

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome Ms. Caitlin Culp to our pulpit today! Caitlin is a rising 2nd year Master of Divinity student at Union Presbyterian Seminary and is a Candidate under care of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in Denton, TX, (Grace Presbytery). As a lifelong Presbyterian with a variety of ecumenical experiences, Caitlin feels called to serve older adults in our churches and communities. She is passionate about belonging and fostering community. Caitlin married her husband, Charles, one month ago and they enjoy traveling, running, hiking, and exploring Richmond's food scene together. Caitlin will intern at Ginter Park Presbyterian Church beginning in September.

Guest Preachers & Announcers

July 2: Ms. Caitlin Culp; S. Hunter, Announcer

July 9: Rev. Charles Philips; S. Shockley, Announcer

July 16: Rev. Marvin Daniel; R. Scott, Announcer

July 23: TBA; S. Shockley, Announcer

July 30: Rev. Marvin Daniel; L. Johnson, Announcer

Prince George "Back-to-School Fair" - Aug. 10. Next week we will be picking A "Star" off the tree in the Narthex. This is in support of the Prince George Back-to-School Fair being held Aug. 10, 2023. Each "Star" will have the name of an item from the Secondary School Pack list. Everyone is asked to choose a "Star", shop for your item and then return them either on Sunday, July 16 or July 23.

GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Donald Hunter - Clerk of Session (2023)

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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

JULY 2, 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 Hare, Pianist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS/ Sandy Hunter

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

PASSING OF THE PEACE Ms. Caitlin Culp, Guest Preacher

CALL TO WORSHIP *[Responsive reading; Based on Psalm 13]*

One: Let us sing to the Lord!

All: Our God has dealt bountifully with us.

One: The night was dark, and God's face seemed hidden.

All: In sorrow and pain, we cried out to God.

One Still we trusted in God's steadfast love,

All: And now our hearts rejoice in God's salvation!

*OPENING HYMN #451 "Open My Eyes That I May See"

CALL TO CONFESSION *[Pastor]*

God's grace has brought us from death to life, transforming us into instruments of righteousness. Trusting that grace, let us confess our sin and the sin of our world.

[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)
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 (recov., orthopedic surgery)
Mary Kay & Mike Schroeter (health issues)
Grace Cibula (recovering at home; health issues)
Family/friends of Jesse Elder (d. 6/18)

ANNOUNCEMENTS – See back page.

THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

	JULY 2	JULY 9
S	5th Sunday after Pentecost 11a Worship Service Guest Preacher: Ms. Caitlin Culp	6th Sunday after Pentecost 11a Worship Service Guest Preacher: Rev. Charles Philips
M	3	10
T	Independence Day 4	11 7p Finance Cmte
W	5	12
T	6a Clean Church 6	13 6a Clean Church 7p Faith Cmte
F	7	14
S	8	15

ATTENDANCE	WORSHIP		SUNDAY SCHOOL	
	M	V	M	V
June 4, 2023	24	4	9	1
June 11, 2023	18	15	8	
June 18, 2023	26	8	10	
June 25, 2023	23	10		

M=Members V=Visitors

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [In unison]

God of Providence, your faithfulness is from everlasting to everlasting, but we fail to trust. You hold all creation in the palm of your hand, but we take our lives into our own hands more often than we would like to admit. When we trust ourselves more than your grace, forgive us. When we get caught up in our own strivings, relieve us. When we think the world rests on our shoulders, remind us. Call us back to your way. Teach us to turn our lives over to your gracious care. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON [Responsive]

One: As a cup of cold water quenches our thirst, God’s grace soothes our souls.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia!

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

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

Pour out your Spirit upon us, O God, and upon these words of Scripture, that they may reveal to us your eternal Word, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE (HOLY BIBLE, NRSV Trans.)

New Testament: Matthew 10: 40-42 p. 791-792

Old Testament: Psalm 13: 1-6 p. 429-430

SERMON “How Long Must We Lament?” Ms. Caitlin Culp
Guest Preacher

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

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 has provided for all we need and more. Let us return these gifts to God, so that we might provide for one another and all who are in need.

OFFERING, OFFERTORY

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

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

Giving God, we return to you the fruits of the earth and the fruits of our labor, that they may be used for the repair of the world. Bless these gifts, those who give them, and those who will receive them. May our whole lives be an offering before you. Amen.

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

One: Faithful God, you have promised that you will not leave us orphaned, for you are coming to us. Hear our prayers as we call out to you this morning. We pray for the earth you have made. May we treat it with the respect it deserves. We pray for the church you have lovingly crafted. May we be faithful as you are faithful. We pray for the nations and their leaders. May justice prevail for all people. We pray for our communities, where we worship and serve.

All: Holy Father, in your mercy, hear our prayers...

One: We pray for children suffering violence or abuse. May they find safety and peace. For children separated from their parents. May they receive comfort, care and justice. For children living with grief, trauma, or fear. May they know the joy and security of your love.

All: Holy Father, in your mercy, hear our prayers...

One: As you have provided for us, O God, help us provide for one another. All this we pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray, saying: "**Our Father...**"

***DEPARTING HYMN #338 "O Beautiful, for Spacious Skies"**

***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]**

Now, let us go forth from this place and welcome one another in the name of Jesus Christ. Let us go forth to feed the hungry, offer a cup of cold water to the thirsty, and tend to those in need. Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord. And as we go: May the grace of Christ surround us, the love of God enfold us, and the company of the Holy Spirit uplift us, all along our journey home. Amen.

POSTLUDE

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