

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome the Rev. Dr. Errol G. Rohr to our pulpit again!

October's Guest Preachers:

October 2: Rev. Dr. Errol G. Rohr
October 9: Barbara Chalfant
October 16: Rev. Dr. Shelly Barrick Parsons
October 23: Rev. Charles Philips
October 30: TBA

We have a new Communion liturgy insert beginning today! (Enclosed)

Today's "Peace & Global Witness Offering" envelope and flyer are enclosed.

Circle – Tuesday, October 11, 1:00 p.m.; location: TBA

Stated Session Meeting – Sunday, October 16, 12 p.m., after worship service.
Moderated by Dr. Shelly Barrick Parsons.

Dinner & Movie – Wednesday, October 26; Hotdog Dinner at 6 p.m., followed at 6:30 (approx.) by Sound & Stage feature movie, "David." Guests are welcome!

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

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GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

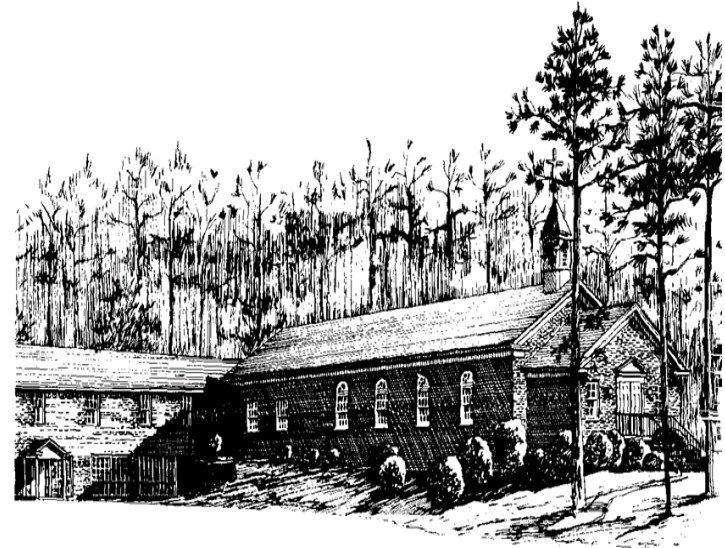
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Organist: Sandra Perkins Pianist: Gail Rollings
Treasurer: Kevin Foster Financial Sec.: Sandy Hunter

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)

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

**OCTOBER 2, 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** Rev. Dr. Errol G. Rohr
Guest Preacher

CALL TO WORSHIP [Responsive; Lamentations 3:21-26]

One: But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope

All: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

One: "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."

All: The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

* **OPENING HYMN #755 "Alleluia! Laud and Blessings"**

* *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)
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
Barbara Taliaferro (recov, surgery, Encompass Rehabilitation Hospital)
Family/friends of Kenny Overstreet (d. 9/22)
Ruth Figg (recov. surgery, MCV)

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THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

	OCTOBER	2	9
S	WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY	9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service *Guest speaker: Barbara Chalfant *Guest preacher: Rev. Dr. Errol G. Rohr	9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service *Guest speaker: Barbara Chalfant *Guest preacher: Rev. Dr. Errol G. Rohr
M		3	10
T	6p GSA Tr 5000 (Fellowship Hall Reception Area, Kitchen, Meeting/Dining Rm) 7p Congregational Care Cmte	4	11
W		5	12
T	6a Clean Church	6	13
F		7	14
S		8	15

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	19	5	7	

M=Members

V=Visitors

CALL TO CONFESSION [Pastor; from 2 Tim. 1:7, 9]

“For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.” Therefore, relying on the love and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, we courageously confess our sins together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [In unison; from Hab. 1:3; 2 Tim. 1:6-8, 12, 14]

Holy and Righteous God, amidst the violence and wrongdoing of the world, we struggle to live by faith. We treat suffering with contempt, seek power to serve ourselves, and cowardly shrink from prophetic truth. Gather us again to your table as you gathered the generations before us. Save us from the strife we start, and the contention we create. Rekindle within us the gifts you have given, revive our sense of your Holy Spirit. In the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

(A time for silent prayer of confession.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON [Pastor]

This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. We have died to sin in him, so let us live as people freed by grace for faith.

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION [In unison; from 2 Tim. 1: 5, 13-14]

Holy God, as we hear your word read and proclaimed, guide us to suss out the sound teaching you have for us. With the help of the Holy Spirit, entrust to us your good treasure, and through it, make us alive in faith. Amen.

SCRIPTURAL READINGS (NRSV)

1st Lesson: Genesis 32: 22-30 p. 26
 2nd Lesson: Mark 6: 45-56 p. 818

SERMON "Touched By God" Rev. Dr. Errol G. Rohr

*** REFLECTIVE HYMN #496 "Bread of Heaven, on Thee We Feed"**

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; from 2 Tim. 1:6]

Paul writes, "I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you." So, as we have received gifts from our faithful God, let us faithfully place those very gifts in God's service.

OFFERING, OFFERTORY

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION [In unison, from 2 Tim. 1:7]

Jesus Christ our Savior, you grant us a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Make our power serve you, make our love show you, make our acts of giving and self-discipline serve you, author and inspirer of all generosity. Amen.

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

One: God of grace, mercy, and peace, you gather together at your table, a people mindful of the world's pain. We remember the places where violence reigns. Amidst the tears and pain, bring your healing touch, your compassionate comfort and your reign of peace. This we call to mind, and therefore we have hope:

All: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.

One: We remember the leaders of this nation, and all nations of the world. Guide them in your grace and mercy that they might seek peace in all things. This we call to mind, and therefore we have hope:

All: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.

One: We remember those who suffer: Those struggling with physical illness, robbing them of rest, sapping them of strength, pressing them with pain, accelerating the approach of death; Those struggling with mental illness, cutting their confidence, snatching their joy, compromising their sense of reality, shaking their sense of security; Those oppressed, by systems, by neighbors, by circumstances, by sin. Alleviate all suffering, as only you can. This we call to mind, and therefore we have hope:

All: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.

One: We remember all the saints who have gone before us, in whom you have completed the work begun at their baptism, who rest in your eternal light. We give thanks for the sincere faith you made alive in them, and the ways in which they passed that faith to us. We give thanks for the church, visible and invisible, in this present age and in all times and places, make us one in you and at your table. Grant that we all may be faithful in our work of living our faith in you. This we call to mind, and therefore we have hope:

All: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.

One: And we pray as Christ taught us, "Our Father..."

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

[The Sacrament of Holy Communion - See insert]

***DEPARTING HYMN #213 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"**

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION [Pastor; 2 Tim. 1:2, 7]**

May the grace of God kindle within you a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Beloved of God, may the grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord live in you by the power of the Holy Spirit.

***POSTLUDE**
