

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome the Rev. Dr. Shelly Barrick Parsons back to our pulpit today!

Jan. Guest Preachers:

Jan. 1: Rev. Charles Philips; Officiant, Ordination & Installation of Elders

Jan. 8: Pastor Gibby Elder

Jan. 15: Rev. Dr. Shelly Barrick Parsons; & Moderator of Session Meeting

Jan. 22: Rev. Marvin Daniel

Jan. 29: Rev. Marvin Daniel; Moderator of Annual Congregational Meeting

Stated Session Meeting – Today at 12 p.m. (est.) after worship service.

REMINDERS:

Annual Congregational Meeting – after worship service on Sunday, January 29, 2023 at 12 p.m. (weather-permitting; unless otherwise announced)

Holy Communion Schedule for 2023 – 1st Sunday of even-numbered months (Feb., Apr., Jun., Aug., Oct., Dec.)

GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Pastor: As announced

Secretary: Nancy Adams (office@gregorymemorial.org)
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Session Members

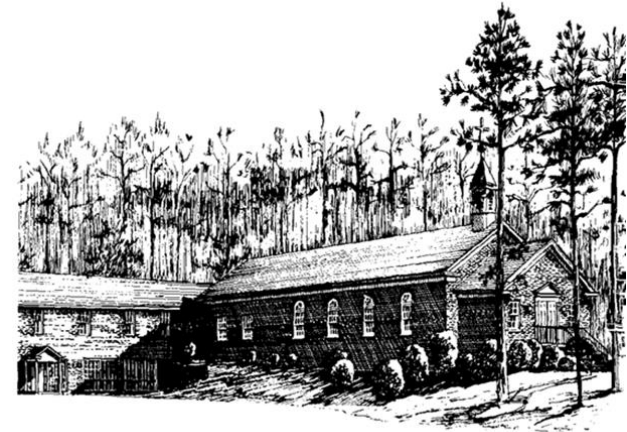
(Term = 3 yrs.; * indicates a partial term)

Lisa Brown (2023); Donald Hunter (2023); William Shill* (2023)
Rose Scott (2024); _____* (2024); Susan Shockley (2024)
Doug Holc (2025); David Johnson (2025); Patsy Johnson (2025)
Donald Hunter - Clerk of Session (2023)

Trustees

Gail Rollings (2023); Donald Hunter (2024); Ron Recher (2025)

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

JANUARY 15, 2023

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. 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 quiet stillness of God's presence!

PRELUDE Sandra Perkins, Organist
Gail Rollings, Pianist

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS/
SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS** Rose Scott

PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. Dr. Shelly Barrick Parsons

CALL TO WORSHIP [*Pastor; responsive; based on John 1*]

One: To all searching for grace and truth,

All: Come and see!

One: To all searching for meaning and purpose,

All: Come and see!

One: To all searching for abundant life,

All: Come and see! Let us worship God together.

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

CALL TO CONFESSION [*Pastor; based on Isaiah 49 and Psalm 40*]

God, who knit us in the womb, knows us completely. God inclines towards us and hears our cry. Assured of God's grace and steadfast love, let us confess our sin together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [*In unison*]

Merciful God, We confess that we have been timid and unreliable witnesses of Jesus Christ. Forgive us for the times we have stayed silent in the face of injustice and hate, for the times we have hoarded our abundance, for the times we have turned away from your children in need. For the many ways we fail to follow Jesus, forgive us. Invite us again to come and see, and to abide in your presence so that we may be transformed and renewed. Empower us to witness, with our words and lives, to the love and grace we've experienced in Jesus Christ. Amen. (*Pause for a moment of silent confession*)

***Please stand, as able.**

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 & Ruby Hasky (health issues)
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)
Barbara Taliaferro (double pneumonia, St. Vincent's Hosp.-Southside,
Jacksonville, FL)
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)
Alan James, friend of A.W. & Nancy Adams (back surgery)
John Kephart, Grace Cibula's nephew (heart surgery on 1/12)

ANNOUNCEMENTS – See back page.

THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

	JANUARY 15	JANUARY 22
S	9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Shelly Barrick Parsons 12p Session Meeting Moderator: Rev. Dr. Shelly Barrick Parsons	9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service ➤ 5 Cents a Meal Offering Guest Preacher: Rev. Marvin Daniel
M	ML King Birthday 16	23
T	6p GSA Tr5000 (Fellowship Hall Reception Area, Kitchen, Meeting/Dining Rm) 17	24
W	18	25
T	6a Clean Church 19 2p Newsletter articles due 7p Finance Cmte	6a Clean Church 26 2p Newsletter out
F	20	27
S	21	28

ATTENDANCE:	WORSHIP		SUNDAY SCHOOL	
	M	V	M	V
January 1, 2023	19	7	No class	
January 8, 2023	27	17	7	
January 15, 2023				
January 22, 2023				
January 29, 2023				

M=Members V=Visitors

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON [In Unison; based on Psalm 40]

Hear the good news of the gospel: God will not withhold mercy from us. The steadfast love and faithfulness of the Lord is with us, now and forever. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION [Pastor]

God of wisdom, by the power of your Holy Spirit, invite us into your Word. Give us ears to hear, wisdom to understand, and courage to answer your call to us today. Amen.

SCRIPTURAL READINGS (NRSV)

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 40:1-11 p. 446
 New Testament Lesson: John 1:29-42 p. 862-863

SERMON "Come and See" Rev. Dr. Shelly Barrick Parsons

***REFLECTIVE HYMN #475 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH [In unison; Apostles' Creed]

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.

CALL FOR OFFERING [Pastor]

Our generous giving is a witness to God's abundance against a worldview of scarcity. These gifts point to and enable the ongoing work of Jesus Christ in our community and beyond. Freely we have received, now freely let us give.

OFFERING, OFFERTORY

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

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

Generous God, we offer these gifts in gratitude for all we have received. Use them to strengthen the ministry of your church to meet the needs of your children. May these offerings bear witness to your love made known to us in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER [Pastor, responsive]

One: Loving God, we are so grateful that you invite us to come and see, to experience your presence with us, and to abide with you. We thank you for the gift of community, and for connections that are made and strengthened in church. We pray for the many ways we are connected to each other:

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

One: We pray for political systems and leaders, for wisdom in discernment, and courage to act for peace and justice. We pray for families, especially those separated by circumstance or strife. We pray that you will heal the divisions among all the families of the world. We pray for our communities and our country, that you would bridge divides and enable us to work together for the things which bring us closer to your beloved kingdom.

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

One: We pray for the church, that we would be faithful in our witness to the love and grace of Jesus Christ. As members of Christ's body, we offer our prayers for a world in need. We pray for all who are suffering, in body, mind, or spirit: We pray for those who are living in or displaced from homes beset by violence, hunger and poverty. We pray for the sick, the caregivers, the lonely, the imprisoned, the mentally ill and those struggling with addictions. We pray for the abused, the neglected and the outcast. We pray for the grieving, the angry and the hopeless. Loving God, we offer these prayers to you, including those that remain on our hearts, and those known only to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray, saying, "**Our Father...**"

***DEPARTING HYMN #317 "In Christ There Is No East or West"**

***BLESSING**

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!

CHARGE & BENEDICTION [Pastor; based on 1 Corinthians and John 1]

Gifted and empowered by the Holy Spirit, the testimony of Jesus Christ has been strengthened in us today. Let us bear that witness into the world, inviting all to come and see what God is doing, and to come experience the grace and love of Jesus Christ.

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

***POSTLUDE**

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