

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

We will celebrate Holy Communion today.

Next Sunday (Feb. 11) is "Scout Sunday" – Gregory's Scout Troop 900 will lead our worship service. The congregation is invited to an Appreciation Reception hosted by the Scouts in the Fellowship Hall after the service. Our Scouts are looking forward to showing their appreciation of Gregory Memorial by preparing a great variety of delicious food items for the enjoyment of the church congregation. Please plan to join us at the reception prepared in your honor after the worship service on Feb. 11!

Movie Night – Wednesday, Feb. 21: The Faith Committee is hosting Movie Night, starting with dinner at 6:00 p.m., followed by the movie "Sampson" At around 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be soup and ham rolls with a delectable assortment of chocolate desserts. Bring a friend and join us in Gregory's Fellowship Hall for another fun-filled evening of fellowship.

Wondering what's really happening in Israel? During our Sunday School hour on Feb. 18, Rev. Marvin Daniel will speak of his recent peace-keeping mission to Israel. Our Sunday school is held every Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Parlor upstairs. We hope to see everyone there!

Feb. Guest Preachers:

Feb. 4: Rev. Dr. Katherine C. Jackson; P. Johnson, Announcer
Feb. 11 "Transfiguration of the Lord": Scout Troop 900 & Announcements
Feb. 18: Rev. Marvin Daniel; S. Hunter, Announcer
Feb. 25: Rev. Marvin Daniel; L. Johnson, Announcer

Circle – meets on Tuesday, Feb. 13 at 1 p.m. at Evelyn Foster's.

There's no Feb. committee meetings for the following:

Facilities Committee
Faith Committee
Worship Committee

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

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

5TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

**FEBRUARY 4, 2024
11:00 a.m.**

GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 4, 2024

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Sandra Perkins, Organist
Gail Hare, Pianist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS/
SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS Patsy Johnson

PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. Dr. Katherine C. Jackson
Guest Preacher

CALL TO WORSHIP [*Responsive reading*¹; based on Isaiah 40:28-31]

One: Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting
God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

All: God does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

The Lord gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless.

One: Even youth will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted.

All: But those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength.

One: We shall mount up with wings like eagles.

All: We shall run and not be weary. We shall walk and not faint.

*OPENING HYMN #331 "God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"

CALL TO CONFESSION [*Pastor*]

*Please stand, as able.

OUR PRAYERS & CONCERNS

First-responders, world-wide
Our deployed U.S. service members, affiliated personnel & their families
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)
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,
Injury from a 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)
Family/friends of Dabney E. ("Dee") Shortt, Kim Helmer Shortt's husband (d.1/22)
Family/friends of Harold Shockley of Delmar, MD, Susan Shockley's dad (d.1/27)

THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

	FEBRUARY 4 "5 th Sunday after Epiphany" 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service & Holy Communion Guest preacher: Rev. Dr. Katherine C. Jackson	FEBRUARY 11 "Transfiguration of the Lord" "Scout Sunday" 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service led by BSA Scout Tr. 900 12p Appreciation Reception for the Congregation hosted by Scouts In Fellowship Hall
M	5	6p BSA Crater OA Karakona Ch. 19 Nawakwa Lodge 3 (Fellowship Hall multiple rooms)
T	6	Shrove Tuesday 1p Circle (location: Evelyn Foster's) 7p Finance Cmte
W	7	Ash Wednesday Begin Lent St. Valentine's Day
T	8	6a Clean Church 2p News articles due 6p BSA Cub Pack 910 (Fellowship Hall multiple rooms)
F	9	12p-9p Staging for event on 2/10
S	10	12p-9p BSA Cub Pack 910 "Celebration of Scouting Birthday" (Fellowship Hall Multiple rooms)
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	ATTENDANCE		WORSHIP		SUNDAY SCHOOL	
	M	V	M	V	M	V
January 7, 2024	19	5	7			
January 14, 2024	29	7	12			
January 21, 2024	25	4	11			
January 28, 2024	21	4	12			

M=Members V=Visitors

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [In unison]

Holy One, we are weary, we often believe we are alone, and we feel caught on a treadmill we can't get off. We have taken our eyes off you, the one who guides our path. Rather than setting our sights on you, rather than determining our priorities through our faith, we have allowed ourselves to be led by the values of society, and whatever new shiny thing grabs our attention. Forgive us for our lack of faith. Help us to turn back to you, the source of our existence and our strength. Trusting in your providence, confident you will carry us in times of sorrow, assured you will provide all the strength we need.

[Pause for a moment of silent confession.]

ASSURANCE OF PARDON [Pastor]

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

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION² [In unison]**

Compassionate God, all creation delights in the radiant presence of your Word. May the authority of your Spirit bring understanding to our confused Minds and truth to our troubled hearts, that we may praise and serve Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE (HOLY BIBLE, NRSV Trans.)

Old Testament: Isaiah 40:21-31

SERMON "Why Should I WAIT on the Lord?" Rev. Dr. Katherine C. Jackson

***REFLECTIVE HYMN #834 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH [In unison; Apostle's Creed³]

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 DEDICATION⁴ [In unison]**

In the face of so much need in our world, what each of us has to give by ourselves, does not amount to much in the light of all you have given to each of us. Put together as a congregation, what we offer you here in love becomes more, not simply added together, but somehow multiplied in its usefulness. We ask you to bless our gifts and with the addition of your blessing, just as it was with the loaves and fishes, there will be enough for all. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

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

***DEPARTING HYMN #829 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"**

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION [Pastor]**

POSTLUDE

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Resource: Hymns, Glory to God, The Presbyterian Hymnal, © 2013 Westminster John Knox Press.

Liturgy: ¹CALL TO WORSHIP, Frank Ramirez, Worship Aids, Lectionary Year B, Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

²PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION, the Worship@North website, <https://northchurchindy.wordpress.com/>

³"Apostle's Creed", Glory to God, The Presbyterian Hymnal, © 2013 Westminster John Knox Press, p. 35

⁴PRAYER OF DEDICATION, from the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand website, <http://.presbyterian.org.nz/>

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table *[Minister]*

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Minister: Let us pray.

All: Loving God, through your goodness, we have this bread and cup to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. May we know your presence in the sharing of this bread, so that we know your touch in all bread, all matter. We celebrate the life that Jesus has shared among his community through the centuries, and shares with us now. Made one in Christ and one with each other, we offer these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice. Amen.

Words of Institution

Minister: Among friends, gathered round a table, Jesus took bread ... *[Minister continues with words of institution from 1 Cor. 11:23-26 or Gospel parallels.]* The gifts of God for the people of God.

Communion of The People at the Lord's Table *[The elements are distributed in the manner most suitable. After the last person is served, the Minister continues:]*

Prayer of Gratitude

Minister: Let us give thanks together:

All: We offer you praise, dear God, and hearts lifted high, for in the communion of your love Christ comes close to us, and we come close to Christ. Therefore, with the whole realm of nature around us, with earth, sea and sky, we sing to you. And with our loved ones, on earth and in your heavenly host, with brothers and sisters around the world, we join in the song of your unending greatness. Amen.

Adapted from The PC (USA) Common Worship Book and The Iona Abbey Worship Book