

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome Rev. Marvin Daniel 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

"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), and the congregation is asked to bring their favorite covered dish sides and desserts. As the picnic tables and benches are a bit rustic, please dress comfortably and casually!

"THESE DAYS" (July, Aug. Sep.) is available in the Narthex now. This publication of daily inspirational readings is available free of charge to the Gregory congregation. *Pick up your copy while supply lasts!*

GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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

"FATHER'S DAY"

JUNE 18, 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/ Larry Johnson

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. Marvin Daniel

CALL TO WORSHIP *[Responsive reading; Based on Psalm 100]*

One: Let all creation sing with gladness;

All: Make a joyful noise to the Creator!

One: Come and abide with the One who formed us;

All: Make a joyful noise to the Creator!

One Give thanks, and praise, and bless God's name;

All: Make a joyful noise to God!

***OPENING HYMN #370 "This Is My Father's World"**

CALL TO CONFESSION *[Pastor]*

The proof of God's love is this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Assured already of God's grace and forgiveness, 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, Grace Cibula's friend (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)
Moneka Suprenant, Susan Shockley's & Sandy Eickmeyer's friend (brain injury)
Family/friends of Benjamin ("Ben") Johnson, David Johnson's brother (d. 6/10)

ANNOUNCEMENTS – See back page.

THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

	JUNE 18	JUNE 25
S	3rd Sunday after Pentecost "Father's Day" 11a Worship Service Guest Preacher: Rev. Marvin Daniel	4th Sunday after Pentecost "Sunday in the Park" Clifford W. Scott Memorial Park 6690 Courthouse Road in Prince George 11a Worship Service in Park Pavilion Guest Preacher: Rev. Renita Page 12p Picnic lunch in Park Pavilion (Covered dish)
M	Juneteenth 19	26
T	20	27
	6p GSA Tr 5000 (Fellowship Hall, Reception Area; Kitchen, Meeting/Dining Rm)	
W	21	28
T	22	29
	6a Clean Church 2p Newsletter out	6a Clean Church
F	23	30
	2p Cmte reports due	
S	24	JULY 1
	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	18	15	8			
June 18, 2023						
June 25, 2023						

M=Members V=Visitors

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [In unison]

Almighty God, You have promised liberation for your people, and reconciliation for all of creation. We confess that we have grown weary of waiting. We have lowered our hopes, and scaled our expectations according to the world, rather than believing in your steadfast Word. We confess that we have grown comfortable in our waiting. We cry out for justice, if it doesn't cost us too much. We proclaim your liberation, as long as it doesn't impinge on the freedoms that we value most. We want to follow Jesus, healing the sick and doing good deeds, but we don't want to be mistreated or hated. We don't want to stir up the dust, much less shake it from our feet. Forgive us, we pray. Give us words to speak your liberating Word and endurance to persevere until your kin-dom comes. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON [Pastor]

Hear the good news: God's steadfast love endures forever, and God's faithfulness is promised to all generations. We are justified by faith, forgiven and freed, and at peace with God and each other through Jesus Christ. Amen

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

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

God of wisdom, Speak again your liberating Word to us today. By the power of your Holy Spirit, poured into our hearts, make us ready and willing to respond to your call to us today. Amen.

SCRIPTURE (HOLY BIBLE, NRSV Trans.)

Old Testament: Genesis 12:1-9 p. 8-9
 Gospel: Romans 4:13-25 p. 916 Reader: Larry Johnson
 New Testament Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26 p. 790

SERMON "Sinner's Dinner" Rev. Marvin Daniel

***REFLECTIVE HYMN #839 "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"**

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]

Jesus sent the disciples, empty-handed, to carry out his work, trusting in God's provision for their needs. We give of our abundance to continue the work of Jesus Christ in the world today. In faith and hope, let us offer our gifts to God.

OFFERING, OFFERTORY

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

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

Liberating God, use these gifts to transform the world, to bring about your justice, peace and reconciliation for all creation. Transform us as we offer them, to be partners and co-creators of your beloved kin-dom. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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

One: In sure and certain hope of God's faithfulness, let us come to God in prayer, praying:

All: Incline your ear to us; hear our prayers and supplications.

One: We pray for a world that is still so far from God's good creation. We see the devastating evidence of our failure to care for the earth and everything in it. Wars rage, and siblings take up arms against siblings. We pray especially for those who are most impacted by environmental devastation, war and lack of basic resources.

All: Incline your ear to us; hear our prayers and supplications.

One: We pray for those who suffer in mind, body, and spirit. For all who struggle with mental illness the impacts of trauma, we pray. We pray for the lonely, the hurt, and the estranged. We pray for all who live in chronic sickness or pain.

All: Incline your ear to us; hear our prayers and supplications.

One: We pray for the church, the world, and the whole human family, adding the prayers and supplications of your people...

All: Incline your ear to us; hear our prayers and supplications.

One: Loving God, we offer these prayers to you, including those that remain on our hearts, and those known only to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray, saying **"Our Father...."**

***DEPARTING HYMN #339 "Lift Every Voice and Sing"**

***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 & BLESSING [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. Amen.

POSTLUDE

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