

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)

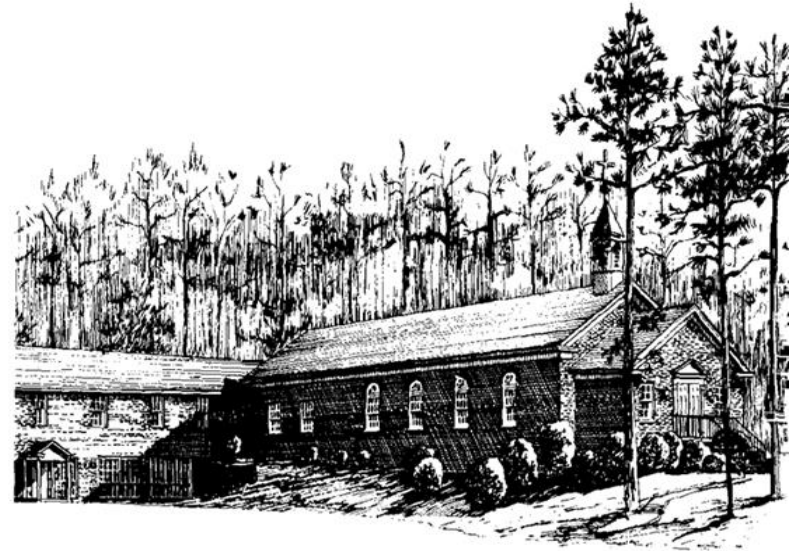
Rose Scott (2024); David L. Johnson* (2024); Susan Shockley (2024)

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

"3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT"

DECEMBER 11, 2022

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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!

CHORAL PRELUDE

Gail Rollings, Pianist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Larry Johnson

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP [*Responsive*]

One: In the busyness of this world, we wait, still, with bated breath.

All: We know that our Savior draws closer, and our hearts begin to leap with joy!

One: When Christ returns in power and glory, people will faint with fear.

All: But when you see these things, lift up your heads: our redemption is drawing near!

Candle Lighter: We light this candle as a symbol of the joy to be found in your kingdom on earth.

All: Come, Lord Jesus, come!

****Please stand, as able.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to everyone present today! We are blessed to have “Streets of Gold” Gospel Quartet honor us with a special performance during today’s worship service.

December's Worship Service schedule:

December 4: Rev. Clay Macaulay

December 11: Service by Laity; Special Music: “Streets of Gold”

December 18: Rev. Charles Philips; Session Meeting Moderator

December 25: Rev. Dr. Charles E. Bagwell

Season of Advent – Nov. 27-Dec. 24.

Circle will meet at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 13; Location: TBA.

There will be no service on Christmas Eve.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

*Special Thanks to
David & Patsy Johnson
For arranging today’s program
By “Streets of Gold” Gospel Quartet*

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Worship Committee of Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church

THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

	DECEMBER 11	18
S	<p>3rd Sunday of Advent: "Joy"</p> <p>9:30a Sunday School</p> <p>11a Worship Service led by the Gregory Memorial Laity</p> <p>*Special Music by "Streets of Gold" Gospel Quartet</p>	<p>4th Sunday of Advent: "Love"</p> <p>9:30a Sunday School</p> <p>11a Worship Service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 5 Cents Meal Offering ➤ Christmas Joy Offering <p>Guest Preacher: Rev. Charles Philips</p> <p>12p Stated Session Meeting Moderator: Rev. Philips</p>
M	<p>6p Crater BSA Order of Arrow Karakona Ch19, Nawakwa Ldg3 (Fellowship Hall Reception Area, Kitchen, Meeting/Dining Rm)</p>	19
T	<p>1p Circle (Location: TBA)</p>	20
W	<p>6p BSA Tr900 Ct. of Honor, Ord. of Arrow (Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall Reception Area, Kitchen, Meeting/Dining Rm)</p>	21
T	<p>6a Clean Church</p> <p>2p News articles due</p> <p>7p Finance Cmte</p>	22
F		23
S		24
		Christmas Eve

ATTENDANCE:	WORSHIP		SUNDAY SCHOOL	
	M	V	M	V
December 4, 2022	16	10	7	
December 11, 2022				
December 18, 2022				
December 25, 2022				

M=Members V=Visitors

CALL TO CONFESSION

Sandy Hunter

God promises forgiveness through Jesus Christ. On this Third Sunday of Advent, let us approach God in humility and faith.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [In unison]

Eternal God, John the Baptist prepared the way by calling upon us to repent. We have failed to share as we should. We have failed to honor the poor and the oppressed. Have mercy upon us, God. Heal and forgive us so we can welcome Christ with pure and genuine hearts. Amen.

(A Moment of Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON [In unison]

"All who put their trust in Christ face divine judgment without fear, for the judge is their redeemer." Therefore, be at peace; in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

CALL FOR OFFERING

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 and help unburden those with the heaviest of loads. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC: "STREETS OF GOLD" GOSPEL QUARTET

LORD'S PRAYER [Responsive]

Rose Scott

One: As your people gather in homes and churches to celebrate this season, let us be reminded of all the reason we have to rejoice in you. As people of faith, we lift these prayers to you, trusting you to hear us and receive us. Hear us now as we pray the prayer Christ taught us by saying together, **"Our Father..."**

***BLESSING [Responsive]**

One: We have been blessed!

All: We have met for divine worship, as God's people.

One: We have been blessed!

All: Our sins have truly been forgiven.

One: We have been blessed!

All: We go out into the world as the body of Christ, bearing the good news of the gospel. We are blessed, indeed. Amen!

***POSTLUDE**

Gail Rollings, Pianist

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OUR PRAYERS & CONCERNS

Families, persons, entities impacted by Hurricane Ian

People of Ukraine

Those in our community suffering from mental/physical illness, loss, grief or hardship

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)