, 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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Sandy Hunter

**PASSING OF THE PEACE/
SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS** Rev. Charles Philips
Guest Preacher

CALL TO WORSHIP [Responsive]

One: From daily worries that distract and distort your life-giving path, **All: Gather us, O God.**

One: From suffering that overwhelms and weighs heavy on our hearts, **All: Gather us, O God.**

One: From temptations to escape through worldly addictions and comforts,

All: Gather us, O God.

One: We choose you and Christ's way.

All: Help us attend to your presence with us in worship. Let us worship God.

*** OPENING HYMN #837 "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"**

CALL TO CONFESSION [Pastor]

The path of faithfulness is oftentimes difficult and full of obstacles of our own making. Let us humbly approach the God who calls and creates, confessing the sins that turn us away from new life in Christ.

*** 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 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

SEPTEMBER		4	11
S	<p>9:30a Sunday School</p> <p>11a Worship Service</p> <p>*Guest preacher: Rev. Charles Philips</p>	<p>9:30a Sunday School</p> <p>11a Worship Service</p> <p>*Guest preacher: Rev. Clay Macaulay</p> <p>12p Called Congregational Meeting (to elect members to Cong. Nominating Cmte)</p> <p>12:30p Session Meeting Moderator: Rev. Macaulay</p>	
M		5	12
			6p BSA Crater Dist. Order of Arrow Ch. 19 (Fellowship Hall Reception Area, Kitchen, Meeting/Dining Rm.)
T	<p>6p GSA Tr. 5000, (Fellowship Hall Reception Area, Kitchen, Meeting/ Dining Rm.)</p> <p>7p Congregational Care Cmte.</p> <p>7p Facilities Cmte.</p>	6	13
			<p>1p Presbyterian Women Location: G. Cibula),</p> <p>7p Faith Cmte.</p> <p>7p Facilities Cmte.</p>
W		7	14
T	<p>6a Church cleaning</p>	8	15
			<p>6a Church cleaning</p> <p>2p News articles due</p> <p>7p Finance Cmte.</p>
F		9	16
S		10	17

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	19	4	6	

M=Members V=Visitors

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [In unison]

Holy God, you formed us from the dust of the earth and breathed life into our bodies. Yet we take these lives for granted, choosing destructive paths and unhealthy habits. We turn to idols that addict and enslave, instead of the liberating resources Christ provides. Forgive our foolishness, God our Redeemer, and grant us the wisdom to follow you in faith. Amen.

(A few moments to continue in silent personal confession....)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON [Pastor]

Our God, who restores and resurrects, grants us new life in Jesus Christ. Know that you are forgiven and live fully in joyful freedom. Amen.

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION [In unison]

Your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. May we approach your Word today, Holy God, with the reverence and respect it deserves. Let us be intentional in our listening and focused in our minds as we hear your Word read and proclaimed today. Amen.

PSALM 139: V. 1-6, 13-18 [Responsive]

One: You have searched me, Lord, and you know me.

All: You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.

One: You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.

All: Before a word is on my tongue, you, Lord, know it completely.

One: You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.

All: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

One: For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

All: I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

One: My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.

All: Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

One: How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them!

All: Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand—when I awake, I am still with you.

SCRIPTURAL READINGS

Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 18: 1-11 p. 629
New Testament Lesson: Luke 14: 25-33 p. 850

SERMON "Hating Your Father and Mother" Rev. Charles Philips

***REFLECTIVE HYMN #625 "O Lord, My God" ("How Great Thou Art")**

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]**

Holy God, take these gifts and bless them for good use to your glory. May these tokens of our gratitude be of service in blessing the poor, feeding the hungry, clothing and sheltering those struggling to survive. Use these gifts to further Christ's mission and ministry in a hurting world. 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"**

***CHARGE & BLESSING [Pastor]**

***POSTLUDE**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome the Rev. Charles Philips to our pulpit!

September's Guest Preachers:

September 4: Rev. Charles Philips

September 11: Rev. Clay Macaulay

September 18: TBA

September 25: Rev. Dr. James Taneti

Presbyterian Women will meet on Tuesday, September 13 at 1:00 p.m. in the home of Grace Cibula.

Called Congregational Meeting will be held after worship service on Sunday, September 11 at 12:00 p.m. (purpose: election of members to serve on Congregational Nominating Committee).

Stated Session Meeting for September will be held on Sunday, September 11 at 12:30 p.m., in the Session Meeting Room.

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)