

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome the Rev. Marvin Daniel back to our pulpit today!

Jan. Guest Preachers:

Jan. 1: Rev. Charles Phillips; 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

IT'S A GIRL!!! Everyone is invited to attend a baby shower we're having on January 29th in the Fellowship Hall (immediately after the Annual Congregational Meeting) to celebrate the pending arrival of precious Little Miss Ingram, much-anticipated daughter of parents Josh and Morgan. A light lunch will be served. *FYI, Josh and Morgan are registered at Target and Amazon.*

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

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Session Members

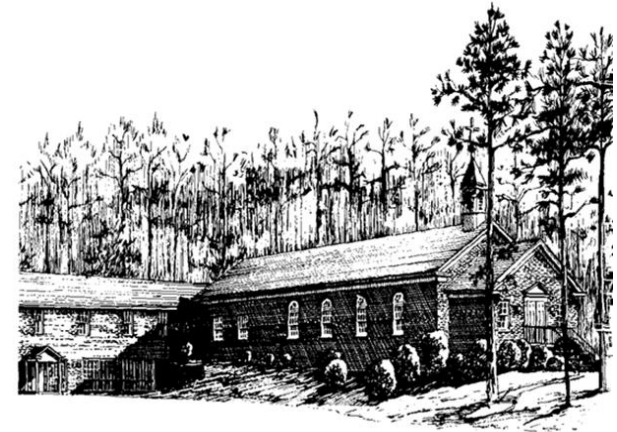
(Term = 3 yrs.; * indicates a partial term)

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 22, 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** Sandy Hunter

PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. Marvin Daniel

CALL TO WORSHIP [Pastor; Psalm 27:1]

One: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

All: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

One: We gather in the presence of God.

All: Let us open our hearts and minds in worship.

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

CALL TO CONFESSION [Pastor]

Let us pause here to confess the sins that have kept us from recognizing and enjoying God's presence.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [In unison]

Gracious God, when despair and suffering overwhelm us, we cry out for you and feel abandoned. We doubt your presence and your promises. We believe you have turned away from us in anger. We ask why you have forsaken us. In these moments, strengthen us in faith and fill our hearts with courage. We believe, God. Help our unbelief. Amen.

(Pause for a moment of silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON [In Unison; Psalm 103:17]

"The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting." Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

***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 (health issues)
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)
Paula McDaniel, Pam Elder's sister (health issue)
Alan James, friend of A.W. & Nancy Adams (recov. at home, back surgery)
John Kephart, Grace Cibula's nephew (heart surgery on 1/12)
Inez Paul, Mary Holc's mother (hospice care, Riverview on the Appomattox)

ANNOUNCEMENTS – See back page.

THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

	JANUARY 22	JANUARY 29
S	9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service ➤ 5 Cents a Meal Offering Guest Preacher: Rev. Marvin Daniel	9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service ➤ Local Emergency Aid offering Guest Preacher: Rev. Marvin Daniel 12p Annual Congregational Meeting for 2022 Rev. Daniel, Moderator 12:30p Ingram Baby Shower & Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)
M	23	30
T	24	6p GSA Tr5000 (Fellowship Hall Reception Area, Kitchen, Meeting/Dining Rm) 31
W	25	FEBRUARY 1
T	6a Clean Church 2p Newsletter out	6a Clean Church 1p Worship Cmte
F	27	3
S	28	4

	ATTENDANCE:		WORSHIP		SUNDAY SCHOOL	
	M	V	M	V	M	V
January 1, 2023	19	7			No class	
January 8, 2023	27	17			7	
January 15, 2023	18	10			7	
January 22, 2023						
January 29, 2023						

M=Members V=Visitors

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION [Pastor]

God of epiphanies, you reveal yourself to us in diverse and numerous ways. Free us the distractions that turn our focus away from you and your Word. Open us to the truth you reveal to us today. Amen.

SCRIPTURAL READINGS (HOLY BIBLE, The Message Trans.)

Old Testament Lesson: Micah 6:8 p. 757

New Testament Lesson: Luke 10: 25-37 p. 844

SERMON "The Other Side of the Road" Rev. Marvin Daniel

***REFLECTIVE HYMN #463 "How Firm a Foundation"**

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]

Let us return a portion of the gifts we have been given to Christ's ministry and those most in need.

OFFERING, OFFERTORY

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

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

Holy God, we present these offerings to you in faith. We trust that you will bless and use them to further Christ's ministry and serve those in need. May these gifts bless those we know who are suffering and those known only to you. Amen.

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

One: Eternal God, in this season of Epiphany, this season of Divine "showing" we recall the wonder of Christmas and the birth of Emmanuel with joy and gratitude. Still, our problems, our brokenness and our suffering remain. Our hearts cry for you as we seek to know you face to face, as intimate as creature and creator can get. So often we can't find you and feel forsaken in the midst of our despair. Show us how wrong we are, Holy God. Restore our confidence in your presence.

All: In your mercy, O God, hear our prayers.

One: We pray for our world full of violence, political tension and suffering. We pray for the Ukrainians who remind us of democracy's fragility and inspire us to cherish our right to self-determination. Protect those who hold to good and resist evil. Soften the tyrants who fail to see the global consequences of greedy pursuits. Lift the lowly in need of grace. Set the oppressed free.

All: In your mercy, O God, hear our prayers.

One: We pray for our communities, for the people searching for companionship and communion, for the ill and their caregivers, for the laborers who ensure our needs are met. God, help us see you at work among us, in the bonds we form serving together, in kindness shown and care received, in the ways we grow in understanding and empathy for those whose lives are different. We praise you for becoming God-with-us in Jesus Christ. Dispel our doubts and fears so we can embrace your presence in the flesh.

All: In your mercy, O God, hear our prayers.

One: We pray for our loved ones, those whom we hold closest to heart and mind. Comfort those who grieve. Encourage those who are ill. Generous God, filter our despair through your good news of great joy, so we might see and know and share your abundant hope and irresistible grace. In your mercy, O God, hear the prayers of your people. Help us to live as epiphanies of your work and your presence, showing your love to all the world. Now, hear us as we pray the prayer Christ taught us, saying, "**Our Father...**"

***DEPARTING HYMN #275 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"**

***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 & BLESSING [Pastor; based on Psalm 27:8]

Your heart beckons you to "Come! To seek God's face!" Let us listen to the needs of our heart and leave this house of worship ready to seek, find and follow our Savior. May the grace, hope, peace and love of God the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer be with us all, now and forever. Amen.

***POSTLUDE**

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