

To the Saints and Friends of Gregory Memorial:

WHEN THE VOICE OF GOD WHISPERS

How do we hear the voice of God? How does God talk with us? Boldly? Perhaps for some. Through his Word, other people, circumstances? Sure, that's more likely. And what if He is a gentleman, and speaks through a whispered word. What then?

When God Whispers. The man **whispered**, "God, speak to me," and a meadowlark sang. *But the man did not hear.*

So the man **yelled**, "God, speak to me," and the thunder rolled across the sky. *But the man did not listen.*

The man **looked around** and said, "God, let me see you." And a star shined brightly. *But the man did not see.*

And the man **shouted**, "God, show me a miracle!" And a life was born. *But the man did not notice.*

So, the man **cried out** in despair, "Touch me, God, and let me know you are here." Whereupon, God reached down and touched the man. *But the man brushed the butterfly away and walked on.*

Hearing God. God speaks through **His Word**. Scripture. The Bible. *"For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart."* ~ Hebrews 4:12

God speaks through **circumstances**. Such as Jonah, who failed to heed God's direction and found himself in the belly of a whale. *"Now the Lord provided a huge fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights."* ~ Jonah 1:17

God speaks through **people**. A word that is more than a passing conversation. Direct words that confirm his direction. *"David praised the Lord in the presence of the whole assembly, saying "Praise be to you, Lord, the God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting."* ~ 1 Chronicles 29-10

God can speak through **peace** when allowed. Inner peace. *"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts."* ~ Colossians 3:15

God also speaks through **wise counselors**. Proverbs repeatedly says to seek wisdom through the counsel of others. *"Listen, my sons, to a father's instruction; pay attention and gain understanding. I give you sound learning, so do not forsake my teaching."* ~ Proverbs 4:1-2

When God Speaks and Whispers. God speaks through **dreams and visions**. *"And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions."* ~ Joel 2:28

God speaks through our **thoughts**. *"He who forms the mountains, who creates the wind, and who reveals his thoughts to mankind, who turns dawn to darkness, and treads on the heights of the earth, the Lord God Almighty is his name."* ~ Amos 4:13

God speaks through **nature**. *"Since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse."* ~ Romans 1:19-20

God speaks **supernaturally**. *"There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up."* ~ Exodus 3:2

And God speaks through **whispers**. *"After the earth quake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave."*

Then a voice said to him, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' ~ 1 Kings 19:12-13

*Source: www.atimetolaugh.org/godwhispers.html.
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WORSHIP INFORMATION FOR JULY, 2023

Sunday, 2 July, 2023

“5th Sunday after Pentecost” – Liturgical Color: Green
Guest Preacher: Ms. Caitlin Culp, Seminary Student

Sunday, 9 July 2023

“6th Sunday after Pentecost” – Liturgical Color: Green
Guest Preacher: Rev. Charles Philips

Sunday, 16 July 2023

“7th Sunday after Pentecost” – Liturgical Color: Green
Guest Preacher: Rev. Marvin Daniel

Sunday, 23 July 2023

“8th Sunday after Pentecost” – Liturgical Color: Green
Guest Preacher: TBA

Sunday, 30 July 2023

“9th Sunday after Pentecost” – Liturgical Color: Green
Rev. Marvin Daniel



OUR PRAYER IN TIMES OF JOY AND CONCERN...One of our great joys and responsibilities to each other and to God here at Gregory Memorial is the regular practice of praying for each other and our community. Please let the church office know if any updates to this list are needed.

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 mental/physical 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)
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)
Tara Foster (recovering at home, kidney stones)
Billy Robertson (health issue)
Shirley MacNeill (health issue)
Moneka Suprenant, Susan Shockley's & Sandy Eickmeyer's
friend (brain injury)
John Carl Allen (recovering, orthopedic surgery)
Mary Kay & Mike Schroeter (health issues)
Grace Cibula (recovering at home; health issues)
Family/friends of Jesse Elder (d. 6/18)

“What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness?” ~ John Steinbeck

CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION

Our 2023 schedule for Holy Communion provides that we celebrate Holy Communion on the first Sunday in even-numbered months. We will celebrate our next Holy Communion on **Sunday, August 6**. We are continuing with the practice of passing the communion elements among the pews.

HOLY COMMUNION SCHEDULE FOR 2023

February 5, 2023
April 2, 2023

June, 2023
August 6, 2023

October 1, 2023
December 3, 2023

ANNOUNCERS FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

July 2 -	Sandy Hunter
July 9 -	Susan Shockley
July 16 -	Rose Scott
July 23 -	Susan Shockley
July 30 -	Larry Johnson

HOLY HUMOR

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON...

During a Sunday school lesson, a child learned about how God created human beings. The young boy became especially focused when the teacher explained how Eve was created from Adam's ribs. Later that week, the boy's mother saw him lying down on the floor, so she asked him what was wrong.

