

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**We welcome Pastor Gibby Elder 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**

**Daylight Saving Time Ends** –2:00 a.m., Sunday, Nov. 6; clocks "fall back" 1 hr.

**Worship Committee Meeting** – 1 p.m., Monday, Nov. 7.

**Called Congregational Meeting** – 12 p.m. (approx.) after worship service on Sunday, Nov. 13, 2022; Purpose: Election of officers (1 Trustee, Class of 2025; 1 Elder partial term Class of 2024; and 3 Elders, Class of 2025); Rev. Andy Meyers, Moderator.

**Stated Session Meeting** – 12:30 p.m. (approx.) after worship service on Sunday, Nov. 13; Rev. Andy Meyers, Moderator.

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### **GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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Telephone: 804.732.1081 - Office Hours: Tues.-Thurs., 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Pastor: As announced

Secretary: Nancy Adams (office@gregorymemorial.org)

Organist: Sandra Perkins Pianist: Gail Rollings

Treasurer: Kevin Foster Financial Sec.: Sandy Hunter

### **Session Members**

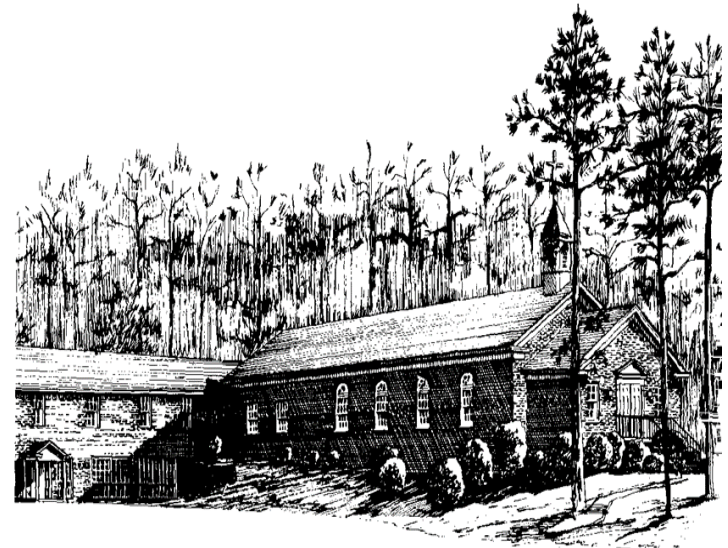
*(Term = 3 yrs.; \* indicates a partial term)*

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)

### **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***

**"REFORMATION SUNDAY"**

**OCTOBER 30, 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 reading; based on Luke 19]*

One: As Jesus called to Zacchaeus, so he calls to us.

**All: Jesus longs to abide with us: Here in this place, in our homes, and wherever the body of Christ is gathered. Jesus invites us, just as we are.**

One: Let us worship God, who calls us by name, who came to seek and save the lost.

**All: Let us praise God's name together!**

**\* OPENING HYMN #634 "To God Be the Glory"**

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*\* 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)  
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  
Ruth Figg (Petersburg Home for Ladies)  
Billy Robertson (recent health issue)  
Shirley MacNeill (recent health issue)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS – See back page.**

**THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY**

	<b>OCTOBER 30</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 6</b>
S	<b>Reformation Sunday</b>  <b>9:30a</b> Sunday School  <b>11a</b> Worship Service ➤ Local Emerg. Aid Offering  *Guest preacher: Pastor Gibby Elder	<b>2a</b> End Daylight Saving Time (Clocks "fall back")  <b>9:30a</b> Sunday School  <b>11a</b> Worship Service  *Guest preacher: TBA
M	<b>Hallowe'en</b> 31  <b>2p</b> Cmte reports due	<b>1p</b> Worship Cmte 7
T	<b>NOVEMBER 1</b>	<b>8</b>
	<b>All Saints Day</b>  <b>6p</b> GSA Tr5000 (Fellowship Hall Reception Area, Kitchen, Meeting/Dining Rm)  <b>7p</b> Congregational Care Cmte  <b>7p</b> Facilities Cmte	<b>Election Day</b>  <b>1p</b> Circle (Location: TBA)
W	2	9
T	3	10
	<b>6a</b> Clean Church	<b>6a</b> Clean Church  <b>7p</b> Faith Cmte
F	4	11
		<b>Veterans Day</b>
S	5	12

**CALL TO CONFESSION [Pastor; based on Psalm 32]**

The psalmist reminds us: happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Freed from the burden of hiding our shame and sin, let us offer our prayer of confession to God.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION [In unison; based on Isaiah 1 and Luke 19]**

Saving God, we confess that we are caught in systems of privilege and power, and escape can feel impossible. It is easier to give our sacrifices and offerings than to work to change the systems. We confess our complicity in injustice, our comfort in inequality and our ease in stretching out hands in prayer rather than service. Forgive us, God. Strengthen us to answer Jesus's call to repentance that we may learn to do good, seek justice and serve the oppressed. Amen.

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

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON [Pastor]**

God's promises are sure, and God's faithfulness is from generation to generation. We are forgiven and reconciled by the grace of Jesus Christ. Salvation is here! Amen.

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

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION [In unison]**

God of transformation, open us now to hear and receive your Word. By the power of your Holy Spirit, give us ears to hear, wisdom to understand and courage to answer your call to us today. Amen.

**SCRIPTURAL READING [Pastor]**

New Testament Lesson: John 6:1-14 p. 867

**SERMON "The Real Miracle!"** Pastor Gibby Elder

**\* REFLECTIVE HYMN #465 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"**

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	17	6	8	
October 30, 2022				

M=Members

V=Visitors

### **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]**

We have received God's grace in abundance through Jesus Christ. In gratitude, let us respond by giving freely and generously.

### **OFFERING, OFFERTORY**

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

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

Holy God, as we offer our gifts, we ask that you use them to strengthen the ministry of your church, to meet the needs in our community and to bring us closer to reconciliation and restoration in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

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

One: Loving God, we are so grateful that you call us by name, inviting us to abide with you. We thank you for the gift of Community, for Family, for loved ones and for the ways our lives are enriched by others. We thank you for the gift of salvation today and every day. For the ways we enjoy the abundance of your creation, we give thanks. We offer special thanks for all the saints who have preceded us in life or in death. Thank you for their faithful witness, and for the ways our lives have been enriched by them.

**All: Lord, in your mercy hear our prayers.**

One: Our hearts grieve with those who are recovering from the devastation of wars and natural disasters. We pray for all who struggle. We pray for those who are lonely, who have lost loved ones or are experiencing estrangement. We pray for all caught in cycles of addiction and abuse. We pray for those experiencing mental health issues of all kinds, and especially for those in crisis. Help us learn to accompany and care for each other, grounded in God's unconditional love.

**All: Lord, in your mercy hear our prayers.**

One: We pray for your peace and justice to overcome violence, oppression and injustice in our communities and throughout the world. May we be instruments of your peace and messengers of your love, following the example of Jesus. We entrust the prayers of our hearts, and those known only to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray by saying, "***Our Father...***"

**\*DEPARTING HYMN #546 "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"**

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

Receive the abundant love and grace of God and be transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit. Salvation has come to this house today. Thanks be to God!

May the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of our divine parent and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us, today and always. Amen.

### **\*POSTLUDE**

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