

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome Rev. Dr. Shelly Barrick Parsons to our pulpit today!

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: Pastor Gibby Elder

Stated Session Meeting – Today, after worship service. Moderated by Rev. Dr. Shelly Barrick Parsons.

Donation for CCHASM Thanksgiving Meals - Our Faith Committee is encouraging Gregory's congregation to support CCHASM's (the Alliance for Social Ministry) in its efforts to provide Thanksgiving Meal Packages to those in need from Chesterfield, Colonial Heights, Dinwiddie, Hopewell, Petersburg and Prince George. If you would like to support this effort, please use the enclosed special donation envelope. If donating by check, please make your check payable to Gregory Memorial. The Faith Committee hopes that our combined donation will help this reputable organization brighten the Thanksgiving holiday for many people in our area.

"Dinner and a Movie Night"– Wednesday, October 26: The Faith Committee will be showing the movie, "David", from the amazing performances by the Sight and Sound Theater. A Hot Dog Dinner is planned. Be sure to mark your calendar and come join us for food, fellowship and fun!! Dinner will be at 6 p.m., and the movie will follow at 6:30 p.m. (approx.) ***Feel free to bring a guest!***

GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Pastor: As announced

Secretary: Nancy Adams (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)*

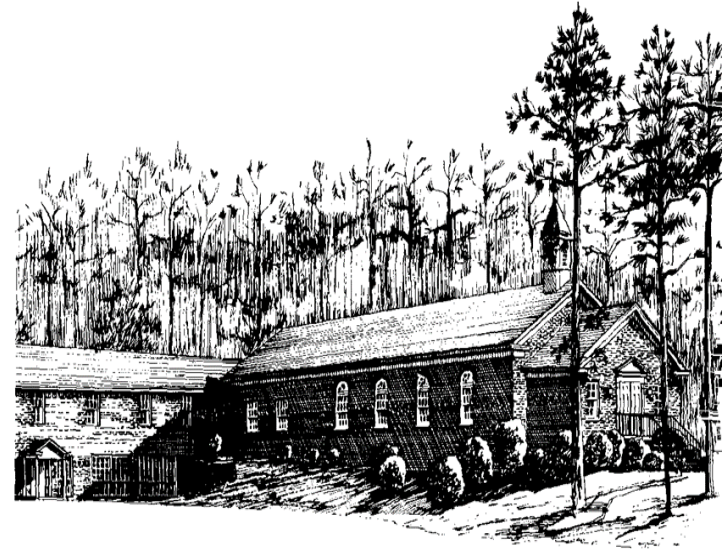
Mary Holc (2022); Sandy Hunter (2022); Charles Smyth (2022)

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)

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 16, 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

Rose Scott

PASSING OF THE PEACE/ SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

Rev. Dr. Shelly Barrick Parsons
Guest Preacher

CALL TO WORSHIP *[Responsive; from Psalm 121]*

One: From where does our help come?

All: Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

One: Who keeps us in our going out and our coming in?

All: The Lord is our keeper.

One: Who is with us always? The Lord Jesus Christ is with us and for us in all things.

* OPENING HYMN #361 "O Christ, the Great Foundation"

* *Please stand, as able.*

OUR PRAYERS & CONCERNS

Our friends & families, persons, entities in areas affected by Hurricane Ian
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)
Chris Ashby, Wayne Powers' gr. daughter Brittney's husband (health issues)
Judy Recher (problem with knee)
Barbara Taliaferro (recov, surgery, Encompass Rehabilitation Hospital)
Ruth Figg (recov. surgery, MCV)

ANNOUNCEMENTS – See back page.

THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

	OCTOBER 16	23
S	9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service ➤ CCHASM Thanksgiving Meals Donation *Guest preacher: Rev. Dr. Shelly Barrick Parsons 12p Stated Session Mtg.: Moderator: Dr. Parsons	9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service ➤ 5 Cents-a-Meal Offering *Guest preacher: Rev. Charles Philips
M	17	24
T	6p GSA Tr 5000 (Fellowship Hall Reception Area, Kitchen, Meeting/Dining Rm)	25
W	19	"Dinner & a Movie Night" in Fellowship Hall <i>Feel free to bring a guest!</i> 6p Hotdog Dinner 6:30p Movie "David", a Sight & Sound Theater production
T	6a Clean Church 7p Finance Cmte	27
F	21	28
S	22	29

ATTENDANCE:	WORSHIP		SUNDAY SCHOOL	
	M	V	M	V
October 2, 2022	19	10	7	
October 9, 2022	13	8	4	
October 16, 2022				
October 23, 2022				
October 30, 2022				

M=Members

V=Visitors

CALL TO CONFESSION [Pastor]

Jesus calls us to enter the joy of discipleship, the joy of following in his way. But sin clings closely, and we struggle to respond fully to Christ's invitation. Let us seek God's forgiveness so that we may know more deeply the joy God intends.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [In unison]

Merciful God, in Jesus, our risen Lord, we have seen your glory. Yet our sinfulness often blocks out the light of Christ. We are quick to accuse and slow to confess. We find faults easily in others, while ignoring our own shortcomings. We have squandered your gifts. We have turned from your ways. We have ignored your Word. Have mercy on us, compassionate God. Pour out your Holy Spirit on our sinful lives. Wash us with your love and cleanse us with your grace that day by day we might move closer to the people you would us be. Amen.

(A time for silent prayer of confession.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON [Pastor]

Relentlessly God seeks us out. With abundant grace and boundless mercy, God seeks us out. This is good news! In Gracious God, illumine these words by your Spirit that we might hear what you would have us hear and be who you would us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.

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

SCRIPTURAL READINGS (NRSV)

1st Lesson: Jeremiah 31:27-34 p. 642

2nd Lesson: Luke 18:1-8 p. 853

SERMON "Plans & Persistence" Rev. Dr. Shelly Barrick Parsons

*** REFLECTIVE HYMN #279 "Come Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove"**

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]

With gratitude for God's faithfulness and with thanksgiving for all that we have received, let us bring our gifts to God.

OFFERING, OFFERTORY

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION [In unison]

O God, with faith and hope, we offer these gifts. Use them to accomplish your purposes in Jesus Christ, the Head of the church and the Lord of our lives. Amen.

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

One: Merciful God, powerful and wonderful, eternally present and graciously close, we are grateful for what you have given us in Jesus Christ, life and love without end. We lift to you the cares and concerns of our hearts, the burdens and worries of our lives. We pray that the sick would be healed, the broken mended, and the grieving comforted. We pray that warriors would yield to peace, that leaders would gain wisdom, and the forsaken gathered in. We pray that the poor would be lifted up, the anxious released. Lord in your mercy...

All: Hear our prayers.

One: We pray for children in their growing and for youth in their seeking. We pray for those making new starts and those nearing journey's end, for those facing hard choices and those enduring painful consequences. We pray that your church might claim its potential, the body of Christ be strengthened by its many parts, the work of ministry might be done with joy and thanksgiving. We pray for the courage to follow Jesus, for the faith to trust your promises to us, for the vision to see your kingdom among us even now. Lord in your mercy...

All: Hear our prayers.

One: We pray for all that you would have us pray. We pray for those for whom no one prays. We pray all of these things in the name of the one ceaselessly praying for us, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Trusting in Christ, we pray as Christ taught us: **"Our Father..."**

***DEPARTING HYMN #539 "We Will Go Out with Joy"**

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION [Pastor]**

Let us go from this place trusting that God is with us and for us in every place. May the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God, and the companionship of the Holy Spirit be with you and abide with you this day and forevermore. Amen.

***POSTLUDE**

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