

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome Pastor Gibby Elder to our pulpit today!

### September's Guest Preachers:

September 4: Rev. Charles Philips

September 11: Rev. Dr. Clay Macaulay

**September 18: Pastor Gibby Elder**

September 25: Rev. Dr. James Taneti

**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](mailto:office@gregorymemorial.org)

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### **GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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Pastor: As announced

Secretary: Nancy Adams ([office@gregorymemorial.org](mailto:office@gregorymemorial.org))

Organist: Sandra Perkins Pianist: Gail Rollings

Treasurer: Kevin Foster Financial Sec.: Sandy Hunter

### **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)

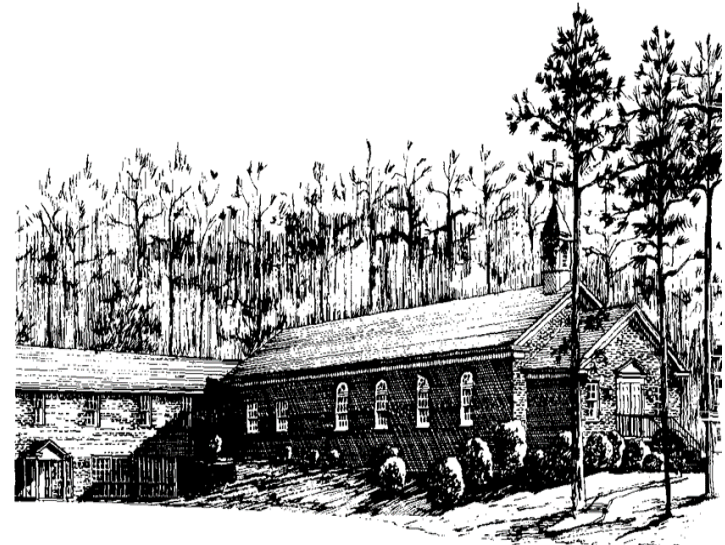
Rose Scott (2024); David L. Johnson\* (2024); Susan Shockley (2024)

Donald Hunter (Clerk of Session - 2022)

### **Trustees**

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

# Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



**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 18, 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 Gibby Elder  
Guest Preacher

### CALL TO WORSHIP [*Responsive; based on Luke 16:1-13*]

One: Jesus reminds us today that, "You cannot serve God and wealth."

**All: Open us to your truth, Lord. Open our hearts to honesty.**

One: Let us enter worship humbly, ready to realign our faith according to God's Word.

\* **OPENING HYMN #829 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"**

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\* *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)  
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)  
Judy Recher (injured from fall) and husband, Ron

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** – See back cover

**THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY**

	<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>25</b>
S	9:30a Sunday School  11a Worship Service  *Guest preacher: Pastor Gibby Elder		9:30a Sunday School  11a Worship Service ➤ 5C a Meal Offering *Guest preacher: Rev. Dr. James Taneti
M		19	26
T	6p GSA Tr 5000 (Fellowship Hall Reception Area, Kitchen, Meeting/Dining Rm)	20	27
W		21	6p BSA Tr 900 Court of Honor Qtrly. Meeting (Sanctuary; Fellowship Hall Reception Area, Kitchen, Meeting/Dining Rm)
T	6a Clean Church  2p Newsletter out	22	29
F		23	2p Cmte reports due
S		24	<b>1</b>
			<b>OCTOBER</b>

**ATTENDANCE:**

	WORSHIP		SUNDAY SCHOOL	
	M	V	M	V
September 4, 2022	15	3	4	
September 11, 2022	22	4	7	
September 18, 2022				
September 25, 2022				

M=Members

V=Visitors

**CALL TO CONFESSION [Pastor; Nehemiah 9:17]**

God is ready to forgive, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION [In unison]**

Savior God, we are indebted to you and your generosity. But we fail to forgive our debtors. We confiscate and consume far more than our fair share. We neglect the poor and trap people in poverty, claiming that debt forgiveness is unfair. God, liberate us from our spiritual and moral bondage. Grant us a season of jubilee. Reorder our communities so that all may contribute, and all may thrive. Amen.

*(A time for silent prayer of confession.)*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON [Pastor]**

God lightens the load of those overly burdened, supports and strengthens those who have been knocked down. Claim the forgiveness God so graciously offers. Know the new life Christ has given us. Amen.

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

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION [In unison; from Psalm 19:14]**

Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer. As we approach your Word, may we be ready to receive the message you intend for us today. Amen.

**SCRIPTURAL READINGS (NRSV)**

1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: Isaiah 40:28-31 p. 583  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson: Mark 4:35-41 p. 816

**SERMON** "Forgetting Who's in the Boat" Pastor Gibby Elder

**\* REFLECTIVE HYMN #735 "I Need Thee Every Hour"**

**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 OFFERING [Pastor; Acts 20:35]**

Remember that Jesus said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

**OFFERING, OFFERTORY**

**\* DOXOLOGY HYMN #606 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

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

Holy God, these offerings are only a portion of all that you have given us. We gratefully present these gifts and entrust them to your work in this world. May our gifts share the Good News of the gospel to those who are in need. May these gifts help unburden those with the heaviest of loads. Amen.

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

One: Thank you, God, for this new day; for the morning sun that rises in hope, for the purpose and meaning of our lives; for your call to serve and love our neighbors; for the knowledge that we can make a difference through a smile, a gesture, a gift of time, talent or treasure. *Lord, in your mercy...*

**All: Hear our prayers.**

One: Thank you, God, for moments of pause that frame our lives with spiritual meaning; morning meditation or evening devotions when we rest in your presence and recollect, with gratitude, your abundant blessings. *Lord, in your mercy...*

**All: Hear our prayers.**

One: Melt our hearts with compassion, God, for the poor, the oppressed, the marginalized, for all those in need of your saving grace and your liberating love. Mold us as your hands and feet of action. Make us the answers to our prayers. *Lord, in your mercy...*

**All: Hear our prayers.**

One: Finally, hear us, O God of mercy, as we lift our heartfelt concerns to you and pray silently for those whose specific burdens weigh heavy on our hearts ... united as a community of faith and as the Body of Christ, we lift these prayers up to you, our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. Hear us as we join our hearts and our voices in praying the prayer Christ taught us to pray by saying, **"Our Father..."**

**\*DEPARTING HYMN #547 "Go My Children, with My Blessing"**

**\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION [Pastor]**

May we leave this house of worship strengthened by the Spirit, renewed by God's Grace and supported by the Body of Christ.

May the grace, hope, peace and love of God the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with us now and always. Amen.

**\*POSTLUDE**

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