

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**We welcome Rev. John Scholer 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. Marvin Daniel; S. Shockley, Announcer

**July 30: Rev. John Scholer; L. Johnson, Announcer**

**Guest preacher for next Sunday (“Communion Sunday”) - Rev. Marvin Daniel.**

**Called Congregational Meeting – in the Sanctuary today immediately after worship service** to elect members to our *ad hoc* Congregational Nominating Committee. This committee will develop a slate of candidates to be considered for Class of 2026 Elders and a Trustee that will be elected at the November 12, 2023 Called Congregational Meeting.

**“Coffee Hour” - Please join us today in the Fellowship Hall after Congregational Meeting** for a celebration of our 4 new members, 2 marriages, a service retirement and our Fall 2023 college semester scholarship recipients!

**“Nat’l Night Out” - Tuesday, Aug. 1, 6-7:30 p.m.** for PG Community at the new PG Ruritan Bldg. on Ruffin Road; Open to the public with hotdogs, snacks, games, etc.; combined effort of volunteers (PG Ruritans, from GMPC & BSA Tr. 900) with support from PGPD to promote/ foster community awareness for crime prevention & safety.

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### **GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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Pastor: As announced

Secretary: Nancy Adams ([office@gregorymemorial.org](mailto: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 30, 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** *Larry Johnson*

**PASSING OF THE PEACE** *Rev. John Scholer*

### **CALL TO WORSHIP** [*Responsive reading; Based on Psalm 105*]

One: Give thanks to the Lord; call on his name;

**All: ...make known his deeds among the peoples.**

One: Sing to him, sing praises to him;

**All: ...tell of all his wonderful works.**

One: Glory in his holy name;

**All: ... let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.**

### **\*OPENING HYMN #41 "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above"**

### **CALL TO CONFESSION** [*Pastor*]

The kingdom of heaven is for all of us, but we come to this space full of our own burdens. Let us confess our sins before our Triune God.

[Pause for a moment of silent confession.]

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**\*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 30	AUGUST 6
S	<b>9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>  <b>11a</b> Worship Service ➤ Local Emergency Aid Offering  Guest Preacher: Rev. John Scholer  <b>12p</b> Called Congregational Meeting (To elect Cong. Nom. Cmte members)  <b>12:15p</b> "Coffee Hour", Fellowship Hall	<b>10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>  <b>11a</b> Worship Service & Holy Communion  Guest Preacher: Rev. Marvin Daniel
M	31	7
	<b>2p</b> Cmte reports due	<b>7p</b> Finance Cmte
T	AUGUST 1	8
	<b>6-7:30p</b> "Nat'l Night Out" for PG Community at new PG Ruritan Bldg. @ 5450 Ruffin Road; hotdogs, snacks, games, etc.; combined effort of volunteers from PG Ruritans, GMPC & BSA Tr. 900 with support from PGPD to promote/ foster community awareness for crime prevention & safety. <b>Open to the public!</b>	
W	2	9
T	3	10
	<b>6a</b> Clean Church	<b>6a</b> Clean Church
F	4	11
S	5	12

ATTENDANCE	WORSHIP		SUNDAY SCHOOL	
	M	V	M	V
July 2, 2023	27	7	9	
July 9, 2023	25	5	6	
July 16, 2023	21	7	6	
July 23, 2023	27	8	9	
July 30, 2023				

M=Members V=Visitors

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION [In unison; based on Psalm 51:10-12]**

Holy God, we try to keep you close to us, but in the process, we push our neighbors away. We have been distracted in a distracting world and withheld love from each other and from you. Have mercy on us, O God. In your compassion, cleanse and release us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON [Pastor; based on Romans 8:34]**

Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died and who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who intercedes for us. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

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

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

Eternal God, you have made us in your image. Let our hearts, minds and spirits be turned to you in this time so that the Holy Spirit may bring us closer to the Word. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE (HOLY BIBLE, NRSV Trans.)**

Old Testament: 1 Kings 3:5-12 P. 266-267  
 New Testament: 1 John 2:15-17 P. 990  
 Gospel: Matthew 13:44-46 P. 795 Reader: L. Johnson

**SERMON** "Everyone's Treasure" Rev. John Scholer

**\*REFLECTIVE HYMN #313 "Lord, Make Us More Holy"**

## **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; from 2 Corinthians 9:6]**

The one who sows a small number of seeds will also reap a small crop, and the one who sows a generous amount of seeds will also reap a generous crop. Let us share our offering to God in support of the kingdom of heaven.

## **OFFERING, OFFERTORY**

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

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

Gracious God, this offering is what we have to give you this day. Be it time, talent or treasure, we lift these gifts to you. It is through you that all things are made new, and we ask that you renew our spirit to continue sharing our gifts with the least of us. Amen.

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

One: O God, we give thanks for the gift another day, we lift up our hearts to give thanks to changing seasons. We give thanks for ...

**All: ...ordinary neighbors who use their gifts and talents to help others; farmers, merchants, bakers and others who provide us with nourishment; everyday miracles that give us hope such as plants growing and yeast blooming.**

One: God of grace and peace, we offer our prayers for those in need. In this moment of prayer, we pause to remember...

**All: ...those who don't have the resources they need; those who are lonely and are without community; those who cannot find peace in their own body or mind; those who struggle with religious trauma.**

One: O God, you have welcomed us into the kingdom of heaven. It is a kingdom that is beyond our understanding, but we trust that you know it just as you know us. God, let us find peace in that which we cannot know and faith to trust in your love. Finally, hear us now, as we pray the prayer Christ taught us to pray by saying together, **"Our Father ...."**

## **\*DEPARTING HYMN #825 "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"**

## **\*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; from Numbers 6: 24-26]**

May we continue this day knowing that God has created this place for us; And God loves each of us. So go out into the world and carry this love with you every place you go.

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine Upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon You and give you peace." Amen.

## **POSTLUDE**

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