

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome Rev. Marvin Daniel to our pulpit today!

Guest Preachers & Announcers

September 3: Rev. Charles Philips; S. Hunter, Announcer

September 10: Rev. Marvin Daniel; L. Johnson, Announcer

September 17: Rev. Marvin Daniel; S. Shockley, Announcer

September 24: Rev. Clay Macaulay; R. Scott, Announcer

Today: "Back to Church Sunday Covered Dish Luncheon in Fellowship Hall immediately after worship service!

Faith Committee will meet on Wednesday, September 13 at 7 p.m.

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GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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(Term = 3 yrs.; * indicates a partial term)

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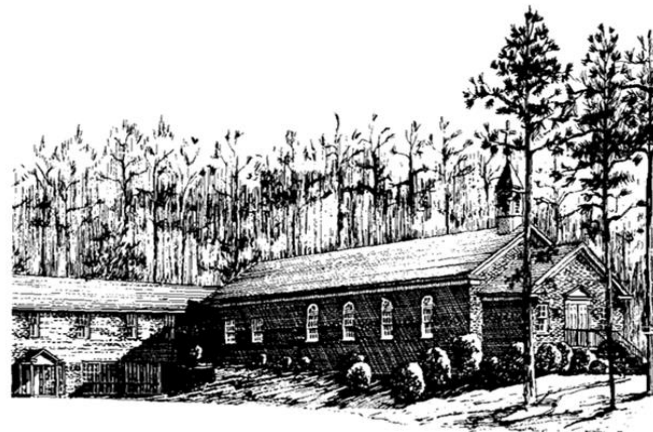
Doug Holc (2025); David Johnson (2025); Patsy Johnson (2025)

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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

SEPTEMBER 10, 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. Marvin Daniel

CALL TO WORSHIP [*Responsive reading; Based on Psalm 100*]

One: Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song!

All: This day is God's gift to us.

One: Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song!

All: God has graciously gathered us together in this place.

One: Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song!

All: God is good and faithful. God is our worthy of our praise.

***OPENING HYMN #307 "God of Grace and God of Glory"**

CALL TO CONFESSION [*Pastor*]

Jesus calls us to enter the joy of discipleship, the joy of following in his way. But sin clings closely, and we struggle to respond fully to Christ's invitation. Let us seek God's forgiveness so that we may know more deeply the joy God intends.

[Pause for a moment of silent confession.]

***Please stand, as able.**

OUR PRAYERS & CONCERNS

Families/friends of victims catastrophic fires in Hawaii & Louisiana
Those affected by earthquakes and cholera in Turkey and Syria
Families, persons, entities impacted by floods and weather-related disasters
Families, persons, communities impacted by gun violence
First-responders, world-wide
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
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)
Peggy Allen (heart attack, Southside Regional, Med. Ctr. ICU)
Family/friends of Laura Hackett Johnson, daughter-in-law of Patsy and
David Johnson, wife of Brent and mother of Nathan (d. 9/2)

ANNOUNCEMENTS – See back page.

THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

	SEPTEMBER 10	SEPTEMBER 17		
S	15th Sunday after Pentecost "Back to Church Sunday" 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service Guest Preacher: Rev. Marvin Daniel 12p "Back to Church Sunday" covered dish luncheon in Fellowship Hall	16th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service Guest Preacher: Rev. Marvin Daniel 12p Stated Session Meeting Moderator: Rev. Daniel		
M	6p BSA Crater Order of the Arrow dinner meeting (Fellowship Hall Reception Area, Kitchen, Meeting/Dining Rm)	18		
T	1p Circle (Location: G. Cibula home) 7p Finance Cmte	12		
		6p GSA Tr 5000 (Fellowship Hall Reception Area, Kitchen, Meeting/Dining Rm)	19	
W	7p Faith Cmte	13	20	
T	6a Clean Church	14	6a Clean Church 2p News articles due	21
F		15	22	
S		16	23	

ATTENDANCE	WORSHIP		SUNDAY SCHOOL	
	M	V	M	V
September 3, 2023	18	4	8	
September 10, 2023				
September 17, 2023				
September 24, 2023				

M=Members V=Visitors

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [In unison]

Merciful God, in Jesus, our risen Lord, we have seen your glory. Yet our sinfulness often blocks out the light of Christ. We are quick to accuse and slow to confess. We find faults easily in others while ignoring our own shortcomings. We have squandered your gifts. We have turned from your ways. We have ignored your Word. Have mercy on us, compassionate God. Pour out your Holy Spirit on our sinful lives. Wash us with your love and cleanse us with your grace that day by day we might move closer to the people you would us be. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON [Responsive]

One: Relentlessly God seeks us out. With abundant grace and boundless mercy, God seeks us out.

All: **This is good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

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

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

Gracious God, illumine these words by your Spirit that we might hear what you would have us hear and be who you would us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.

SCRIPTURE (HOLY BIBLE, NRSV Trans.)

Old Testament: Jeremiah 29: 10-14

New Testament: Matthew 11: 25-30

SERMON

"Hearing Is Believing"

Rev. Marvin Daniel

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

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]

With gratitude for God's faithfulness and with thanksgiving for all that we have received, let us bring our gifts to God.

OFFERING, OFFERTORY

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

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

O God, with faith and hope, we offer these gifts. Use them, even as you use us, to accomplish your purposes in Jesus Christ, the Head of the church and the Lord of our lives. Amen.

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

One: Merciful God, powerful and wonderful, eternally present and graciously close, we are grateful for what you have given us in Jesus Christ, life and love without end. Prompted by your Spirit and encouraged by your faithfulness, we lift to you the cares and concerns of our hearts, the burdens and the worries of our lives.

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

One: We pray that the sick would be healed, that the broken would be mended, that the mournful would be comforted. We pray that warriors would yield to peace, that leaders would gain wisdom, that the forsaken would be gathered in. We pray that the sorrowful would be consoled, that the poor would be lifted up, that the anxious would be released.

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

One: We pray for children in their growing and for youth in their seeking. We pray for those making new starts and for those nearing a journey's end. We pray for those facing hard choices and for those enduring painful consequences.

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

One: We pray that your church might claim its potential, that the body of Christ might be strengthened, that work of ministry might be done with joy and thanksgiving. We pray for courage to follow Jesus, for faith to trust your promises to us, for the vision to see your kingdom among us even now.

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

One: We pray for all that you would have us pray. We pray for those for whom no one prays. We pray all of these things in the name of the one ceaselessly praying for us, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Trusting in Christ, we offer together the prayer he taught us: **"Our Father..."**

***DEPARTING HYMN #462 "I Love to Tell the Story"**

***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]**

Let us go from this place trusting God is with us and for us in all places. May the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God, and the companionship of the Holy Spirit be with you and abide with you this day and forevermore. Amen.

POSTLUDE