

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome Rev. Charles Philips back 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

"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!**

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GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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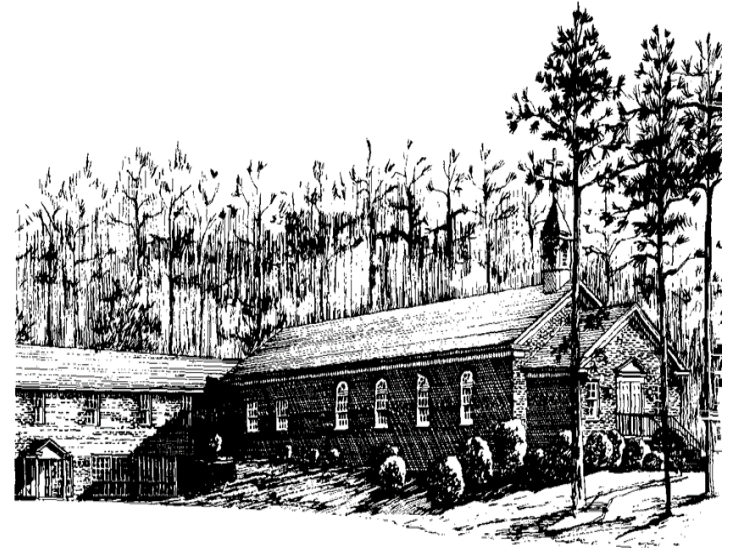
(Term = 3 yrs.; * indicates a partial term)

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)

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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

**OCTOBER 23, 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. Charles Philips
Guest Preacher

CALL TO WORSHIP [*Responsive reading; based on Luke 18:14*]

One: All who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.

All: **We humble ourselves before our God, ready to hear and receive God's truth.**

* OPENING HYMN #438 "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

* *Please stand, as able.*

OUR PRAYERS & CONCERNS

Families, persons, entities impacted by Hurricane Ian
People of Ukraine
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 23	30
S	9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service ➤ 5 Cents-a-Meal Offering *Guest preacher: Rev. Charles Philips	9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service ➤ Local Emerg. Aid Offering *Guest preacher: Pastor Gibby Elder
M	24	Hallowe'en 31 2p Cmte reports due
T	25	NOVEMBER 1 All Saints Day
W	"Dinner & a Movie Night" in Fellowship Hall - Bring a guest! 26 6p Hotdog Dinner 6:30p Movie "David", a Sight & Sound Theater Production	2
T	27	6a Clean Church 3 2p Newsletter out
F	28	4
S	29	5

CALL TO CONFESSION [Pastor]

Our God is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Let us embrace this time of confession with honesty and humility.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [In unison]

Holy God, your truth is oftentimes hard to hear. We confess our avoidance, our purposeful distractions, our prideful arrogance that keeps us from hearing and responding to your Word. Although you send us messages and messengers, we dismiss and disregard those who tell us we are wrong. Have mercy upon us, Holy God. Open us to hearing the truth no matter how it is conveyed. Amen.

(A time for silent prayer of confession.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON [Pastor]

Hear the Good News! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION [In unison]

God of Wisdom and Grace, you speak through your Word read and proclaimed. Prepare us now to listen well. Open our ears to your truth. Humble us in your presence so nothing will stand in the way of what you say to us today. Amen.

PSALM 65: 1-13 [Responsive reading; please refer to insert]

ATTENDANCE:	WORSHIP		SUNDAY SCHOOL	
	M	V	M	V
October 2, 2022	19	10	7	
October 9, 2022	13	8	4	
October 16, 2022	20	11	9	
October 23, 2022				
October 30, 2022				

M=Members

V=Visitors

SCRIPTURAL READING [Pastor]

New Testament Lesson: Luke 18: 9-14 p. 853

SERMON "Don't Be So Religious!" Rev. Charles Philips

*** REFLECTIVE HYMN #840 "When Peace Like a River"**

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:]

Let us give and live generously in response to all that God has done for us. Let us present our tithes and offerings to the Lord.

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 reading]

One: God of grace, Nourish us this day through Word and worship.
Bend your ear to us, God of love, as we pray not only for ourselves but for people everywhere.

All: God of mercy, hear our prayers.

One: We pray for those suffering the aftermath of natural disasters, for the lives, homes and businesses destroyed by Hurricane Ian. We pray for those who are exhausted, those struggling to pay bills and put food on the table, those overwhelmed by suffering and in need of a lighter load. We pray for those living in war zones, for the people of Ukraine and the women of Iran, people desperate for justice and peace.

All: God of mercy, hear our prayers.

One: We pray for leaders, administrators, decision-makers who cannot please everyone, yet still strive to do what is just and right. We pray our nation's leaders: may they uphold those in need, defend the oppressed, and resist the idols of money and power. We pray for disputes to end, for people to work together, for our nation to know peace.

All: God of mercy, hear our prayers.

One: We pray for those who are ill and their caregivers. We pray for those struggling with depression, anxiety and other mental illnesses. Instill in us a sense of mutual responsibility for the health and wellbeing of all your children. Finally, O God, mold us for service so we can be the answer to the prayers we pray, according to your Word. Finally, hear us pray the prayer Christ taught us, saying, *"Our Father..."*

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

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION [Pastor]**

May we leave this house of worship today, quick to listen, slow to speak, open to hearing and responding to God's truth.

May God bless you and keep you, be kind and gracious to you, may God look upon you with favor and bring you peace. Amen.

***POSTLUDE**

INSERT

Responsive reading: PSALM 65: 1-13 (NRSV)

Thanksgiving for Earth's Bounty

One: Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; and to you shall vows be performed,

All: O you who answer prayer! To you all flesh shall come.

One: When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions.

All: Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.

One: By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

All: By your strength you established the mountains; you are girded with might.

One: You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples.

All: Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs; you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.

One: You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it.

All: You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.

One: You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

All: The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy, the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.