

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome the Rev. Renita Page to our pulpit today!

Guest Preachers & Announcers:

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

April 9 "Easter ": Rev. Marvin Daniel; 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-SPIRATION!" 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 Sanctuary. Special music has been planned and one of our featured guests will be Mr. Tim 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 will follow and 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

"MAMA MIA!" AT FORT LEE PLAYHOUSE – Sunday, May 21, starts at 3 p.m.

(Those interested in carpooling meet at GMPC at 2 p.m.) Pre-registration submitted to Patsy Johnson is required to obtain clearance for access to Base!

See enclosed registration form for details and to register. 4/30, 5/7

GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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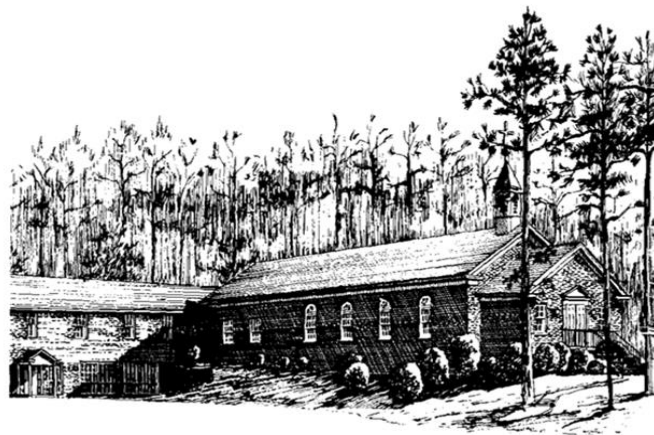
Pastor: As announced

Secretary: Nancy Adams (office@gregorymemorial.org)

Organist: Sandra Perkins Pianist: Gail Rollings

Treasurer: Susan Shockley Financial Sec.: Sandy Hunter

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

4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 30, 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. Renita Page

CALL TO WORSHIP [*Responsive reading; based on John 10:1-10*]

One: Our Good Shepherd calls.

All: He knows us each by our name.

One: Our Good Shepherd leads.

All: We are here to listen and to follow.

One: Our Good Shepherd protects and provides.

All: We give thanks and praise for our Good Shepherd.

***OPENING HYMN #625 "O Lord, My God" ("How Great Thou Art")**

CALL TO CONFESSION [*Pastor*]

Let us confess all that distracts and distorts God's truth, so we can know grace and forgiveness 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, communities impacted by gun violence

People & Sovereign Country of Ukraine; Russian citizens conscripted into war

Those in our community suffering from 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

S	<p>4th Sunday of Easter APRIL 30</p> <p>9:30a Sunday School</p> <p>11a Worship Service ➤ Local Emergency Aid Offering</p> <p>Guest Preacher: Rev. Renita Page</p>	<p>5th Sunday of Easter MAY 7</p> <p>9:30a Sunday School</p> <p>11a Worship Service</p> <p>Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Charles E. Bagwell</p>
M	<p>1p Worship Cmte MAY 1</p>	<p>6p BSA Tr 900 Cyber/I'net Security class (Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall) 8</p>
T	<p>6p GSA Tr 5000 (Fellowship Hall Reception Area, Kitchen, Meeting/ Dining Rm) 2</p> <p>7p Facilities Cmte</p>	<p>1p Circle (Location: TBA) 9</p>
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T	<p>6a Clean Church 4</p>	<p>6a Clean Church 11</p>
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S		

	ATTENDANCE		WORSHIP		SUNDAY SCHOOL	
	M	V	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	22	9			9	
April 30, 2023						

M=Members V=Visitors

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [In unison]

Savior God, you beckon us, but we do not heed your call. You gather us, but we wander away losing ourselves in false and superficial comforts. You speak truth, but we fail to hear and respond. Good Shepherd, do not give up on us. Redeem us. Restore us. Resurrect us for life in Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON [Pastor]

Even when we walk through the darkest valley, God is with us. God does not abandon us. Know that you are forgiven and receive Christ's peace. Alleluia. Amen.

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

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION [Pastor]**

Savior God, we are in awe of you and the way you guide us to the greater good. You've gifted us with the Holy Spirit as our advocate and guide. Open us to the Spirit's wisdom and truth. Open our ears, minds and hearts to your Word read and proclaimed today. May we know your truth and respond in faith. Amen.

SCRIPTURE (HOLY BIBLE, NRSV Trans.)

Old Testament Lesson: Lamentations 3: 23-25 p. 669

New Testament Lesson: 2nd Timothy 2: 13 p. 967

SERMON "The Consistent Nature of God" Rev. Renita Page

***REFLECTIVE HYMN #735 "I Need Thee Every Hour"**

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 from the heart. In your grace we trust. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER [Responsive reading; based on a prayer of Clement of Rome, a 1st Century bishop]

One: Shepherd God, who gathers us for worship and prayer, who sustains us with the breath of life, who quenches our thirst with calm and holy waters...

All: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers for those in need.

One: Holy Father, grant relief to the suffering; Have mercy on the oppressed; Heal the sick; Raise up those who have been beaten down; Feed the hungry; Humble the proud; Return the lost; Release the captives; Revive those who are exhausted and weak; Calm the anxious; Comfort those who live in fear...

All: Lord, in your mercy, redeem our violent, warring world.

One: Ground us in your good news, O God,. Keep our feet steady on Christ's path as we seek to be his faithful followers, praying the prayer Jesus taught us, saying: **"Our Father..."**

***DEPARTING HYMN #838 "Standing on the Promises"**

***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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