

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome Pastor Gibby Elder back to our pulpit today!

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. in 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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Pastor: As announced

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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

JUNE 11, 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 Pastor Gibby Elder

CALL TO WORSHIP [*Responsive reading; Based on Psalm 33:1-5*]

One: Rejoice in the Lord, O you God's beloved;

All: Sing to God a new song! For the word of the Lord is upright,

One: And all God's work is done in faithfulness.

All: Our God loves righteousness and justice;

One: The earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

***OPENING HYMN #634 "To God Be the Glory"**

CALL TO CONFESSION [*Pastor*]

God promises to love us and forgive us, not because we are righteous or law-abiding, but simply because we are. Trusting in God's steadfast love, let us confess our sin together.

[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

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)

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)

Tara Foster (recovering at home from surgery: kidney stones)

Grace Cibula (recovering at home; health issues)

Shirley MacNeill (home, health issues)

ANNOUNCEMENTS – See back page.

THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

	JUNE 11	JUNE 18
S	2nd Sunday after Pentecost 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service Guest Preacher: Pastor Gibby Elder	3rd Sunday after Pentecost "Father's Day" 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service Guest Preacher: Rev. Marvin Daniel
M	12	19
T	13	20
	1p Circle (meets only if studies have not been completed); Location: TBA 7p Finance Cmte	6p GSA Tr 5000 (Fellowship Hall, Reception Area; Kitchen, Meeting/Dining Rm)
W	14	21
	6p BSA Tr 900 Honor Court, Order of Arrow (Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, Reception Area; Kitchen, Meeting/Dining Rm)	
T	15	22
	6a Clean Church 2p News articles due	6a Clean Church 2p Newsletter out
F	16	23
S	17	24
		Worship Cmte meets at church to gather items for church service & picnic lunch at Scott Park on 6/25

	ATTENDANCE		WORSHIP		SUNDAY SCHOOL	
	M	V	M	V	M	V
June 4, 2023	24	4			9	1
June 11, 2023						
June 18, 2023						
June 25, 2023						

M=Members V=Visitors

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [In unison]

Merciful God, You tell us that all people are your beloved, and we ask, "Why them?" We are quick to judge others rather than being grateful that we, too, are included in the fold. We prioritize the privileged and powerful but you extend grace first to the sinner, the outcast and marginalized. Forgive us, O God. Transform us, that we may show mercy as you show mercy. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON [Responsive]

One: Through Jesus Christ, we are made well and whole, not because of ourselves, but through the grace of God!

All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

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

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

God beyond all knowing, you are shrouded in wonder and mystery, yet as close to us as our very breath. By your Spirit, illuminate our hearts and minds through your Word, that we may follow you more faithfully. Amen.

SCRIPTURE (HOLY BIBLE, NRSV Trans.)

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 51:1-12 p. 452
 New Testament Lesson: John 8:1-11 p. 870

SERMON "Don't Be Quick to Judge" Pastor Gibby Elder

***REFLECTIVE HYMN #442 "Just as I Am, without One Plea"**

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]

God comes to us in grace; we respond in gratitude. Let us return to God a portion of what we have received.

OFFERING, OFFERTORY

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

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

Gracious God, you are the giver of all good gifts. Receive these offerings and use them for your work in the world until "thy kingdom come." Amen.

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

One: Covenant-making God, you meet us where we are and call us forth to follow you. We give you thanks for the beauty of the earth. As summer comes, we thank you for the lengthening of days, the warming of waters, the excitement of children ready for a break. Help us to enjoy your creation, and from that place of joy, to be faithful stewards of the planet that sustains us. We give you thanks for the loving community we find here in Christ's church. Strengthen us, teach us and empower us to faithful service in the world, so that our love may mirror your love, and our mercy your mercy.

All: We praise you, O God, for your sovereign care for your people.

One: Holy Father, before you, nations rise, fall, and wither like grass. Guide the leaders of nations, states, cities and towns in the ways of your justice, compassion, and mercy. May all who hold positions of authority seek your will, and in so doing tend to the welfare of all people.

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

One: We rejoice this morning with those who rejoice, even as we know that the morning does not bring joy for all your people. We pray for people living through war, violence or oppression. We pray for the hungry and the homeless; the sick, injured and grieving; those who feel lonely or afraid. We pray for immigrants, refugees, asylum-seekers and all people "on the move."

All: Holy Spirit of God, hear our thanks and praise for your wondrous work and hear these prayers from our community.

One: As Jesus reached out and touched the people who came to him for healing, may we also reach out: our hands as your hands, our feet as your feet. Give us the grace to love and serve, to seek and listen, to pray and persist in righteousness and mercy. This we pray in the name of your son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray, saying: "**Our Father....**"

***DEPARTING HYMN #269 "Lead On, O King Eternal"**

***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]**

Friends, go forth in hope, faith and love. Go forth to seek Christ's face, for those who seek Him will surely find. Go forth to love and serve the Lord by loving and serving one another.

And as you go, may Christ's grace uphold you, may God's love surround you, and may the Spirit's energy sustain you, now and forever. Amen.

POSTLUDE

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