

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome Rev. H. Carson Rhyne, Jr., back to our pulpit today!

November's Guest Preachers:

November 6: Rev. H. Carson Rhyne, Jr.

November 13: Rev. Andy Meyers; Moderator, Called Congregational Meeting & Stated Session Mtg.

November 20: Rev. Dr. Charles Bagwell

November 27: Rev. Marvin Daniel

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

Circle Meeting – at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 11; Location: Fellowship Hall.

Faith Committee Meeting (New day) - at 7 p.m. on 2nd Thursdays.

Called Congregational Meeting – at 12 p.m. (approx.) after worship service on Sunday, Nov. 13; purpose: election of officers (1 Trustee, Class of 2025; 3 Elders, Class of 2025; 1 Elder for partial term (Class of 2024).

Stated Session Meeting – at 12:30 p.m. (approx.) after worship service on Sunday, Nov. 13.

"Because of Bethlehem" by Max Lucado will be studied by the Adult Sunday School Class, beginning Sundays, Nov. 27 and running through Dec. 18. Class will view a 15-minute video with a study guide for discussion with Q & A. Adult Sunday School Class begins 9:30 a.m. and all are welcome.

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 Skill* (2023)

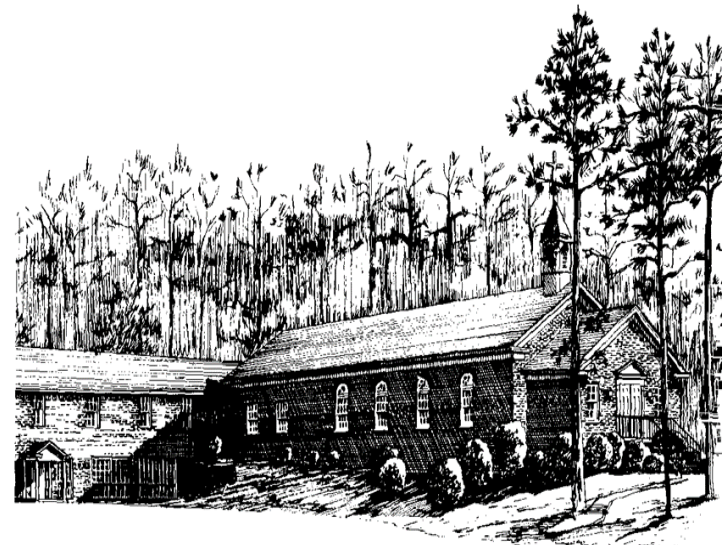
Rose Scott (2024); David L. Johnson* (2024); Susan Shockley (2024)

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

**NOVEMBER 6, 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. H. Carson Rhyne, Jr.
Guest Preacher

CALL TO WORSHIP *[Responsive]*

One: God is here!

All: We, your people, meet to offer praise and prayer.

One: May we find in fuller measure ...

All: what it is in Christ we share.

*** OPENING HYMN #353 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"**

CALL TO CONFESSION *[Pastor]*

God privileges us with time and attention. Let us not squander this time but approach our Redeemer with a humble and honest confession.

*** 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)

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)

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' granddaughter 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)

Inez Paul, Mary Holc's mother (rehab., Riverview on the Appomattox)

Paula McDaniel, Pam Elder's sister (health issue, St. Francis Hospital)

Family/friends of Sandra Elder, Kelly Knupp's mother (d. 11/01)

ANNOUNCEMENTS – See back page.

THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

		NOVEMBER 6	13
S	<p>2a End Daylight Saving Time (Clocks "fall back")</p> <p>9:30a Sunday School</p> <p>11a Worship Service</p> <p>*Guest preacher: Rev. H. Carson Rhyne, Jr.</p> <p>2-4p Family visitation (Sandra Elder), JT Morris Funeral Chapel, Petersburg</p>	<p>9:30a Sunday School</p> <p>11a Worship Service *Guest preacher: Rev. Andy Meyers</p> <p>12p Called Congregational Mtg (Purpose: Election of officers for 2023); Moderator: Rev. Meyers</p> <p>12:30p Stated Session Mtg.; Moderator: Rev. Meyers</p> <p>Order Christmas Poinsettias</p>	
M	<p>11a Elder funeral; GMPC Sanctuary</p> <p>1p Worship Cmte</p>	7	14
T	<p>Election Day</p> <p>1p Circle meets in Fellowship Hall</p>	8	15
W		9	16
T	<p>6a Clean Church</p> <p>7p Faith Cmte</p>	10	17
F	<p>Veterans Day</p>	11	18
S		12	19

