

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**We welcome the Rev. Kenneth Stith, Sr., to our pulpit today!** Rev. Stith has served in ministry since June of 2000, including Sunday school, youth, and prison ministry, Leader of Christian Education, and Safety & Security ministry. Ordained as minister in May, 2015, Kenneth currently serves as Associate Minister at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Prince George. Born and raised in the City of Petersburg, he earned his Master of Theology Degree from Freedom Bible College and Seminary. He also serves the Prince George County community as a Deputy Sheriff for the past 17 years.

### 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": Rev. Kenneth Stith, Sr.; R. Scott, Announcer**

**Today, "Day of Pentecost", the Pentecost Offering** will be received using the enclosed envelope for your offering. Informational brochure is also provided.

**Guest Preacher for next Sunday, June 4, 2023:** Rev. John Scholer.

**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.

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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)

### 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*

**"DAY OF PENTECOST"**

**MAY 28, 2023**

**11:00 a.m.**

# GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## “DAY OF PENTECOST”

MAY 28, 2023

11:00 a.m.

**PRELUDE** Sandra Perkins, Organist  
Gail Rollings, Pianist

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS/  
SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS** Rose Scott

**PASSING OF THE PEACE** Rev. Kenneth Stith, Sr.

### **CALL TO WORSHIP** [*Responsive reading; Based on Acts 2:1-4*]

One: All together in one place;

**All: they heard the rush of a violent wind;**

One: it filled the entire house.

**All: Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared and rested on each of them;**

One: they were filled with the Holy Spirit

### **\*OPENING HYMN #286 “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”**

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

God’s Spirit has gathered us for worship. Let us confess our sins and return to God.

[Pause for a moment of silent confession.]

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

Spirit of God, we hesitate and doubt. You call us to act boldly but our fear keeps us from following your call. Forgive our lack of courage. Embolden us to dream big and trust the Spirit to fill us and use us. Help us be Christ’s church without hesitation. Guided by your Holy Spirit, help us usher in your kin-dom to come. Amen.

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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 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)

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 (recovering at home; health issues)

Grace Cibula (recovering at home; health issues)

Family/friends of Ruth Figg (d. 5/19)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS – See back page.**

**THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY**

	<b>MAY 28</b>	<b>JUNE 4</b>
S	<b>"Day of Pentecost"</b> <b>9:30a</b> Sunday School <b>11a</b> Worship Service  Guest Preacher: Rev. Kenneth Stith, Sr.	<b>"Trinity Sunday"</b> <b>9:30a</b> Sunday School <b>11a</b> Worship Service & Holy Communion  Guest Preacher: Rev. John Scholer
M	<b>Memorial Day</b> 29	5
T	30 <b>6p</b> GSA Tr 5000 (Fellowship Hall Reception Area; Kitchen, Meeting/Dining Rm)	6 <b>6p</b> GSA Tr 5000 (Fellowship Hall Reception Area; Kitchen, Meeting/Dining Rm)
W	<b>2p</b> Cmte reports due 31	<b>2p</b> Cmte reports due 7
T	<b>JUNE 1</b> <b>6a</b> Clean Church	8 <b>6a</b> Clean Church <b>7p</b> Faith Cmte
F	2	9
S	3	10

ATTENDANCE	WORSHIP		SUNDAY SCHOOL	
	M	V	M	V
May 7, 2023	19	6	9	
May 14, 2023	31	6	10	
May 21, 2023	27	5	10	
May 28, 2023				

M=Members V=Visitors

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON [Pastor; Acts 2:21]**

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed. Amen.

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

**\*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION [In unison]**

Open our hearts and minds by the power of your Spirit, Holy God, that we might hear and receive the message you intend for us today. Amen.

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

Old Testament: Joel 2:28-32 p. 742  
 Gospel Reading: Acts 2:1-4 p. 885 Read by Rose Scott  
 New Testament: Acts 11:15-18 p. 895

**SERMON** "God's Offering" Rev. Kenneth Stith, Sr.

**\*REFLECTIVE HYMN #289 "On Pentecost They Gathered"**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH [In unison; Nicene Creed]**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of Heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**CALL FOR OFFERING [Pastor]**

God's Spirit is among us making all things new. Let us participate in this new creation by offering our gifts to God.

**OFFERING, OFFERTORY**

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

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

You have blessed each of us with gifts to serve and share, Most Generous God. May the offerings we present today be used to further your Kin-dom and build your beloved community. Amen.

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

One: God who gathers us on this Pentecost Sunday, grant us the courage of a planted seed, poised for growth, ready to burst from the dark, rich soil of Word and worship. May the timing of our growth coincide with your created order as we enter summertime. May we bloom in righteousness as the sun rises high and the crops grow tall.

**All: Heavenly Father, hear us as we pray.**

One: Peaceful Spirit, in this season of war and violence, as bombs fall and The innocent are gunned-down, and refugees flee their homes in search of safe haven, save us from evil and free us from our addiction to violence and weapons of destruction. Bend the arc of the universe towards justice. Inspire us to proclaim your inclusive love, to root out the enemies of righteousness, to persist for peace.

**All: Healing Spirit, receive our prayer.**

One: Spirit of wisdom and understanding, as you gathered diverse peoples on Pentecost, embolden us with a Christian hospitality that welcomes and receives all. Open our hearts to empathy and understanding of the circumstances of others. Empower us with your radical love that can strengthen and save. May we, your people, call on you with one voice, as one body, giving thanks and praise for your promise of redemption.

**All: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!**

One: In your mercy, Beloved God, hear the prayers of your people. Now, as the Body of Christ, we pray as Christ taught us, **"Our Father ...."**

**\*DEPARTING HYMN #354 "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"**

**\*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]**

May your eyes cast heavenward give you the courage and energy to be about the work God has laid at your feet.

And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit rest, remain and abide with you today and all days.

And all of God's people say: **Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**

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