

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Guest Preachers & Announcers

August 6: Rev. Marvin Daniel; P. Johnson, Announcer

August 13: Rev. Charles Philips; L. Johnson, Announcer

August 20: Rev. Marvin Daniel; R. Scott, Announcer

August 27: Rev. Dr. Errol Rohr; D. Hunter, Announcer

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GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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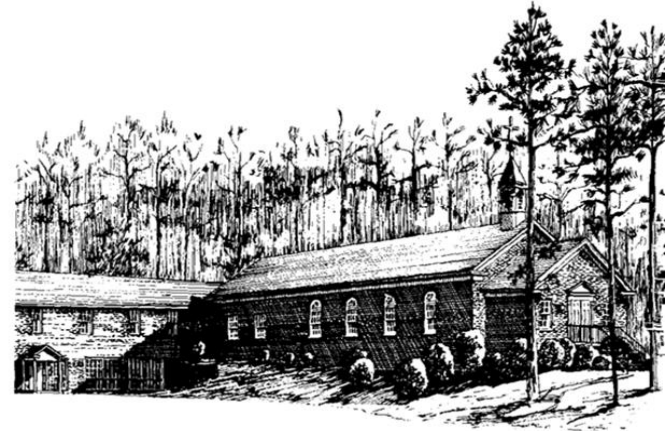
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Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



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

AUGUST 6, 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** Patsy Johnson

PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. Marvin Daniel

CALL TO WORSHIP [Responsive reading; Based on Matthew 14:16-17, 20]

One: God willingly satisfies our greatest needs...

All: ...when we bring what little we have.

One: Let us love our neighbor as our self...

All: ...joining in God's miracle-working power.

***OPENING HYMN #438 "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"**

CALL TO CONFESSION [Pastor]

In this world of multiple pandemics and the promotion of individualism, there are many claims on our lives. In this moment, we remember the nature of our baptism, rooted in God's grace. We acknowledge before God and one another that we have not followed the model set before us in Jesus Christ.

With every confidence in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

[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

	AUGUST 6	AUGUST 13
S	10th Sunday after Pentecost 11a Worship Service & Holy Communion Guest Preacher: Rev. Marvin Daniel	11th Sunday after Pentecost 11a Worship Service Guest Preacher: Rev. Charles Philips
M	7	14
	7p Finance Cmte	
T	8	15
W	9	16
T	10	17
	6a Clean Church	6a Clean Church 2p News articles due
F	11	18
S	12	19

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	32	27	10	

M=Members V=Visitors

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [In unison]

O Lord our God, you call us to love our neighbor as our self, ensuring that all will be fed and have dignity. But in our own distractions, we are blinded by our selfish desires. We are sick and have turned away those who are hungry and crying out for your help. We have forgotten to trust you with our little, to multiply it with your great power.

Forgive us, O Lord. Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit, so that all may know your abundance and grace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON [Pastor]

Hear the good news! The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. The Lord is good to all, and compassionate toward all of creation. Believe this good news and give thanks: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

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

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

Since we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your divine mouth, make us hunger for heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

SCRIPTURE (HOLY BIBLE, NRSV Trans.)

Old Testament:	Genesis 32: 22-31	P. 26
	Psalms 17: 1-7; 15	P. 431
New Testament:	Matthew 14:13-21	P. 796

SERMON "Bread" Rev. Marvin Daniel

***REFLECTIVE HYMN #460 "Break Thou the Bread of Life"**

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 9:7]

God loves a cheerful giver. Let us give with an open heart in order that God would bless and multiply it according to our needs. May we present our offerings to God.

OFFERING, OFFERTORY

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

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

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness You have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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

One: Compassionate, healing, all-providing God, your Word in the Gospel of Matthew says, when the people heard of your coming, they followed you on foot and you had compassion on them and healed them.

All: Without question, judgement, or classification, you met the crowd where they were and through your power, provided every need. Your church is in need today, Gracious God.

One: We are in need of your compassion, Jehovah Rohi — our Shepherd.

All: Save us from our selfish modes of individualism that seeks to look out beyond the crowd rather than seeing what's right in front of us.

One: We are in need of your healing, Jehovah Rapha — our Healer.

All: For those who are weak, suffering and vulnerable; for those impacted by mental illness, anxiety and depression---calm their fears. May they be surrounded with your healing presence and know they are not alone.

One: We are in need of your provision, Jehovah Jireh — our Provider.

All: Feed us your everlasting Word that sustains us from day to day. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, you lead us to green grass in dry desolate places where you multiply what little we have and feed us until we want no more.

One: Father God, your people are following you today, seeking to be transformed by your Holy Spirit. Create in us hearts to become miracle-working change agents in the world, proclaiming the might of your awesome deeds. Hear our prayer, as Christ taught us to pray, **"Our Father..."**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE [Please refer to Insert]

***DEPARTING HYMN #838 "Standing on the Promises"**

***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]**

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