

Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church

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)



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*

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**JANUARY 14, 2024
11:00 a.m.**

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PRELUDE

Sandra Perkins, Organist
Gail Hare, Pianist

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS /
SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS**

Susan Shockley

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Dr. Katherine C. Jackson
Guest Preacher

CALL TO WORSHIP [Responsive reading; based on Ephesians 1:3-14]

One: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

All: who chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world,

One: who destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ,

**All: who has forgiven our sins according to the riches of his grace,
and has made known to us the mystery of his will.**

One: This is our God!

All: Let us worship God together.

***OPENING HYMN #634 “To God Be the Glory”**

CALL TO CONFESSION [Pastor]

***Please stand, as able.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome the Rev. Dr. Katherine C. Jackson to our pulpit today!

Rev. Jackson did her student-in-ministry year at Gregory in the 1984-1985 school year while at Union in Richmond. Folks at Gregory called her "KC." KC has recently retired after 37 years in the ministry. Her husband of 33 years, Scott, is the commissioned pastor at Hawkins Memorial Presbyterian in Dinwiddie County. They have 2 children, 4 grandchildren, and one due in June.

January's Guest Preachers:

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

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

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

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

Annual Congregation Meeting for 2023 – in Sanctuary after worship service today.

“THESE DAYS” Magazine (Jan.-Mar.) is available in the Narthex. Pick up your free copy today for some inspired daily reading!

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Resource: Hymns from GLORY TO GOD, THE PRESBYTERIAN HYMNAL, Westminster John Knox Press, 2013.

Resource: “Prayer of Confession” written by the Rev. Thom Shuman.

THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

	"2nd Sunday after Epiphany"	14	"3rd Sunday after Epiphany"	21
S	9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service Guest preacher: Rev. Dr. Katherine C. Jackson 12p Annual Congregation Meeting for 2023 Moderator: Rev. Jackson		9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service Guest preacher: Rev. Charles Philips 12p Stated Session Meeting Moderator: Rev. Philips	
M	ML King Birthday	15		22
T	6p GSA Tr 5000 (Fellowship Hall multiple rooms)	16		23
W		17		24
T	6a Clean Church 2p Newsletter articles due 6p BSA Cub Pack 910 (Fellowship Hall multiple rooms)	18	6a Clean Church 2p Newsletter out	25
F		19		26
S		20		27

ATTENDANCE:

WORSHIP

SUNDAY SCHOOL

	M	V	M	V
January 7, 2024	18	6	12	
January 14, 2024				
January 21, 2024				
January 28, 2024				

M=Members V=Visitors

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [In unison; written by the Rev. Thom Shuman]

Everlasting God, we know how easy it is to forget your presence and power in our lives. Focused on our daily planners, we do not pay attention to the night sky and the stars that glitter. Surrounded by the sounds of anger, violence, and hate, we have trouble listening to your whispers of hope and grace. Thinking that Scripture is filled only with stories, we cannot understand your truth which can change lives. Forgive us. Lift us to our feet so we may walk with you; fill us with your strength so we may serve your people; touch us with your healing so we may proclaim to everyone the Good News that has come in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

(A time for silent prayer of confession.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON [Pastor]

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

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

Calm us now, O Lord, into a quietness that heals and listens. Open wounded hearts to the balm of your Word. Speak to us in clear tones so that we might feel our spirits leap for joy and skip with hope as your resurrection witnesses. Amen.

SCRIPTURAL READING [NRSV]

New Testament: Ephesians 1:3-14 p. 949

SERMON "Living Christmas ALL Year" Rev. Dr. Katherine C. Jackson

***REFLECTIVE HYMN #475 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"**

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]

OFFERING, OFFERTORY

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION [In unison]

Lord, we thank you for your faithfulness. We are so grateful that we can always count on you. Out of your abundance and great mercy, you have given us so much. And so, we give you this offering today. With it we worship you and give our whole selves to you. Take it now and use it for your kingdom and your glory. Extend and multiply its reach and influence, we pray. May it be a great blessing to many. We ask all this in the powerful name of Jesus. Amen.

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

***DEPARTING HYMN #738 "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"**

***CHARGE & BLESSING [Pastor]**

***POSTLUDE**

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 (health issue; recovering at home)
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)
Family/friends of Clinton Faison (attorney in Surry County) long-time friend of David & Patsy Johnson (d. 1/8)