

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome Rev. Andy Meyers 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

**Christmas Poinsettias** – Order Nov. 13-Dec. 5; Cost \$15 includes delivery; order forms in Sunday bulletins and on Narthex table. Please make your checks payable to “Gregory Memorial.” **Deadline is Dec. 5.**

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

**Faith Committee (New Meeting Day)** at 7 p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays.

**Called Congregational Meeting** – Today at 12 p.m. (approx.) after worship service; 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** – Today at 12:30 p.m. (approx.) following Called Congregational Meeting.

**"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.

**"Cookies 'n' Cocoa"** will be hosted by GMPC at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 3 at PG Christmas Parade, serving packaged cookies with cocoa. To make a donation, please see Lisa Brown (804.926.0991) or GMPC office. Items will be shopped by the Faith Committee.

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### **GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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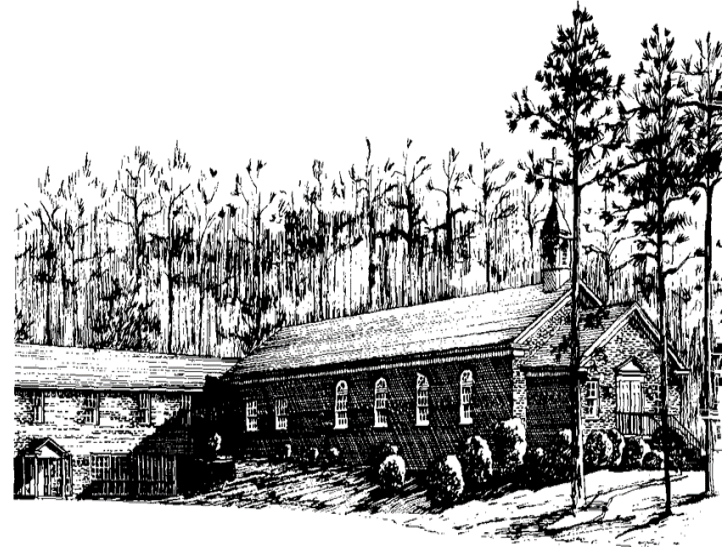
Pastor: As announced

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# 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 13, 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. Andy Meyers  
Guest Preacher

### CALL TO WORSHIP [*Responsive; based on Psalm 98*]

One: We give thanks to you, God, for you have done marvelous things.

**All: Let the waters clap their hands. Let the trees dance. Let the birds sing for joy.**

One: May we remember together, today and every day, that you have done marvelous things.

**\* OPENING HYMN #336 "We Gather Together"**

### CALL TO CONFESSION [*Pastor*]

We are imperfect. God calls us to be bold, and we seek comfort. God calls us to love others, and we put ourselves first. God calls us to care deeply, and we choose to be numb. Let us be honest with God and each other as we speak our shortcomings plainly, knowing that our creator hears us and will not turn away.

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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)  
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**

	<b>NOVEMBER 13</b>	<b>"Christ the King"/ "Reign of Christ"</b>	<b>20</b>
S	<b>9:30a</b> Sunday School  <b>11a</b> Worship Service *Guest preacher: Rev. Andy Meyers  <b>12p</b> Called Congregational Mtg (Purpose: Election of officers for 2023); Moderator: Rev. Meyers  <b>12:30p</b> Stated Session Mtg.; Moderator: Rev. Meyers  <i>Order Christmas Poinsettias</i>	<b>9:30a</b> Sunday School  <b>11a</b> Worship Service ➤ 5 Cents Meal Offering  *Guest preacher: Rev. Dr. Charles Bagwell  <i>Order Christmas Poinsettias</i>	
M	<b>6p</b> Crater BSA Order of Arrow Karakona Ch19, Nawakwa Ldg3 (Fellowship Hall Reception Area, Kitchen, Meeting/Dining Rm)	14	Church office open 21
T	<b>6p</b> GSA Tr5000 (Fellowship Hall Reception Area, Kitchen, Meeting/Dining Rm)	15	Church office open 22
W		16	Church office open 23 <b>2p</b> Newsletter out <i>Thanksgiving</i>
T	<b>6a</b> Clean Church  <b>2p</b> News articles due  <b>7p</b> Finance Cmte	17	24 <b>6a</b> Clean Church  <b>2p</b> News articles due  <b>7p</b> Finance Cmte
F		18	25
S		19	26

ATTENDANCE:	WORSHIP		SUNDAY SCHOOL	
	M	V	M	V
November 6, 2022	19	12	4	
November 13, 2022				
November 20, 2022				
November 27, 2022				

M=Members      V=Visitors

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION [In unison]**

Almighty God, we have fallen short. We have harbored hate. We have celebrated the pain of others. We have chosen what is easy instead of what we know is right. Empower us that we may not grow weary. Teach us that we may know what is right. We silently name our failures and lay them at your feet now.

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

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON [Pastor]**

Beloved, we do not have to be perfect. Christ's love and God's grace covers us. All God asks is that we love the Lord. This love changes us. It defines us. In Jesus Christ, know that you are forgiven, and your slate is wiped clean.

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

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION [In unison]**

God, your Word is a gift. Thank you for blessing us with these stories of faith and failure and redemption. May we find truth in them. Holy Spirit, we know you are in this room with us today. Please help us to hear the message you have for us today that we may go out from here and help to bring about God's kingdom in our lives. Amen.

**SCRIPTURAL READINGS (NRSV)**

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 65:17-25      p. 607-608  
 New Testament Lesson: Luke 21:5-19      p. 856

**SERMON**

"Wars and Peace"

Rev. Andy Meyers

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

**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 freely received God's marvelous grace through Jesus Christ. Let us respond with generosity.

**OFFERING, OFFERTORY**

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

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION [In unison]**

Holy God, we give you these gifts. May they work in the hearts of those who give and those who receive them. Amen.

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

One: Kind Creator, in the face of a world that feels on the brink of chaos, we take this opportunity to speak our gratitude that you know. We also recognize that, through the Holy Spirit, we are called to work alongside you to bring about this new reality. And so, we pray for the world – not as it will be, but for what it is now.

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

One: We pray for those with the power to make decisions that affect others. We ask that you protect their compassion and love of justice, may it outweigh any other factor in their decision process. We also pray for the political divisions in America. Help us to balance in our hearts and minds loving those who are different from us and fighting for what we believe is right. May all our actions be motivated by your Holy Spirit.

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

One: We pray for the people of Ukraine, who don't have enough power to heat their country as they head into the cold months. We pray for the people of Russia, who are not being told the truth. We pray for the people of Uganda, who are fighting an outbreak of the Ebola virus. We pray for the people of South Korea, mourning those who died in the Halloween stampede in Seoul. We pray for peaceful transitions of power in Israel and Brazil and around the world. God, we pray specifically for this community.

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

One: As the days grow shorter, show us your light, God. Help us to see the life, love, beauty and kindness that we encounter on a daily basis. May we cling to the hope you offer, remembering and rehearsing the history of our faith, which has been passed down by God's grace from generation to generation. We entrust our prayers to you, remembering the saints that have come before us and the love of Jesus Christ that empowers us. It is in Jesus' name that we pray in the way we were taught, **"Our Father..."**

\***DEPARTING HYMN #542 "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"**

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

Julian of Norwich wrote, "All shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well." Remember this hope – through Jesus Christ and in the Holy Spirit, God will make all things well. This is the foundation of faith. May we cling to this truth, allowing it to surprise us and inspire us along the way. Now, go and take it into the world.

**\*POSTLUDE**

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