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [In unison]

We confess our discomfort with uncertainty. We confess our desire for personal power and our desperate grabs for control. We confess our need for everything to make sense. Great God of mystery, there is so much beyond us and our understanding. Remind us we are human. Humble us in your presence. Help us rest in the faith that your grace is sufficient. Amen

(A time for silent prayer of confession.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON [Pastor]

God's grace is given freely. God's love is steadfast. Receive the good news that you are forgiven, and live liberated from sin to the glory of God. Amen.

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION [In unison]

Open us, Holy One, to your Word and your way. Clear our minds of daily distractions. Fill our hearts with the humility we need to hear and receive the message you intend for us today. Amen.

SCRIPTURAL READINGS (NRSV)

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 98 p. 480
 New Testament Lesson: Luke 20:27-40 p. 855-856

SERMON "Any More Questions?" Rev. H. Carson Rhyne, Jr.

*** 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	24	14	7	

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; 2 Corinthians 9:7]

"God loves a cheerful giver." Let us present our tithes and offerings to God.

OFFERING, OFFERTORY

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION [In unison]

Holy God, how often we take for granted all that we have. We fail to recognize how blessed we are. Take these gifts we give in response to your generosity and use them to further Christ's mission and ministry in a hurting world. Amen.

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

One: God of glory, we behold your creation with wonder and blossom under the nurturing care of your love. Your Spirit guides us through the rough and confounding patches of life. There is so much we don't understand, God. We praise you for your presence, for the audience you grant us as we ask, seek and knock at your door.

All: In this time of prayer, grant us your wisdom and your grace.

One: The images of Ukraine continue to devastate us, God. Vindicate those who have lost everything to evil, warring leaders. Redeem and restore the lives of the innocent. We see, too, the women of Iran, protesting their restrictive lives and storming the streets despite the risk. Vindicate all those oppressed by patriarchy, power, and a code of purity to which no human can adhere.

All: Mothering God, protect these women who have had enough, who boldly question the unquestioned regime and who risk imprisonment for the sake of freedom.

One: Steadfast God, you sent your son to live among us, to suffer as we suffer. We know you hear our prayers for the sick, the grieving, the victims of violence, the lonely, the tired, the overwhelmed, the frantic. We know you know the plight of the poor, the unhoused, the hungry, the marginalized. We know you are here for the dying, the despairing and the desperate. Help us, Holy God, to be here too — to be your hands and feet, to be your witnesses and bearers of your good news. Now, hear us pray the prayer Christ taught us, saying together, "**Our Father...**"

***DEPARTING HYMN #269 "Lead On, O King Eternal"**

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION [Pastor]**

May we leave this house of worship today, redeemed by grace renewed in faith, and restored to hope.

May God, the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, bless us and keep us as we leave to love and serve. Amen.

***POSTLUDE**

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

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table *[Minister]*

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Minister: Let us pray.

All: Loving God, through your goodness, we have this bread and cup to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. May we know your presence in the sharing of this bread, so that we know your touch in all bread, all matter. We celebrate the life that Jesus has shared among his community through the centuries, and shares with us now. Made one in Christ and one with each other, we offer these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice. Amen.

Words of Institution

Minister: Among friends, gathered round a table, Jesus took bread ... *[Minister continues with words of institution from 1 Cor. 11:23-26 or Gospel parallels.]* The gifts of God for the people of God.

Communion of The People at the Lord's Table *[The elements are distributed in the manner most suitable. After the last person is served, the Minister continues:]*

Prayer of Gratitude

Minister: Let us give thanks together:

All: We offer you praise, dear God, and hearts lifted high, for in the communion of your love Christ comes close to us, and we come close to Christ. Therefore, with the whole realm of nature around us, with earth, sea and sky, we sing to you. And with our loved ones, on earth and in your heavenly host, with brothers and sisters around the world, we join in the song of your unending greatness. Amen.

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