

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome the Rev. Marvin Daniel 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

IT'S A GIRL!!! Everybody is invited to attend a baby shower we're having today (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 in the Fellowship Hall.

Guest Preacher for next Sunday, Feb. 5, will be Rev. Ashley Diaz Meijas.

REMINDERS:

Annual Congregational Meeting – Today after worship service.

Holy Communion – Sunday, Feb. 5.

Scouts Sunday – Sunday, Feb. 12; Appreciation Reception follows service.

GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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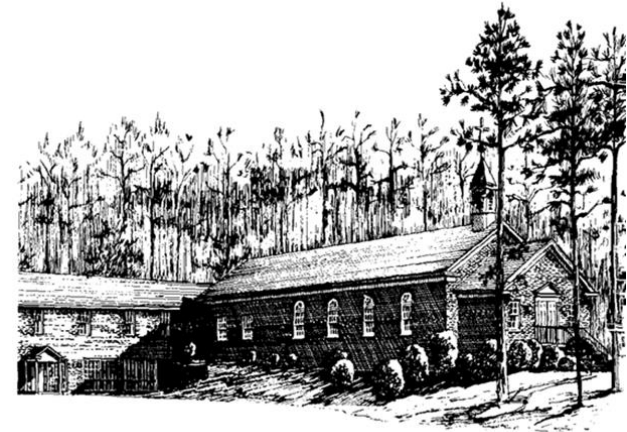
(Term = 3 yrs.; * indicates a partial term)

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 29, 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. Marvin Daniel

CALL TO WORSHIP [Pastor; Psalm 27:1]

One: O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

All: Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right and speak the truth from their heart;

One: Who do not slander with their tongue and do no evil to their friends nor heap shame upon their neighbors; in whose eyes the wicked are despised but who honor those who fear the Lord;

All: Who stand by their oath even to their hurt; who do not lend money at interest and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

***OPENING HYMN #634 "To God Be the Glory"**

CALL TO CONFESSION [Pastor]

We worship a God who stands more ready to forgive than we are to confess our sin. Our Creator, who is merciful and just, has promised to cleanse us of all unrighteousness. Let us profess our sin, first together then in silence, to our God, who has made us, who knows us, and who loves us. Let us pray:

***Please stand, as able.**

OUR PRAYERS & CONCERNS

Families, persons, entities impacted by weather-related disasters
Families, persons impacted by gun violence
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 29 | FEBRUARY 5 |
|---|---|--|
| S | 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) | 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service & Holy Communion Guest Preacher: Rev. Ashley Diaz Mejjias |
| M | 30 | 6 |
| T | 6p GSA Tr5000 (Fellowship Hall Reception Area, Kitchen, Meeting/Dining Rm) | 6p GSA Tr5000 (Fellowship Hall Reception Area, Kitchen, Meeting/Dining Rm) 7p Congregational Care Cmte |
| W | FEBRUARY 1 | 8 |
| T | 6a Clean Church 1p Worship Cmte | 6a Clean Church 7p Faith Cmte |
| F | 3 | 10 |
| S | 4 | 11 |

| ATTENDANCE: | WORSHIP | | SUNDAY SCHOOL | |
|------------------|---------|----|---------------|---|
| | 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 | 23 | 7 | 9 | 3 |
| January 29, 2023 | | | | |

M=Members V=Visitors

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [In unison]

You have told us what is good, O God. Your hopes for us are clear. And yet we live as though it is unclear what you would have us do. We have withheld what is not our own. We have sinned by what we have done and what we have failed to do. We know that we have sinned. We seek your forgiveness and your reconciliation and strength that we may follow in the way you would have us go. Cleanse us and guide us. We make this and all our prayers in reliance upon our faithful savior, Jesus Christ.

[Pause for a moment of silent confession]

ASSURANCE OF PARDON [In Unison; from Titus 2:11-14]

You have told us what is good, O God. Your hopes for us are clear. And yet we live as though it is unclear what you would have us do. We live as though we were not the recipients of grace upon grace. We have withheld what is not our own. We have judged where it was not our place. We have sinned by what we have done and what we have failed to do. We know that we have sinned. We seek your forgiveness and your reconciliation and strength that we may follow in the way you would have us go. Cleanse us and guide us. We make this and all our prayers in reliance upon our faithful savior, Jesus Christ. He gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify a people of his own who are zealous for good. Deeds. Believe the promise of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***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, NRSV Trans.)

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 25:6-9 p. 568
 New Testament Lesson: Luke 14: 12-24 p. 849-850

SERMON "Supper's Ready" Rev. Marvin Daniel

***REFLECTIVE HYMN #313 "Lord, Make Us More Holy"**

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]

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof. From God's good creation, we have more than we need. Let us worship God, then, by returning our tithes and offerings as tokens of our commitment to love and serve the Lord.

OFFERING, OFFERTORY

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

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

Holy God, we have received from your gracious hand abundance upon abundance. Accept these offerings, we pray, bless them and multiply them, that through these gifts we might see your kingdom at work among us. We pray all these things through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

One: Eternal God, you have laid before us a path of wholeness. You have called us to genuine community, to love and to care for one another. All creation reflects the overflowing of your love. There is no prayer that we may offer that is not already close to your heart, so we offer these prayers knowing that you will hear them, with hope that in saying these things aloud, our hearts would be renewed in love for all you have made.

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

One: We pray for leaders new in their roles, and for leaders who have led us for a long time. Grant all who serve the people discernment, patience and wisdom that they may seek solutions rather than the gratification of individual wishes and the building of egos and political capital.

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

One: We pray for those caught in the bind of economic hardship. Where we May be of service, lead us, O God, and give us the strength to follow. Open our eyes to those experiencing homelessness, living with addiction, those who suffer from mental and emotional illness, the outcast and suffering. Help us to bring your shalom.

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

One: To that end, we pray for the Presbyterian Church, and we pray for our own congregation. Make us in the image of your kingdom and help us to follow your way. We make this and all of our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray "**Our Father ...**"

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

***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]

Go now, in the power of God's spirit, to seek blessing in the places God would give it, to be the blessing God would give to the world, and in so doing, to be blessed. And may the grace, fellowship and communion of the triune God be and abide with us all.

***POSTLUDE**

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