

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome the Rev. Dr. James Taneti to our pulpit again!

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

Our guest preacher for next Sunday (October 2) will be the Rev. Dr. Errol G. Rohr.

Next Sunday, October 2: "World Communion Sunday."

Enclosed flyer describes where the funds will be directed.

Envelope will be provided in next Sunday's bulletin.

Circle - Meets on Tuesday, October 11; location: TBA

"These Days" (October-December) – Copies are available in the Narthex free of charge to Gregory congregation.

Newsletter articles are needed! 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

GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Pastor: As announced
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Session Members

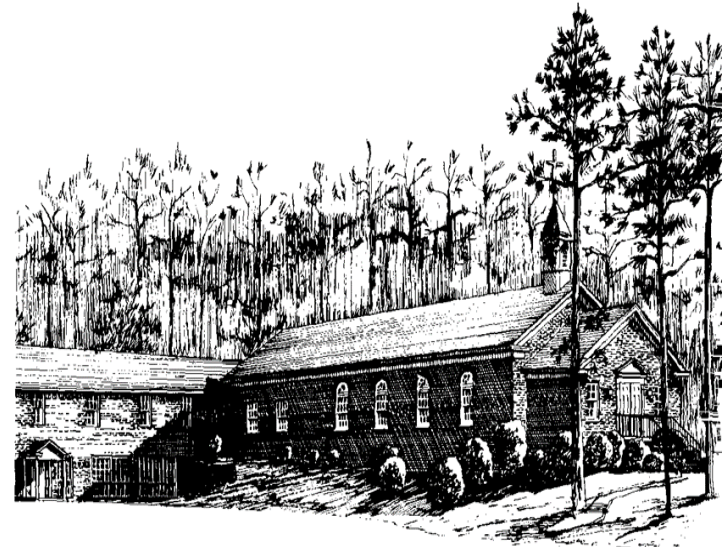
(Term = 3 yrs.; * indicates a partial term)

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)

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 25, 2022
11:00 a.m.

GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



We welcome you to worship with us 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. Dr. James Taneti
Guest Preacher

CALL TO WORSHIP [*Responsive*]

One: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

All: I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long ... who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

One: The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous. The Lord watches over the strangers; God upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked God brings to ruin.

All: The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

* **OPENING HYMN #838 "Standing on the Promises"**

* *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
Barbara Taliaferro (recov. knee surgery, Encompass Rehabilitation
Hospital of Petersburg)

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THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

| | SEPTEMBER 25 | OCTOBER 2 |
|---|---|---|
| S | 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service ➤ 5C a Meal Offering *Guest preacher: Rev. Dr. James Taneti | WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service & Holy Communion ➤ Peace & Global Witness Offering *Guest preacher: Rev. Dr. Errol G. Rohr |
| M | 26 | 3 |
| T | 27 | 4 |
| | | 6p GSA Tr 5000 (Fellowship Hall Reception Area, Kitchen, Meeting/Dining Rm) 7p Congregational Care Cmte |
| W | 28 | 5 |
| | 6p BSA Tr 900 Court of Honor Qtrly. Meeting (Sanctuary; Fellowship Hall Reception Area, Kitchen, Meeting/Dining Rm) | |
| T | 29 | 6 |
| | 6a Clean Church | 6a Clean Church |
| F | 30 | 7 |
| | 2p Cmte reports due | |
| S | OCTOBER 1 | 8 |

| ATTENDANCE: | WORSHIP | | SUNDAY SCHOOL | |
|--------------------|---------|----|---------------|---|
| | M | V | M | V |
| September 4, 2022 | 15 | 3 | 4 | |
| September 11, 2022 | 22 | 4 | 7 | |
| September 18, 2022 | 16 | 13 | 6 | |
| September 25, 2022 | | | | |

M=Members V=Visitors

CALL TO CONFESSION [Pastor]

Let us confess our sin to our God, who has made us, who knows us, and who loves us. Let us pray:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [In unison]

Holy God, giver of all that is good, we recognize that you are the source of all that is. The breath of life is a gift from your generous hand. The food we eat is grown in the world you sustain. The community that supports us is called into being by your saving activity. Everything we have is a gift from you. Teach us again what it is to rely upon you. Remind us that we are always in your loving care. Fill us with grace and goodwill, that our hearts might overflow from the fullness of your love. Amen.

(A time for silent prayer of confession.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON [Pastor; Ephesians 2:8-10]

By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing: it is the gift of God - not the result of works, so that no one might boast. For we are what God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life. Believe the promise of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION [In unison]

Almighty, eternal God, silence within us every voice but your own. Prepare our hearts to receive your lively word. May your spirit open our minds to receive your inspiration. And having heard your word, may we be doers of the word and not hearers only, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

SCRIPTURAL READINGS (NRSV)

1st Lesson: Amos 6:1a, 4-7 p. 747
 2nd Lesson: Luke 16: 19-31 p. 851-852

SERMON "Five Guys" Rev. Dr. James Taneti

*** REFLECTIVE HYMN #824 "There Is a Place of Quiet Rest"**

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]

All that we have, all that we are is from God. Remembering the abundant life that God has offered us, let us dedicate a portion to return to God, the giver of all. The offering will now be received.

OFFERING, OFFERTORY

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION [Pastor]

Eternal God, from the abundance of your creation we have all we need. You have blessed us richly. Bless us again by receiving these gifts, multiplying them and using them, that we might see your kingdom at work among us, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

One: Holy God, you have invited us into your presence, calling us to prayer for ourselves and one another. In Jesus Christ, you have given us an intercessor. It is with the assurance that Christ himself gives us that we draw near to you, knowing we will be heard, knowing that you will listen, knowing that you want to hear our prayers.

All: Hear our prayers

One: We pray for your world, believing that you who created it and sustain it by your spirit, love it still. Where there continues to be violence and bloodshed, year after year, we pray for your presence and peace.

All: Hear our prayers

One: We pray for those whom society has forgotten and those whom we have forgotten: for the homeless, the sick, the outcast and marginalized, those who suffer from mental and emotional illness.

All: Hear our prayers

One: We pray for ourselves, merciful God. Where we harbor secret fears, we pray you will grant us relief. Where we are anxious over matters within our control and without, we ask for peace. Where we too are plagued by the same demons we identify in others, we ask for healing. Where we have allowed lesser gods to usurp your claim upon us and our lives, we pray for forgiveness.

All: Hear our prayers

One: We pray for your church, O God. For the church universal, the Presbyterian Church, and our congregation, we ask your blessing. . Make us the community of faith you would have us be. We make these and all of our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ who taught us to pray together, **"Our Father..."**

***DEPARTING HYMN #548 "May God Support You All Your Days"**

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION [Pastor]**

***POSTLUDE**

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