His reply was priceless:

"Mom, I have a pain in my side—
I think I'm getting a wife!"

WEDDING WHITE...

A little girl finally got to attend a wedding for the first time. While in the church, the girl asked her mother: "Why is the bride dressed in white?" The mother replied to the girl: "because white is the color of happiness and it's the happiest day of her life today."

After a little bit, the girl looks up at her mother and says:

"But, then why is the groom wearing black?"

OF MARRIAGE AND COFFEE...

Shortly after tying the knot, a young married couple started arguing over who should make the coffee. Being a good Christian woman, the wife went to the scriptures for her answer. She said the Bible specifically stated that men should be the ones to make the coffee. Puzzled, the husband asked her where in the Bible it said that. Very confidently, the wife opened up her Bible, pointed at the scripture passage and said:

"It's right here—HEBREWS."

"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love."

~ St. Teresa of Calcutta ("Mother Teresa")

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"BACK-TO-SCHOOL" FAIR

Once again Prince George County Schools will hold a "Back-to-School" Fair. This event will be open to all County residents. The goal is to assist the families of Prince George County with school supplies so that every student will have a positive start to the school year.

This year's event will be held August 10, 2023 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Prince George High School. It will be a drive-thru event. Students must be present and they will be issued one backpack per student.

Gregory Memorial has supported this event every year and will do so this year as well. We have been asked to supply items for 5 backpacks. This year we are supplying items for the Secondary School Pack.

To this end, we are re-purposing our "Angel Tree" to serve as a "Back-to-School Tree", and on Sunday, July 9, everyone will have the opportunity to select a "Star" off the tree in the Narthex. Each "Star" will have an item from the Secondary Backpack List. After shopping for your items, you will then return them to church either Sunday, July 16 or Sunday, July 23.

With all the citizens of Prince George working together and showing their support, we can make each of our students a "Star" in the classroom!!!

LET'S CELEBRATE!!

Be sure to mark your calendar for Sunday, July 30th. We will be having "Coffee Hour" here at Gregory immediately after the worship service to celebrate new members, newlyweds and retirements. In May the session met and welcomed 4 new members: Maddi



Glazer, Jonathan Mendoza, Lauren Togger and David Togger. We are beyond happy to have these young people in our congregation and look forward to many years ahead, sharing God's love with them.

During the past few months, we have had two couples join together in marriage: Lauren and David Togger and Gail and Donnie Hare. How wonderful to share in the love of these two beautiful couples and wish them the best in years to come. We know that God has blessed their union and will guide them in their journeys together.

Finally, back in January the Session regretfully accepted Kevin Foster's request to retire from the office of Treasurer. Kevin gave 13 years and 10 months to this time-consuming job, and we celebrate the opportunity to say thank you for all that he has done. God truly blessed us with Kevin's expertise during some very difficult times. And, while you are thanking Kevin, be sure to also thank Susan Shockley for accepting the challenge of filling Kevin's shoes---not an easy job!!

So don't forget July 30th for our new members, newlyweds and retirements!



Stated Session Meeting – after worship service (est. 12 p.m.) on Sunday, July 16; Rev. Marvin Daniel, Moderator.

BECAUSE SHARING IS CARING...

Easy No-Bake 4th of July Cheesecake Pie - Beat together 2 (8 oz. size) bricks of full-fat cream cheese with 1 cup white granulated sugar. Add 1 tsp vanilla (or lemon extract, optional), and fold into 1 (8 oz. size) container of Cool Whip topping (or store-brand will do). Spoon this mixture into a previously prepared graham cracker pie crust. Smooth the top and sprinkle artfully with red berries (strawberries or raspberries) and blueberries. Chill in refrigerator until set. Eat!

JULY, 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>No Facilities Cmte or Worship Cmte meetings in July</i>						1
2 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship service Guest preacher: Ms. Caitlin Culp	3	4 Independence Day 	5	6 6a Clean Church	7	8
9 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship service Guest preacher: Rev. Charles Philips <i>Select a "Star" from "Back-to-School" tree in Narthex</i>	10	11 7p Finance Cmte	12	13 6a Clean Church 7p Faith Cmte	14	15
16 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship service Guest preacher: Rev. Marvin Daniel <i>Bring School Supplies for "Back to School" tree in Narthex</i>	17	18	19	20 6a Clean Church 2p News articles due	21	22
23 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship service > 5C Meal Offering Guest preacher: TBA <i>Last day to bring School Supplies for "Back to School" tree in Narthex</i>	24	25	26	27 6a Clean Church 2p Newsletter out	28	29
30 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship service > Local Emergency Aid Offering Guest preacher: Rev. Marvin Daniel 12p "Coffee Hour" Celebration, Fellowship Hall	31 2p Cmte reports due					

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JULY NEWSLETTER



COME AND JOIN US!
Sunday School 9:30 A.M.
Worship 11:00 A.M.

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