

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

January's Guest Preachers:

January 7: Rev. Marvin Daniel; L. Johnson, Announcer

January 14: Rev. Katherine C. Jackson; S. Shockley, Announcer

January 21: Rev. Charles Philips; R. Scott, Announcer

January 28: Rev. Katherine C. Jackson; D. Hunter, Announcer

Circle – meets Tuesday, Jan. 9 at 1:00 p.m.; Location: Grace Cibula's.

Annual Congregation Meeting for 2023 – in Sanctuary after worship service next Sunday (Jan. 14) at 12 p.m. (est.) weather-permitting (alt. date: Jan. 21).

2024 Stated Session Meeting Schedule – Monthly on 3rd Sundays at 12 p.m. (est.) in Session Meeting Room after worship service, unless otherwise announced.

2024 Holy Communion Schedule – 1st Sunday of Feb., Apr., Jun., Aug., Oct., Dec.

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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)*

Rose Scott (2024); Blake Bishop* (2024); Susan Shockley (2024)

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

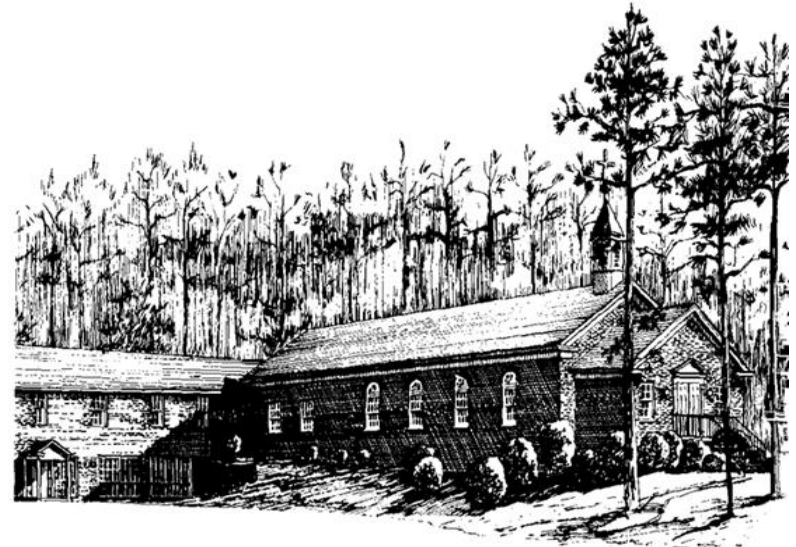
Mary Holc (2026); Sandy Hunter (2026); William Shill (2026)

Donald Hunter (Clerk of Session (2024)

Trustees

Donald Hunter (2024); Ron Recher (2025); Gail Hare (2026)

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*

"BAPTISM OF THE LORD"

**JANUARY 7, 2024
11:00 a.m.**

GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“BAPTISM OF THE LORD”

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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 [*Pastor; responsive; Psalm 90*]

One: God spoke the creative Word into the formless void

All: **The cosmos cries, “Glory!”**

One: From the wilderness, God brought forth new life and liberation

All: **The plants and animals that inhabit the wild places cry, “Glory!”**

One: A messenger in the wilderness brings good news.

All: **God’s people cry, “Glory!”**

One: In baptism, we are united to God through Jesus Christ.

All: **With all of creation, we cry “Glory!”**

*OPENING HYMN #145 “What Child Is This?”

