

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

March Guest Preachers & Announcers:

April 2 "Palm Sunday" & Communion: Rev. Dr. James Taneti; S. Hunter, Announcer

April 9 "Easter": Rev. Marvin Daniel; Announcer, R. Scott, Announcer

April 16: Rev. Charles Philips; also Session Moderator; L. Johnson, Announcer

April 23 Rev. Marvin Daniel; D. Hunter, Announcer

April 30: Rev. Renita Page; R. Scott, Announcer

"One Great Hour of Sharing" Offering: We will receive the "One Great Hour of Sharing Offering" during the Easter worship service today. Please use the enclosed envelope for your offering.

Scholarship application deadline for Fall Semester: May 31. Deadline for submitting applications for the Christine Belsches Memorial Scholarship Fund is May 31. Applications may be submitted to Susan Shockley or Santy Hunter, or mailed (Gregory Memorial PC, P. O. Box 182, Prince George, VA 23875) or brought to the Church Office.

Reminder that "These Days" (Apr.-Jun.) is available in the Narthex. This daily study guide is provided free to the congregation. Pick up your copy today while supplies last!

GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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

EASTER

APRIL 9, 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 [*Responsive reading; "Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"*]

One: Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna!

All: Hosanna! Hosanna!

One: Celebrate this day of days!

All: Hosanna! Hosanna!

One: Let all creation be amazed!

All: Hosanna! Hosanna! Christ is risen!

One: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

All: Hosanna in the highest heaven!

***OPENING HYMN #232 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"**

CALL TO CONFESSION [*Pastor*]

The joy of this Easter Sunday reminds us of God's resurrecting power. Let us confess all that turns us toward death, so we can know the grace of new life through Christ.

[*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, moved to SSRMC)
Congratulations to new parents Morgan & Josh Ingram on arrival of daughter,
Rigsby (b. 3/17!)

ANNOUNCEMENTS – See back page.

THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

	APRIL 9	APRIL 16
S	Easter 7a Sunrise Service (led by Laity) followed by breakfast in Fellowship Hall 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service Guest Preacher: Rev. Marvin Daniel	2nd Sunday of Easter 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service Guest Preacher: Rev. Charles Philips 12p Stated Session Meeting Moderator: Rev. Philips
M	6p BSA Crater Dist. Karakona Ch 19, Nawakwa Lodge 3, Order of Arrow (Fellowship Hall Reception Area, Kitchen, Meeting/Dining Rm)	17
T	1p Circle (Location: TBA) 7p Finance Cmte	11
		18
W		12
		19
T	6a Clean Church 7p Faith Cmte	13
		20
F	Fellowship Hall Reserved For event set-up	14
		21
S	Fellowship Hall Reserved Special event	15
		22

ATTENDANCE	WORSHIP		SUNDAY SCHOOL	
	M	V	M	V
April 2, 2023	21	8	13	
April 9, 2023				
April 16 2023				
April 23, 2023				
April 30, 2023				

M=Members V=Visitors

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [Pastor]

Savior God, forgive our life-alienating ways, our exclusion and judgment of others; the way we evaluate and compare. Forgive our habits that demean and degrade, our addiction to violent and destructive behavior. Redeem us. Restore us. Resurrect us for life in Christ. Amen.

[Pause for a moment of silent confession.]

ASSURANCE OF PARDON [Responsive; "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"]

One: "Jesus Christ is risen today. But the pains which he endured, our salvation have procured."

All: **In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia. Amen.**

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION [Pastor]

Divine redeemer, bearer of life, open us to the wisdom of your Word today and enlighten us with your truth. Liberate us from all that distracts us and turns us from your path. Guide us and ground us in Christ's everlasting hope. Amen.

SCRIPTURAL READINGS (HOLY BIBLE, NRSV Trans.)

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 55:1-11, p. 598

New Testament Lesson: Acts 10:34-43, p. 895

SERMON

"I Thirst"

Rev. Marvin Daniel

GOSPEL READING:

John 19:23-30, p. 882

Larry Johnson

***REFLECTIVE HYMN #223 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"**

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]

Give thanks to God for God is good. Let us gratefully give of our offerings to the glory of God and in praise of Christ's resurrecting ministry.

OFFERING, OFFERTORY

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

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

God of the empty tomb, your grace astounds us, your generosity fills us to overflowing. Accept these offerings as signs of our gratitude and bless our work on Christ's behalf. May we love as Christ loved. May we serve as Christ served. Call us forth into your world, guided by Christ's spirit. Amen.

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

One: God of glory, overwhelmed by your love, ecstatic with your grace, we shout our hallelujahs, and rejoice this Easter day.

All: Father God, Hear our prayers of thanksgiving for the gifts of this Day..."

One: Savior God, you free us from death, heal and restore us to life. But the world is still so full of pain and suffering. Hear our prayers for those who struggle, for those whose suffering prevents them from rejoicing with us today. On this Easter day, we especially remember those who are sick and their caregivers; those who are lonely and isolated; victims of violence, abuse and oppression; refugees and asylum seekers; citizens of warring countries, hungry for peace.

All: Father God, heal us and restore us to life.

One: As your people, we gather this Easter Sunday and pray for your continued mercy, O God. Hear and receive our prayers of gratitude and praise, as well as our prayers of intercession. The signs of Easter are miraculous. You have the power to make sense of the senseless, to resurrect the dead, and to move massive stones from empty tombs. Ground us in this good news, O God, May we always find reasons to rejoice. May we return to worship you again and again, and to pray the prayer Christ taught us, saying, "**Our Father...**"

***DEPARTING HYMN #263 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"**

***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, BOOK OF COMMON WORSHIP]**

Celebrate this day of days! Rejoice in God, your Savior! Know the new life gifted through Jesus Christ! Shout your Alleluia's for all to hear!
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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