

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome the Rev. John Scholer to our pulpit today! Rev. Scholer is a retired Presbyterian minister who pastored congregations in Alderson, West Virginia, Abbeville and Beaufort, South Carolina, and Lynchburg, Virginia. He filled in as college chaplain at Hampden-Sydney College from 2014-2016. He is a graduate of Davidson College and Union Seminary, and his Ph.D. is in New Testament Studies. John and his wife, Ashley, have two children and one granddaughter. They moved to Mechanicsville in 2020 after living in Lynchburg for 17 years.

Guest Preachers & Announcers

June 4: "Trinity Sunday": Rev. John Scholer; S. Hunter, Announcer

June 11: Pastor Gibby Elder; D. Hunter, Announcer

June 18 "Father's Day": Rev. Marvin Daniel; L. Johnson, Announcer

June 25 "Sunday in the Park": Rev. Renita Page; R. Scott, Announcer

Circle meeting (only if studies have not been completed.) - 1 p.m. on Tuesday, June 13 (location TBA) .

"Sunday in the Park" – June 25. Mark your calendar for our annual Church picnic lunch! There will be no Sunday School that morning. Worship service will be held beginning at 11:00 a.m. under the Pavilion at Clifford W. Scott Memorial Park, 6690 Courthouse Road in Prince George. The church will provide fried chicken, beverages (iced tea, bottled water). Congregation is asked to bring their favorite covered dish sides and desserts.

GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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

"TRINITY SUNDAY"

JUNE 4, 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** Sandy Hunter

PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. John Scholer

CALL TO WORSHIP [*Responsive reading; Based on Psalm 8*]

One: How majestic is our God! How worthy of our worship and praise!

All: When we stand in awe of our Creator, marveling at the heavens, the moon and the stars, we ask, "What are we that you are mindful of us? Who are we that you care for us?"

One: How majestic is our God! How worthy of our worship and praise!

***OPENING HYMN #321 "The Church's One Foundation"**

CALL TO CONFESSION [*Pastor*]

In the name of the Triune God, we gather for worship. Let us confess the sin that turns us from our Creator.

[Pause for a moment of silent confession.]

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [*In unison*]

Spirit of the Living God, you call us to spread the good news, to live the gospel, to teach Jesus' way to future generations. But we skirt our responsibilities and fail to act on your Great Commission. Forgive our silence. Forgive our apathy. Forgive our lack of fire. Help us be bold in faith, loving the world as Christ loves and embodying our Savior's church. Amen.

***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)
Grace Cibula (recovering at home; health issues)
Shirley MacNeill (since 5/30 returned to Chippenham Hosp., Critical Care)

ANNOUNCEMENTS – See back page.

THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

	JUNE 4	JUNE 11
S	"Trinity Sunday" 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service & Holy Communion Guest Preacher: Rev. John Scholer	2nd Sunday after Pentecost 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service Guest Preacher: Pastor Gibby Elder
M	5	12
T	6p GSA Tr 5000 (Fellowship Hall Reception Area; Kitchen, Meeting/Dining Rm)	1p Circle (meets only if studies have not been completed); Location: TBA 7p Finance Cmte
W	7	14
		6p BSA Tr 900 Honor Court, Order of Arrow (Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, Reception Area; Kitchen, Meeting/Dining Rm)
T	8	15
	6a Clean Church 7p Faith Cmte	6a Clean Church 2p News articles due
F	9	16
S	10	17

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	22	3	7	

M=Members V=Visitors

ASSURANCE OF PARDON [Pastor]

In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we are forgiven and freed. Claim your forgiveness. Rejoice in God's grace. Respond with love. 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 Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-10 p. 704-705

New Testament Epistle: Romans 8:12-17 p. 919

Gospel Lesson: John 14:15-17, 25-26 p. 877 Reader: Sandy Hunter

SERMON "Credit Where Credit Is Due" Rev. John Scholer

***REFLECTIVE HYMN #418 "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH [In unison; Apostle's 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]

Let us not cling to the gifts God has bestowed upon us but give generously in a spirit of gratitude. Let us present our tithes and offerings to our God.

OFFERING, OFFERTORY

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

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

Most generous God, you have blessed us with gifts to serve and share. May the offerings we present today be used to further your Kingdom and build your beloved community. Amen.

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

One: God of Creation, we marvel at your work; the way you shaped this world from a formless void into our beautiful earth; the way you separated day and night, light and dark to guide and mark our lives and insist on our need for rest; the water and oceans brimming with life that mark the boundaries of our land, the beat of our hearts reminding us that we are here because you created us, we live because you loved.

All: Hear our thanks and praise, Creator, for your wondrous work.

One: Redeeming God, we needed a teacher, a prophet, a guide through the wilderness, a savior. You blessed us with Jesus and redeemed us through his death and resurrection. Your son is a lamp to our feet, our anticipated bridegroom who arrives with love for his church.

All: Grateful for the way Christ saves us day in and day out, hear our thanks and praise, Redeemer, for your wondrous work.

One: Sustaining God, you fill us with inspiration, a fire burning within us to seek your Word and your way. You advocate for us throughout the ages and lead us to bear healthy, spiritual fruit.

All: Holy Spirit of God, you call us together for community and communion. Hear our thanks and praise for your wondrous work and hear these prayers from our community.

One: We pray for the ill and their caregivers... We pray for the grieving... for the isolated and alone, for the overwhelmed and exhausted... We pray for those who are lost and afraid... 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 ..."**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE [Please refer to Insert]

***DEPARTING HYMN #353 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"**

***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; based on Matthew 28: 16-20]**

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, go and make disciples, baptizing and teaching.

And remember, Christ is with you always, to the end of the age. Amen.

POSTLUDE

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THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table *[Minister]*

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Minister: Let us pray.

All: Loving God, through your goodness, we have this bread and cup to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. May we know your presence in the sharing of this bread, so that we know your touch in all bread, all matter. We celebrate the life that Jesus has shared among his community through the centuries, and shares with us now. Made one in Christ and one with each other, we offer these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice. Amen.

Words of Institution

Minister: Among friends, gathered round a table, Jesus took bread ... *[Minister continues with words of institution from 1 Cor. 11:23-26 or Gospel parallels.]* The gifts of God for the people of God.

Communion of The People at the Lord's Table *[The elements are distributed in the manner most suitable. After the last person is served, the Minister continues:]*

Prayer of Gratitude

Minister: Let us give thanks together:

All: We offer you praise, dear God, and hearts lifted high, for in the communion of your love Christ comes close to us, and we come close to Christ. Therefore, with the whole realm of nature around us, with earth, sea and sky, we sing to you. And with our loved ones, on earth and in your heavenly host, with brothers and sisters around the world, we join in the song of your unending greatness. Amen.

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