

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome Rev. Marvin Daniel back to our pulpit today!

Guest Preachers & Announcers

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

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

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

July 23: Rev. John Scholer; S. Shockley, Announcer

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

“Back-to-School “Fair Items - Don’t forget to return your items for the “Back-to-School Fair. There is a box in the Narthex to collect your items. All items will be taken to the School Board Office at the end of the month. You still have one more Sunday to return items if you didn’t have a chance to return them today. *Last day to bring items in is Sunday, July 23.*

Coffee Hour - The Faith Committee will be hosting a “Coffee Hour” immediately after worship service on July 30, in recognition of our four new members, our two newlywed couples and the retirement of our faithful servant, Kevin Foster, from the office of treasurer of Gregory Memorial. We will also have a chance to congratulate our scholarship recipients. Mark your calendar! 7/16, 7/23

GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Pastor: As announced

Secretary: Nancy Adams (office@gregorymemorial.org)

Organist: Sandra Perkins Pianist: Gail Hare

Treasurer: Susan Shockley Financial Sec.: Sandy Hunter

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)

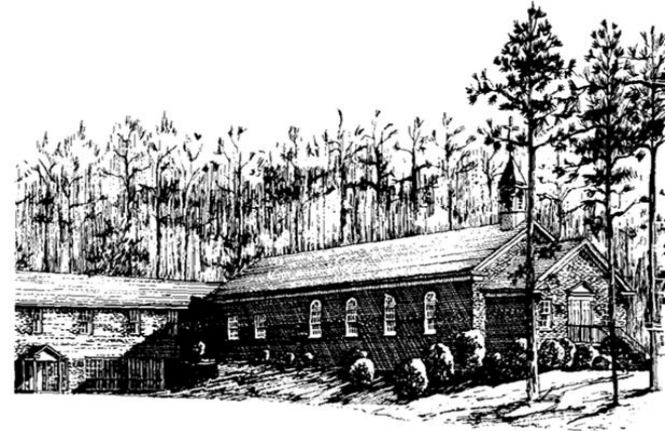
Doug Holc (2025); David Johnson (2025); Patsy Johnson (2025)

Donald Hunter - Clerk of Session (2023)

Trustees

Gail Hare (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

JULY 16, 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/
SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS** Rose Scott

PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. Marvin Daniel

CALL TO WORSHIP *[Responsive reading]*

One: The very word of God is a light to our feet,

All: ...a lamp to our path.

One: We gather this day to hear the Word of God,

All: ...to offer prayers and sing songs of praise.

One We gather this day,

All: to worship God!

***OPENING HYMN #475 "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"**

CALL TO CONFESSION *[Pastor]*

To know God is to know of God's mercy, justice, and love. To know God is to also know ourselves, and we are a people who have not loved as much as we should, always showed mercy, or worked for justice. So let us offer our prayer of confession, knowing that out of God's great mercy, we will be forgiven and made new.

[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)
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)
John Carl Allen (recovering, orthopedic surgery)
Mary Kay & Mike Schroeter (health issues)

ANNOUNCEMENTS – See back page.

THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

	JULY 16	JULY 23
S	7th Sunday after Pentecost 11a Worship Service Guest Preacher: Rev. Marvin Daniel 12p Stated Session Meeting Moderator: Rev. Daniel	8th Sunday after Pentecost 11a Worship Service Guest Preacher: Rev. John Scholer
M	17	24
T	18	25
W	19	26
T	6a Clean Church 2p Newsletter articles due	6a Clean Church 2p Newsletter out
F	21	28
S	22	29

ATTENDANCE	WORSHIP		SUNDAY SCHOOL	
	M	V	M	V
July 2, 2023	27	7	9	
July 9, 2023	25	5	6	
July 16, 2023				
July 23, 2023				
July 30, 2023				

M=Members V=Visitors

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [In unison]

Gracious and loving God, we are a people who are always concerned about ourselves. We worry about what is ours and are concerned with getting more. We have not been guided by your Spirit or the teachings of Christ. Forgive us, we pray, and gently guide us back to your way. Help us to think of others and sharing what we have with the world. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON [Responsive reading]

One: Hear the good news! There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus! Know you are forgiven, and be at peace.

All: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

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

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

In the reading of you Word, may we be given light to see. May your word rest in our hearts and minds and in so doing, transform us into your faithful people. Amen.

SCRIPTURE (HOLY BIBLE, NRSV Trans.)

Old Testament: Isaiah 55:10-13 P. 598

New Testament: Matthew 13:1-9; 18-23 P. 794 Reader: Rose Scott

SERMON

"Soil, Seed and Sower"

Rev. Marvin Daniel

***REFLECTIVE HYMN #375 "Shall We Gather at the River"**

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]

As Christ has been generous with us, to the point of death on the cross, let us be generous too. Let us give a part of what we have to God’s work in the world. Let us give our offering.

OFFERING, OFFERTORY

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

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

Gracious God, thank you for these gifts given this day and for the many gifts of our lives. May they be used ever and only to glorify you. Amen.

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

One: Gracious God, your care and providence extend to all, and so we come this day with our prayers for the world and all humanity. We pray for the leaders of all nations. In a world where people are formed by their own self-interest and sinfulness, we pray that your will would be done. Grant those who govern knowledge that they are to serve for the greater good to guide the world into a better place than it is in today.

All: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers...

One: We pray for our local communities. May the Spirit lead each community as it walks into an uncertain future. May our cities and towns become beacons of tolerance and love.

All: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers...

One: During this busy summer, we pray that you would be with all those who travel. Keep our children safe, we pray, in this summertime of sports and activities. Be with the elderly, the sick and suffering — may they find rest and renewal, healing and peace.

All: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers...

One: We pray for all, especially for our Methodist brothers and sisters as they struggle with separation and dissension to become a more inclusive sign of your kingdom. We pray for our Baptist brothers and sisters. May they recognize gifts so many have to offer. May you heal their divisions. May all who call on the name of Jesus Christ flourish in the days ahead. We ask this all in the name of Jesus and offer together the prayer that he taught us saying, **“Our Father....”**

***DEPARTING HYMN #263 “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”**

***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]**

May we each go out to love and care, to find the Spirit’s leading and join in its work and to bless the world as we have been so richly blessed. In the name of our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, Amen.

POSTLUDE

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