

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome the Rev. Andy Meyers to our pulpit today!

March Guest Preachers:

March 5: "2nd Sunday in Lent": Rev. Paul Nalla

March 12: "3rd Sunday in Lent": Rev. Andy Meyers

March 19: "4th Sunday in Lent": Rev. Charles Philips

March 26: "5th Sunday in Lent": Rev. Marvin Daniel

Circle – Meets Tuesday, March 14 at 1 p.m. (Location: TBA).

Stated Session Meeting – 12 p.m. (est.) after worship on Sunday, March 19.

Lenten Sunday School Lessons began this morning at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We are 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 join us in Sunday School and order the Study Guide (Cost: \$4.00), please contact Patsy.

It's time to order Easter Lilies! We are accepting orders until March 19. Order forms are in the Sunday bulletin and also on the Narthex table. Cost: \$14/plant includes delivery charge. Make check payable to "Gregory Memorial Church" and leave check with order form in collection plate!

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

MARCH 12, 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** Patsy Johnson

PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. Andy Meyers

CALL TO WORSHIP [*Responsive; based on Psalm 42:1-2*]

One: As a deer longs for flowing streams ...

All: so our souls long for you, O God.

One: Our souls thirst for God, for the living God.

All: When shall I come and behold the face of God?

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

CALL TO CONFESSION [*Pastor*]

As thirsty people wandering through this season of Lent, we seek God's forgiveness and grace in this moment of honest confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [*In unison*]

Gracious God, as we wander through the wilderness this Lent, we are more aware of our thirst for your presence, your love, your guidance on life's journey. Forgive us for turning away from you. Forgive our doubt and uncertainty that led us to place our faith in worldly comforts that don't run deep enough and don't last. We come to your well today desperate and thirsty for Christ's living water. Quench our thirst, we pray. Grant us your forgiveness and your grace. Amen.

[*Pause for a moment of silent confession*]

***Please stand, as able.**

OUR PRAYERS & CONCERNS

Those affected by earthquakes and cholera in Turkey and Syria
First-responders, world-wide
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)
Paula McDaniel, Pam Elder's sister (health issue)
John Kephart, Grace Cibula's nephew (heart surgery on 1/12)
Tara Foster (recovering at home from surgery: kidney stones)
Billy Robertson (recovering from eye surgery)
Shirley MacNeill (hospitalized, TriCities Hospital, fmr. named JRMC)
Family/friends of Mrs. Inez Paul, Mary Holc's mother (d. 3/4)

ANNOUNCEMENTS – See back page.

THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

	MARCH 12	MARCH 19
S	3rd Sunday in Lent 2a Begin Daylight Saving Time (All clocks "Spring forward") 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service Guest Preacher: Rev. Andy Meyers <u>Order Easter Lilies</u>	4th Sunday in Lent 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service Guest Preacher: Rev. Charles Philips 12p Stated Session Meeting Moderator: Rev. Philips <u>Last Day to Order Easter Lilies</u>
	M	7p Congregational Care Cmte 13
T	1p Circle (Location: TBA) 14	6p GSA Tr 5000 (Fellowship Hall Reception Area, Kitchen, Meeting/ Dining Room) 21
W	15	11a Place Easter Lily order w/Florist <u>before 11 a.m.</u> 22
T	16	23
	6a Clean Church 2p News articles due 7p BSA Eagle Board of Review (2 nd Floor Classroom/Parlor) 7p Finance Cmte (Meeting/Dining Rm)	6a Clean Church 2p Newsletter out
F	St. Patrick's Day 17	24
S	18	25

	ATTENDANCE		WORSHIP		SUNDAY SCHOOL	
	M	V	M	V	M	V
March 5, 2023	18	13	12	1		
March 12, 2023						
March 19, 2023						
March 26, 2023						

M=Members V=Visitors

ASSURANCE OF PARDON [Pastor]

Jesus said, "Those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty." Come, drink deep, and know that you are forgiven. Amen.

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION [Pastor]

Loving God, fountain of every blessing, open us to your life-giving Word, and fill us with your Holy Spirit so that living water may flow through our hearts — a spring of hope for a thirsty world. Amen.

SCRIPTURAL READINGS (HOLY BIBLE, NRSV Trans.)

Old Testament Lesson: 1st Samuel 1:21-28 p. 213-214
 New Testament Lesson: Matthew 25:14-30 p. 807

SERMON "Gifts, All Gifts" Rev. Andy Meyers

***REFLECTIVE HYMN #442 "Just as I Am, Without One Plea"**

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 gives generously. Let us honor God by giving generously in return.

OFFERING, OFFERTORY

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

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

God of grace, you provide for all our needs. Accept these offerings as signs of our gratitude and bless them to further Christ's ministry and mission among the poor, the despairing and the destitute. Amen.

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

One: God of glory, we thirst for your presence in the midst of loneliness and despair, for your spirit of love poured into our hearts, for Christ's living water that quenches eternally. May all your children know that they belong, that they are loved, that they are wonderfully made.

All: Hear our silent prayers to know your presence in the midst of suffering, O God.

One: God of life, we thirst for knowledge of you at work in our world, dispelling our doubt and uncertainty. We pray for you to right what is wrong, banish evil and restore order in the midst of chaos. Turn our world towards peace.

All: Hear our silent prayers to know the ways you are at work in our world, O God.

One: God of hope, we thirst for healing and harmony, for an end to violence and living in fear of the next mass shooting. We pray for an end to bipartisan fighting, legislative meltdowns, and political turmoil that serves no citizen well. Fashion our world, our nation, our communities into places that reflect your peaceable kin-dom, where every life is valued, and everyone's dignity is respected.

All: Hear our silent prayers for healing and harmony, O God.

One: In your mercy, O God, hear the prayers of your people. Help us walk with you during this Lenten Season, so we can learn and grow in your embrace. Help us follow in the footsteps of our Savior, who calls on us to pray as he prayed, "**Our Father...**"

***DEPARTING HYMN #465 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"**

***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]**

Beloved people of God; I invite you, in the name of Christ, to continue to observe a holy Lent by self-examination and penitence, by prayer and fasting, by works of love, and by meditating on God's word.

May the grace, hope, peace and love of God our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer be with us all, now and forever. Amen.

POSTLUDE

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