CALL TO CONFESSION [*Pastor*]

The One who was without sin received the baptism of repentance so that we who have sinned may be covered by his righteousness. The Spirit enables us to tell the truth of our brokenness, assured already of the grace we know in Jesus Christ. Let us confess together:

**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 Israeli-Gaza Strip war

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)

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 injury)

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	Baptism of the Lord 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service Guest preacher: Rev. Marvin Daniel	7	"2nd Sunday after Epiphany" 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service Guest preacher: Rev. Katherine C. Jackson 12p Annual Congregation Meeting for 2023 Moderator: Rev. Jackson	14
M	6p BSA Crater Order of Arrow (Fellowship Hall multiple rooms)	8	ML King Birthday	15
T	1p Circle (Location: G. Cibula's) 7p Finance Cmte	9	6p GSA Tr 5000 (Fellowship Hall multiple rooms)	16
W	7p Faith Cmte	10		17
T	6a Clean Church	11	6a Clean Church 2p Newsletter articles due 6p BSA Cub Pack 910 (Fellowship Hall multiple rooms)	18
F		12		19
S		13		20

ATTENDANCE:

WORSHIP

SUNDAY SCHOOL

	M	V	M	V
January 7, 2024	19	5	7	
January 14, 2024				
January 21, 2024				
January 28, 2024				

M=Members V=Visitors

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [In unison]

Creating God, we cannot look at our lives, our communities, or the world around us without seeing the fractures and brokenness that reflect the reality of sin. You created the earth and called it good, but it now awaits redemption and re-creation under the weight of our greed, abuse and carelessness. You created humanity in your image, and called us good, but we have ignored the image of God in each other. You poured out your love in Jesus Christ, who showed us how to live and love, but we continue to make our own path, follow our own desires, and neglect to love others as Christ loves us. Lord, have mercy. Re-create us now. Amen.

(A time for silent prayer of confession.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON [Pastor]

The heavens part, the waters swirl and the dove descends, reminding us that we, too, are God's beloved children. We are covered by God's grace and forgiven in Jesus Christ. Amen!

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

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

God of Wisdom, send your Holy Spirit upon us to show us your Word, and show us your way. Amen.

SCRIPTURAL READINGS [NRSV]

Genesis 1:1-5 p. 1
Psalm 29 p. 438 Reader: L. Johnson
Mark 1:4-11 p. 812

SERMON "Beloved" Rev. Marvin Daniel

***REFLECTIVE HYMN #151 "We Three Kings of Orient Are"**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH [In unison]

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]

We are called in virtue of our baptism to a life of service. We are equipped through the gifts and grace of the Holy Spirit. Let us live into our baptismal calling, sharing from what we have received according to the measure of Christ's gift.

OFFERING, OFFERTORY

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION [In unison]

Holy God, we trust in the provisions of your love and the abundance of your grace. May the gifts we offer bring glory to you in the ways they bear your love into the world. We ask this in Jesus' name, Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER [Pastor; responsive]

One: God of new beginnings, as we turn the calendar to a fresh, new year, we long to erase and leave behind the brokenness of the year behind us. We are grateful that you are just as present with us today as you were last week, and that you will be present with us in the coming weeks when we are ready for yet another fresh start.

All: Heavenly Father, in your mercy, hear our prayers.

One: God of all wisdom, we pray for all that we wish to erase: Wars, and atrocities that are beyond what most of us can imagine; places on the brink of humanitarian crisis, and those already past it; senseless gun violence; climate change; inequalities of wealth and access; economic despair; hunger and thirst; and more.

All: Heavenly Father, in your mercy, hear our prayers.

One: Lord of all time and space, as we mark another year, remind us that in your sight one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. Your steadfast love and mercy are the sure foundation for our lives. We thank you for the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of your Son, our Savior. As your children and heirs, may we lead lives worthy of the calling to which we have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

All: Send us your Holy Spirit of comfort and peace!

One: Heavenly Father, our time is not your time, and yet in this new year, we believe that you are doing a new thing. Hear our prayers for new beginnings, new hope, and healing as we offer you the prayers of our hearts... We entrust the prayers voiced, the ones that remain held in confidence, and those known only to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray by saying, *"Our Father..."*

***DEPARTING HYMN #611 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"**

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION [Pastor]**

Hear the good news: God is doing a new thing! Refreshed and renewed by the waters that unite us to God and to each other, let us go into the world, empowered by the Holy Spirit, following the way of Jesus Christ. May the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of our parent God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us, today and always. Amen.

***POSTLUDE**