

# 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*

**6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER  
"MOTHER'S DAY"**

**MAY 14, 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** Larry Johnson

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *[Responsive reading; based on Matthew 23: 37]*

One: As a hen gathers her brood under her wings, God desires to gather us together.

**All: Gather us, O God. We are here to worship and sing your praise!**

**\*OPENING HYMN #664 "Morning Has Broken"**

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

No one is lost to God. All our welcome to witness and receive God's saving grace. Let us confess our sins before our Savior.

[Pause for a moment of silent confession.]

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *[In unison]*

Holy God, we are quick to criticize, quick to judge, quick to blame. We fail to offer others the same grace we receive from you. We hold ourselves up as superior and fail to address the patterns of dominance we perpetuate. Forgive us. Help us seek understanding and compassion. Help us accept the love you offer us and share your love with others. Amen.

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**\*Please stand, as able.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON [Pastor]**

Christ transforms, redeems and renews. Through Christ’s death and resurrection, we are a new creation, ready to sing God’s glory and testify to God’s grace. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

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

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

Savior God, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Walk with us. Guide us with your wisdom and grace. Open us to discerning your will and your way. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS (HOLY BIBLE, NRSV Trans.)**

Old Testament: Psalm 66: 8-20 p. 459-460  
Gospel: John: 14: 15-21 p. 877 Reader: Larry Johnson  
New Testament: Acts 10: 44-48 p. 895

**SERMON** "Knock at the Door" Rev. Marvin Daniel

**\*REFLECTIVE HYMN #191 "We Have Come at Christ’s Bidding"**

**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; Acts 20: 35]**

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, who said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

**OFFERING, OFFERTORY**

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

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

Holy God, these offerings are only a portion of all that you have given us. We gratefully present these gifts and entrust them to your work in this world. May our gifts share the Good News of the gospel to those who are in need. May these gifts help unburden those with the heaviest of loads. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD’S PRAYER [Responsive reading]**

One: Eternal God, we rejoice today in the gift of life, which we have received by your grace, and the new life you offer through Jesus Christ. On this sixth Sunday of Easter and this Mother’s Day, we pause to give thanks for ... People who have nurtured and protected us throughout our lives ... Mothers, grandmothers, step-mothers, foster mothers, and all those – regardless of gender or familial bonds – who live into this role ... Opportunities to remember and honor the people we cherish ...

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

One: God of grace, we offer our prayers for the needs of others and commit ourselves to serve them even as we have been served in Jesus Christ. In this moment of prayer, we pause to remember ... Those who are overwhelmed by the burden of their lives ... Those who are exhausted from navigating uncertainty and change ... Those who desire to be parents but struggle to conceive ... Those who grieve the loss of children or other loved ones ... Those who need courage to move forward ...

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

One: Merciful God, you call us to journeys where we cannot see the destination, by paths untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us. Finally, hear us now, as we pray the prayer Christ taught us to pray by saying together, "**Our Father....**"

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**\*DEPARTING HYMN #649 “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”**

**\*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 [Responsive]**

One: Remember life is short; we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who journey with us. What shall we do?

**All: Be swift to love; make haste to be kind, that God's love and light, joy and justice, can be for you all and all people everywhere. Amen**

**POSTLUDE**

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**THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY**

	MAY 14	MAY 21
S	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter; “Mother’s Day”</b> <b>9:30a</b> Sunday School <b>11a</b> Worship Service ➤ Presbyterian Women’s “Birthday” Offering Guest Preacher: Rev. Marvin Daniel	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter;</b> <b>9:30a</b> Sunday School <b>11a</b> Worship Service Guest Preacher: Rev. Charles Philips <b>12p</b> Stated Session Meeting Moderator: Rev. Philips <b>3p</b> “MAMA MIA!”, Ft Lee Playhouse <u>Carpoolers meet at 2pm @ church</u>
M	7p Finance Cmte 15	22
T	6p GSA Tr 5000 (Fellowship Hall Reception Area; Kitchen, Meeting/Dining Rm) 16	23
W	7p <u>Special Music Program</u> “Sing-spiration: Feel the Spirit Through Music” Open to public. 17	24
T	6a Clean Church 18 2p News articles due	25 6a Clean Church 2p Newsletter out
F	19	26
S	20	27

	ATTENDANCE		WORSHIP		SUNDAY SCHOOL	
	M	V	M	V	M	V
May 7, 2023	19	6	9			
May 14, 2023						
May 21, 2023						
May 28, 2023						

M=Members V=Visitors

## 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  
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)  
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)  
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)  
Shirley MacNeill (recovering at home; health issues)  
Grace Cibula (recovering at home; health issue)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### Guest Preachers & Announcers

May 7: Rev. Dr. Charles E. Bagwell; P. Johnson, Announcer

**May 14 "Mother's Day": Rev. Marvin Daniel; L. Johnson, Announcer**

May 21: Rev. Charles Philips; also Session Moderator; S. Shockley, Announcer

May 28 "Day of Pentecost": TBA; R. Scott, Announcer

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S BIRTHDAY OFFERING** will be received today.  
Please use the enclosed special offering envelope provided in the bulletin.

**Deadline for submitting applications for the Christine Belsches Memorial Scholarship Fund is May 31.** Applications may be submitted to Susan Shockley or Sandy 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 will be playing and singing as many of your favorites as possible. Refreshments will follow in the Fellowship Hall and a LOVE Offering will be collected with all monies being donated to the Prince George Baccalaureate Program. 5/7, 5/14

**If anyone would like to donate baked goods** for the Sing-spiration reception, please call Lisa Brown at 804-926.0991.

### **"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. 4/30, 5/7, 5/14

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