

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome the Rev. Charles Philips to our pulpit today!

Feb. Guest Preachers:

Feb. 5 "Holy Communion": Rev. Ashley Diaz Meijias

Feb. 12: Worship service by BSA Scout Troop 900

Feb. 19 "Transfiguration of the Lord": Rev. Charles Philips

Feb. 26 "1st Sunday in Lent": Rev. Marvin Daniel

Stated Session Meeting – Today, at 12p (est.) after worship service, Rev. Charles Philips as Moderator.

Support our Boy Scouts! Gregory has been asked to support BSA Troop 900 and Pack 910 by supplying items for their "Birthday Cake" Bag Project items. Please refer to the enclosed flyer for list of needed items. Collection boxes are in the Narthex and the Fellowship Hall to receive your donations beginning Feb. 19 through Feb. 26.

Mark your calendar! Movie Night will be held Wednesday, March 1, featuring the movie "Ruth" from the Sight and Sound collection. Dinner of chili, soup, bread and dessert will be served at 6 p.m., with moving at 6:30 p.m. (approx.) Come and enjoy, and don't forget to bring a friend!

Lenten Sunday School Lessons will begin Sunday, March 12 at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will be using materials written by Max Lucado entitled, "He Chose the Nails: What God Did to Win Your Heart." These lessons invite you to examine the cross, contemplate its purpose and celebrate its significance. If you would like to order the Study Guide, please contact Patsy. Cost of the book is \$4.00.

GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Session Members

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

Lisa Brown (2023); Donald Hunter (2023); William Skill* (2023)

Rose Scott (2024); _____* (2024); Susan Shockley (2024)

Doug Holc (2025); David Johnson (2025); Patsy Johnson (2025)

Donald Hunter - Clerk of Session (2023)

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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

"TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD"

FEBRUARY 19, 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. Charles Philips

CALL TO WORSHIP [Responsive; Psalm 99]

One: The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

All: The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples!

One: Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!

All: Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

One: Extol the Lord our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he!

All: Moses and Aaron were among his priests; Samuel also was among those who called on his name. They cried to the Lord, and he answered them.

One: He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them.

All: O Lord our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

One: Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the Lord our God is holy.

***OPENING HYMN #191 "We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding"**

***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)
Ruth Figg (Petersburg Home for Ladies)
Billy Robertson (recent health issue)
Shirley MacNeill (recent health issue)
Paula McDaniel, Pam Elder's sister (health issue)
John Kephart, Grace Cibula's nephew (heart surgery on 1/12)
Inez Paul, Mary Holc's mother (hospice care, Riverview on the Appomattox)
Tara Foster (recovering at home from surgery: kidney stones)

ANNOUNCEMENTS – See back page.

THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

	FEBRUARY 19	FEBRUARY 26
S	Transfiguration of the Lord 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service Guest Preacher: Rev. Charles Philips 12p Stated Session Meeting Moderator: Rev. Philips	1ST Sunday in Lent 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service Guest Preacher: Rev. Marvin Daniel <u>Order Easter Lilies</u>
M	Washington's Birthday 20	27
T	Shrove ("Fat") Tuesday 21 6p GSA Tr5000 (Fellowship Hall Reception Area, Kitchen, Meeting/Dining Room)	2p Cmte reports due 28
W	Ash Wednesday 22 Begin Lent 2p Send Annual Reports to Presbytery	MARCH 1
T	6a Clean Church 23 2p Newsletter out	6a Clean Church 2
F	24	3
S	25	4

	ATTENDANCE		WORSHIP		SUNDAY SCHOOL	
	M	V	M	V	M	V
February 5, 2023	25	10	8	2		
February 12, 2023	13	92	4	2		
February 19, 2023						
February 26, 2023						

M=Members V=Visitors

CALL TO CONFESSION [Pastor]

In the Transfiguration story, Jesus' clothes became dazzling white, a sign of resurrection out of the violence the world inflicted upon him. Resurrection reminds us that the sins of the world and of our lives will not have the last word. God's love, compassion and justice will be established on the earth. So let us confess before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [In unison]

Almighty God, you have called us to bring out the best in the world around us, to be bold in our faith, to share your love with those around us. We have failed your command. We choose conflict. We choose laziness. We choose excuses. Forgive us for rejecting the identity that you offer us freely, for rejecting the work of your Holy Spirit in our hearts.

[Pause for a moment of silent confession]

ASSURANCE OF PARDON [Pastor]

Just as a cloud overshadowed the disciples in the Transfiguration story, and they heard a voice say that Jesus is the beloved of God, so too, we are God's beloved people. Be forgiven and restored to our right standing as God's beloved.

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of transfiguring light, show us your Word as we read the words of Scripture today, so that your will and way can illumine our paths. Amen.

SCRIPTURAL READINGS (HOLY BIBLE, NRSV Trans.)

Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 24:12-18 p. 62
 New Testament Lesson: Matthew 17:1-9 p. 798

SERMON "Fear, Grace and Trust" Rev. Charles Philips

***REFLECTIVE HYMN #375 "Shall We Gather at the River"**

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]

God is the giver of life and the resources therein. Let us now dedicate our lives and resources to the God in whom we live, move and have our being.

OFFERING, OFFERTORY

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

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

We give you thanks, O God, for the gifts we have received from your good creation. We now ask your blessing upon the gifts we offer here today so that they might be a sign of our commitment to serve you in all that we are and do. Amen.

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

One: O Lord our God, Christ has been transfigured before us on a high mountain. You have revealed your way to us in Christ. The way of the cross and resurrection calls us to be agitators of non-violence, love and justice in our world. Indeed, in the power of Christ you have enabled us to be your peace in our world. In his crucifixion, the violence of our world has been exposed as contrary to your way of justice. Transfigure us by your Spirit and shape us by your love to be disciples of Christ in our weary and broken world.

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

One: In your Spirit, O God, form us to be the liberating life that was displayed in Moses, the prophetic witness of Elijah, and the risen Christ who established the new creation in the church and world. Let our lives shine like the transfigured Christ so we might be a blessing to those that struggle, a hope to the dying, and a sign of your resurrection life.

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

One: And as we continue to struggle with gun violence in our communities, we pray that you would give us wisdom to know how to leave peaceably on our world. We ask a special measure of wisdom for the leadership of our country and world that they might discern the path to end violence and war. And may we be agents of your love for those within our churches and in our communities. We pray all these things in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray saying, **"Our Father..."**

***DEPARTING HYMN #198 "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!"**

***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]**

Hear the voice from the cloud saying to each and to all: "You are my beloved."

So beloved of God: Listen to Christ. Follow in the way of Christ. Resist evil. Love one another as God in Christ has loved you. Amen.

POSTLUDE

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