

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### Guest Preachers & Announcers

November 5: Rev. John Scholer; D. Hunter, Announcer

November 12: Rev. Charles Philips; P. Johnson, Announcer

November 19: Rev. Marvin Daniel; S. Hunter, Announcer

**November 26: Rev. Marvin Daniel; L. Johnson, Announcer**

**Christmas Poinsettias** – Cost: \$15 includes delivery; use order forms in Sunday bulletins and on Narthex table. Please make your checks payable to “Gregory Memorial.” Deadline is Dec. 3.

**“Cookies ‘n’ Cocoa”** - Faith Committee is accepting monetary donations to cover cost of cookies and cocoa for the Christmas “Open House” in the Fellowship Hall following the PG Christmas parade on Dec 2, 2023. If you would like to contribute, please give your donation to Sandy Hunter, Patsy Johnson or Mary Holc. Those volunteering to serve are requested to arrive at the church at 2:30 p.m.

**Angel Tree** - Our church will be sponsoring a family for Christmas. The Angel Tree will be in the Narthex beginning Sunday, November 26. Please take an item(s) off the tree and return it by Sunday, December 10, 2023.

**Christmas Cards Box** - Everyone will have the opportunity to share the joy of Christmas thru giving of Christmas cards to one another while saving on postage. Bring your cards to church beginning Sunday, December 3. A box will be provided in the Narthex to collect the cards. The cards will be distributed on Sunday, December 17, 2023.

**Welcome to the following in-coming officers; Service of Installation will be held during worship service on Sunday, December 10.**

Session Class of 2024: Blake Bishop

Session Class of 2026 Elders: Mary Holc, Sandy Hunter & Bill Shill

Trustee Class of 2026: Gail Hare

**To our out-going Class of 2023 officers, Lisa Brown, Donald Hunter & Bill Shill:** Thanks for a job well done! *And welcome back, Bill!*

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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*

**“CHRIST THE KING”/“REIGN OF CHRIST”**

**NOVEMBER 26, 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  
Guest Preacher

### **CALL TO WORSHIP** [*Responsive reading; Psalm 100*]

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**All: Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.**

One: We are God's people, the sheep of her pasture.

**All: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.**

One: For the Lord is good; her steadfast love endures forever.

**All: God's faithfulness is from generation to generation. Let us worship God!**

### **\*OPENING HYMN #196 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"**

### **CALL TO CONFESSION** [*Responsive reading; from Ezekiel 34:11-12*]

One: Thus says the Lord our God: "I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out the scattered sheep, so I will seek out my people."

**All: Trusting that God is indeed seeking us, let us confess our sin together.**

[Pause for a moment of silent confession.]

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**\*Please stand, as able.**

## OUR PRAYERS & CONCERNS

First-responders, world-wide  
Families, persons, communities affected by weather disasters & gun violence  
All families affected by the October 2023 Israeli-Hamas War in Gaza  
People & Sovereign Country of Ukraine; Russian citizens conscripted into war  
Those in our community suffering from illness/loss/grief/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  
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 L. 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)  
Moneka Suprenant, Susan Shockley's & Sandy Eickmeyer's friend (brain injury)  
John Carl Allen (recovering, orthopedic surgery)  
Mary Kay & Mike Schroeter (health issues)  
Dr. Joseph Hillier of Matoaca (dentist, ret.), Lykins family friend  
(recovering from fall)  
Alex Courtney of Florence, SC, business associate of Dianna L. Flaherty, Mary  
Lykins' daughter (injured in motor vehicle accident)  
Peggy & Dennis Allen (health issues; Peggy: Petersburg Home for Ladies, Rm #18)  
Corey Whelan, Pat Hunter's grandson (on-going health issue)  
Judy Recher (health issue)  
Shirley MacNeill (health issues; recovering at home)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS – See back page.**

**THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY**

S	<p align="center"><b>NOVEMBER 26</b></p> <p><b>Christ the King/Reign of Christ</b></p> <p><b>9:30a</b> Sunday School</p> <p><b>11a</b> Worship Service                  ➤ 5 Cents Meal Offering</p> <p>Guest Preacher: Rev. Marvin Daniel</p> <p align="center"><b>Order Christmas Poinsettias</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>DECEMBER 3</b></p> <p><b>1<sup>ST</sup> Sunday of Advent: "Hope"</b></p> <p><b>9:30a</b> Sunday School</p> <p><b>11a</b> Worship Service &amp; Holy Communion</p> <p>Guest Preacher: Rev. Marvin Daniel</p> <p align="center"><b>Last Sunday to order Christmas Poinsettias</b></p>		
	M	27	<p><b>11a</b> Deadline to place Poinsettia order with florist</p>	4
T		28		5
W		29	<b>7p</b> Faith Cmte	6
T		30	<p><b>6a</b> Clean Church</p> <p><b>2p</b> Cmte reports due</p>	7
F		<p align="center"><b>DECEMBER 1</b></p>	<b>1p</b> Worship Cmte-decorate church	8
S		2	<b>3p</b> PG Christmas Parade. Volunteers serving "Cookies & Cocoa" at Christmas Open House Are requested to be at Fellowship Hall at 2:30 p.m.	9

	ATTENDANCE		WORSHIP		SUNDAY SCHOOL	
	M	V	M	V	M	V
November 5, 2023	24	5	10	2		
November 12, 2023	12	7	8			
November 19, 2023	27	10	12	2		
November 26, 2023						

M=Members      V=Visitors

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION [In unison]**

Shepherding God, you have called to us, but we have not answered. You have sought us out, but we have continued to wander. You have tenderly gathered us together and cared for us, but we have not extended that same care and mercy to others. Forgive us. Remind us. Teach us. Set us free from sin that we might turn toward your love and justice for the whole world. Guide us so that, tentative step after tentative step, we may walk your way. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON [Responsive; from Ezekiel 34:15-16]**

**One:** Thus says the Lord our God: "I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak." The relentless grace of Jesus Christ always finds and forgives us. Thanks be to our ever-seeking God!"

**All:** The relentless grace of Jesus Christ always finds and forgives us. Thanks be to our ever-seeking God!

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

**\*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION [In unison; Glory to God Hymnal #82, V. 2]**

"Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,  
Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
By thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne. "  
Amen.

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

Old Testament: Isaiah 49: 8-16  
 Psalm 100  
 Reader: L. Johnson

New Testament: Matthew 25:31-46

**SERMON** "When Did You See Me?" Rev. Marvin Daniel

**\*REFLECTIVE HYMN #353 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"**

### **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]**

Jesus calls us to reach out and care for our neighbors in need. One way we do that is together as the church: the corporate body of Christ. Let us offer our gifts to God for God's work in our community.

### **OFFERING, OFFERTORY**

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

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

Generous God, we bless your name because you have called us and claimed us and sent us into the world to do your will. Receive now this offering, both of our money and our lives. Through these gifts, may the hungry be fed, the thirsty quenched, the naked clothed, and the stranger welcomed. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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

One: God, our judge and our redeemer: We give you thanks this day for the ways you have blessed our lives with abundance:

**All: For feasts and gatherings with family and friends; for traveling mercies over this holiday weekend; for days off from school and work; for warm homes, warm smiles, and warm hearts;**

One: Christ, our teacher and our companion: We lift up to you those people and places in our world who are suffering this morning:

**All: For creation, groaning under the weight of a changing climate; for people living in places of war and violence, especially Ukraine, Israel and Gaza; for people who are hungry, thirsty, homeless, in prison, or in immigration detention centers; for all who have spent Thanksgiving sick, grieving, or lonely.**

One: Holy Spirit, our comforter and our provoker: Empower us work toward your saving purposes in the world:

**All: To feed, clothe, and welcome people who lack life's basic necessities; to embrace the ones our world calls untouchable; to lift our voices in the public square for those whose voices are disregarded and silenced; and to pursue justice and peace in our personal relationships, our communities, and the whole of your world.**

One: Heavenly Father: We lift up to you all these and many more thanksgivings and petitions spilling out of our hearts this morning, as we pray the prayer Jesus taught us, saying, **"Our Father..."**

**\*DEPARTING HYMN #69 "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky ("Here I Am, Lord")**

### **\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION [Pastor]**

Friends, go forth from this place and seek the face of Christ. Seek Christ's face in every person you meet: the least, the greatest, the remarkable, the ordinary, the sacred, the profane. Seek Christ's face outside yourselves: outside these walls outside your daily routines. Seek Christ's face in people who are vulnerable, trusting that when they look into your eyes, they, too, will see Christ's face looking back.

And as you go, may the grace of Christ enfold your heart; may the love of God sustain your soul; and may the holy mischief of the Spirit disrupt your life And bring you home to Christ's Sovereign, joyful Kingdom! Alleluia. Amen.

### **POSTLUDE**