

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome the Rev. Marvin Daniel back 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

**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.

**"SING-SPARATION!" Come and enjoy an evening of traditional Christian music.** The Faith Committee and Congregational Care Committee invite you to the musical program, **"Feel the Spirit Through Music."** The program will be held on Wednesday, May 17 at 7 p.m. in the church Sanctuary. Special music has been planned, and one of our featured guests will be Mr. Britt, who comes highly recommended by all that have heard him play the piano. We hope to provide many good memories by playing the "old favorites" that we have all grown up with. We are giving everyone the opportunity to inform us of their favorite hymn with hopes of playing and singing as many as possible. Please indicate your name and a favorite hymn using the "tear-off" form provided on this bulletin, and leave it in the offering plate or with the church secretary.

Refreshments in the Fellowship Hall will follow. A LOVE Offering will be collected, with all monies being donated to the Prince George Baccalaureate Program.

4/23, 4/30, 5/7, 5/14

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### GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Pastor: As announced

Secretary: Nancy Adams ([office@gregorymemorial.org](mailto:office@gregorymemorial.org))

Organist: Sandra Perkins Pianist: Gail Rollings

Treasurer: Susan Shockley Financial Sec.: Sandy Hunter

#### 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)

## 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*

**3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**APRIL 23, 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** Donald Hunter

**PASSING OF THE PEACE** Rev. Marvin Daniel

### **CALL TO WORSHIP** [*Responsive reading*]

One: We have been walking, Lord...

**All: ...on roads of uncertainty and fear, on roads of exhaustion and doubt, on winding roads that have led us here.**

One: Join us on our journey, Lord.

**All: By your presence, refresh our spirits, set our hearts ablaze, and give us new direction!**

**\*OPENING HYMN #839 "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine"**

### **CALL TO CONFESSION** [*Pastor*]

When we say, "we don't sin," we deny who we are. But when we say, "there's no way out," we deny who God is. Trusting that God's grace is more powerful than our sin, let us confess our sins together.

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**\*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, communities impacted by gun violence  
People & Sovereign Country of Ukraine; Russian citizens conscripted into war  
Those in our community suffering 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 Chippenham Med. Ctr.)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS – See back page.**

**THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY**

	<b>APRIL 23</b>	<b>APRIL 30</b>
<b>S</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>  <b>9:30a</b> Sunday School  <b>11a</b> Worship Service ➤ 5-Cents Meal Offering  Guest Preacher: Rev. Marvin Daniel	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>  <b>9:30a</b> Sunday School  <b>11a</b> Worship Service ➤ Local Emergency Aid Offering  Guest Preacher: Rev. Renita Page
<b>M</b>	24	1
		<b>1p</b> Worship Cmte
<b>T</b>	25	2
		<b>6p</b> GSA Tr 5000 (Fellowship Hall Reception Area, Kitchen, Meeting/ Dining Rm)  <b>7p</b> Cong. Care Cmte  <b>7p</b> Facilities Cmte
<b>W</b>	26	3
<b>T</b>	27	4
	<b>6a</b> Clean Church  <b>2p</b> Newsletter out	<b>6a</b> Clean Church
<b>F</b>	28	5
<b>S</b>	29	6

ATTENDANCE	WORSHIP		SUNDAY SCHOOL	
	M	V	M	V
April 2, 2023	21	8	13	
April 9, 2023	30	20	11	
April 16 2023	20	7	9	
April 23, 2023				
April 30, 2023				

M=Members      V=Visitors

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION [In unison]**

Jesus, Teacher, we confess today our outright foolishness. We have been foolish to doubt your promises. Foolish to withhold love from neighbor. Foolish to chase riches, prestige and power. Foolish to waste your gifts and spoil your creation. Foolish to divide your children from each other. Foolish to think hope is lost. Wise us up again. Open our hearts to your presence in our lives, in our neighbors, in our world. In your grace, help us grab onto our millionth second chance, and forge a new road from here on. Amen.

[Pause for a moment of silent confession.]

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON [Responsive]**

**One:** Hear the good news! New life is not only possible; it has drawn near to us in Jesus. The promise is for us, and for all the children of God.

**All:** **By the grace of God, the glory of Christ, and the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are forgiven and we are free! Alleluia! Amen.**

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

**\*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION [Pastor]**

Holy Spirit, send your fire to dance across these familiar words, illuminating ancient stories, illuminating weary hearts. Set us ablaze again with the promises of the Holy Word, still proclaimed for us. Amen.

**SCRIPTURES (HOLY BIBLE, NRSV Trans.)**

Old Testament: Psalm 116: 1-4; 12-19, p. 492

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:13-35, p. 861

Rose Scott

New Testament: Acts 2:36-41, p. 886

**SERMON** "Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread" Rev. Marvin Daniel

**\*REFLECTIVE HYMN #462 "I Love to Tell the Story"**

### **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]**

What shall we return to the Lord? Nothing can equal what God has given us. Let us therefore give our money, our time and our energy with the generous joy of children, presenting gifts to make God smile.

### **OFFERING, OFFERTORY**

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

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

God of surprises, take these gifts and astound us by what they do. Through the work of your church, restore a broken world into the beloved community you dream of for us. Show us how to take these offerings and use them "to love each other deeply from the heart." In your grace we trust. Amen.

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

One: Holy God, we pray in ever-widening circles, extending the love we feel for those closest to us out into our communities, our nation and our whole world.

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

One: We pray for those we see but do not know: those who cross our paths on the road or the grocery store or the restaurant, those who are our neighbors but whose inner lives remain a mystery to us.

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

One: We pray especially for those caught in cycles of violence and war, oppression and economic scarcity, persecution because of religion, ethnicity or gender. Help us to feel the ties that bind all your children together to love as radically as you do.

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

One: We pray for the millions whose stories go untold, whose lives feel so far removed from our own. We pray for your people in every place and ask that you remind us that no one is beyond your reach. Keep us ever hungry to know your people, not as curiosities but as siblings in Christ. This we pray in the name of your son, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray, saying, "**Our Father....**"

### **\*DEPARTING HYMN #687 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"**

### **\*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]**

Are your hearts burning? Have you met the risen Christ? If so, go out with great joy to share the good news. And as you go, in joy or in doubt, know that the grace of God will uphold you, the peace of Christ will enfold you, and the Holy Spirit will make you bold, today, tomorrow and forever.

### **POSTLUDE**

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