

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome the Rev. Dr. Charles E. Bagwell 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 Meeting

November 20: Rev. Dr. Charles E. Bagwell

November 27: Rev. Marvin Daniel

Christmas Poinsettias – Order Nov. 13-Dec. 5; Cost \$15 includes delivery; use order forms in Sunday bulletins or on Narthex table. Please make your check payable to “Gregory Memorial.” **Order deadline is Dec. 4!**

Season of Advent – Nov. 27-Dec. 24.

"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 participation. Our 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.

GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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

"CHRIST THE KING" / "REIGN OF CHRIST"

NOVEMBER 20, 2022

GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“CHRIST THE KING” / “REIGN OF CHRIST”

NOVEMBER 20, 2022

11:00 a.m.

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. Dr. Charles E. Bagwell
Guest Preacher

CALL TO WORSHIP [*Responsive; Habakkuk 1:2-4, 2:2-4*]

One: “Oh Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Why do you make me see wrong-doing and look at trouble?”

All: Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous-therefore justice comes forth perverted.

One: Then the Lord answered me and said, write the vision...it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come. It will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

* OPENING HYMN #367 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

* *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)

ANNOUNCEMENTS – See back page.

THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

	NOVEMBER 20	1st Sunday of Advent: "Hope" 27
S	<p>"Christ the King" / "Reign of Christ"</p> <p>9:30a Sunday School</p> <p>11a Worship Service</p> <p>*Guest preacher: Rev. Dr. Charles E. Bagwell</p> <p>Order Christmas Poinsettias</p>	<p>9:30a Sunday School</p> <p>11a Worship Service</p> <p>➤ 5 Cents Meal Offering</p> <p>*Guest preacher: Rev. Marvin Daniel</p> <p>Order Christmas Poinsettias</p>
M	Church office open 21	28
T	Church office open 22	29
	<p>6p GSA Tr5000 (Fellowship Hall Reception Area, Kitchen, Meeting/Dining Rm)</p>	<p>6p GSA Tr5000 (Fellowship Hall Reception Area, Kitchen, Meeting/Dining Rm)</p>
W	Church office open 23	30
	2p Newsletter out	
T	<p>Happy Thanksgiving! 24</p> <p>6a Clean Church</p> <p>2p News articles due</p> <p>7p Finance Cmte</p>	<p>December 1</p> <p>6a Clean Church</p>
F	25	2
S	26	3
		<p>3p "Cookies 'n' Cocoa" at GMPC after PG Christmas Parade</p>

ATTENDANCE:	WORSHIP		SUNDAY SCHOOL	
	M	V	M	V
November 6, 2022	19	12	4	
November 13, 2022	19	7	8	
November 20, 2022				
November 27, 2022				

M=Members V=Visitors

CALL TO CONFESSION [Pastor]

Jesus, remember us and hear our prayers of honest confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [In unison]

Prince of Peace, we confess the barriers we build, the self-protective numbing we conjure to distance ourselves from the pain of this world. We harden our hearts to the suffering and behave in ways far from humane. Soften us, Jesus. Humble us with the compassion you exhibit from the cross. Guide us to live open and wholehearted lives as we attend to the needs of others. Amen.

(A time for silent prayer of confession.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON [Pastor]

Christ our King calls for our forgiveness and grants us pardon. Let us love and forgive in response to this glorious gift. Amen.

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION [In unison]

Savior God, guide us into and through your Word, that we might be shaped by your Spirit's message to us today and transformed for service in your world. Amen.

SCRIPTURAL READINGS (NRSV)

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 1:11, 16-18 p. 548-549

New Testament Lesson: Luke 19:1-10 p. 854

SERMON "Short-sighted" Rev. Dr. Charles E. Bagwell

*** REFLECTIVE HYMN #839 "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine"**

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]

In response to God's abundant gifts to us, let us give generously to Christ's mission and ministry. 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]

Risen Savior, responding to your love and grace, we offer our gifts of time, talent and service. May our offerings feed the hungry, cloth the poor, quench the thirsty and shelter the most vulnerable among us. Amen.

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

One: God of abundant blessing, as we approach a holiday of gratitude and a new liturgical year, we pause to give you thanks and praise. We acknowledge all good gifts that come from you and for the many ways you bless us. Especially, we thank you for:

All: Family and loved ones who encircle us with care; acts of kindness and compassion shared between neighbors and strangers; leaders who defy partisan rhetoric and rancor to act with honesty and integrity.

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One: The sun sinks early, and the days grow short in this darkening season, Holy God. Your people languish, yearning for a break from bad news and heavy burdens. In our despair we turn to you and lift our hope-filled petitions for the needs of your people. We pray for:

All: Victims of violence, war and oppressive regimes; those in need of healing from trauma; those whose spirits are burdened by mental illness; those who believe they are beyond help and hope.

One: We humble ourselves before you, Christ our King, to pray for our redemption and the world's. May we live and love and forgive as you did. May we resist evil forces that seek to turn us from a humane path. May we embrace your way of peace, transformed for lives of love and grace. Now, hear us pray the prayer Christ taught us, saying together, "***Our Father...***"

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

***DEPARTING HYMN #575 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"**

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION [Pastor]**

May Jesus' name be praised as we leave to love and serve. May our lives reflect Christ's glory and honor his name. May God, the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, bless us and keep us all. Amen.

***POSTLUDE**

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