



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today we celebrate "Scout Sunday" with our worship services led by representatives of Gregory's Scout Troop 900 and Cub Scout Pack 910.

In appreciation of your support of BSA Troop 900 and Cub Scout Pack 910, the congregation is invited to a Reception hosted by our Scouts in the Fellowship Hall immediately after this morning's service.

Feb. Guest Preachers:

Feb. 4: Rev. Dr. Katherine C. Jackson; P. Johnson, Announcer

Feb. 11 "Scout Sunday"; "Transfiguration of the Lord": Scout Troop 900 & Announcements

Feb. 18: Rev. Marvin Daniel; S. Hunter, Announcer

Feb. 25: Rev. Marvin Daniel; L. Johnson, Announcer

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!

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

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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)

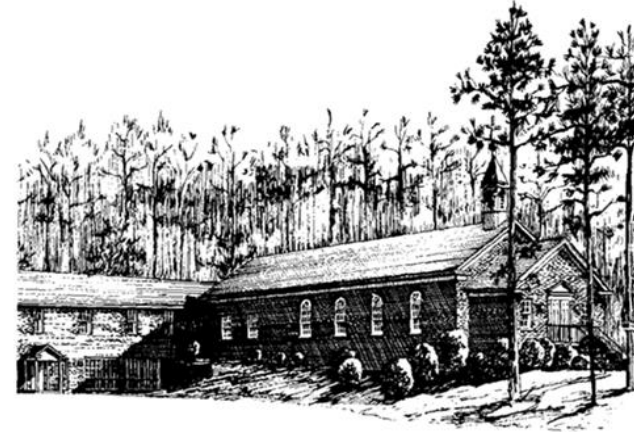
Mary Holc (2026); Sandy Hunter (2026); William Shill (2026)

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



"SCOUT SUNDAY"

"TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD"

February 11, 2024

11:00 a.m.



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We welcome you to worship with us this morning, as we gather in community to draw closer to God, made known in Christ. We pray 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 the quiet stillness of the presence of God!

GOD GATHERS THE PEOPLE

Today’s Greeters: Representatives of Boy Scout Troop 900 and Cub Scout Pack 910

PRELUDE *Sandra Perkins, Organist
Gail Hare, Pianist*

PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS *Senior Patrol Leader - Life Scout Andrew Costello*
American Flag, Boy Scout & Cub Scout Flags:
Life Scout Jack Daniel, Star Scout Colin Dendler, and a Cub Scout (TBA)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS/SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS *Life Scout Andrew Costello*

PASSING OF THE PEACE *Life Scout Andrew Costello*

INTRODUCTION OF LEADERS & PRESENTATION OF THE CHARTERS *District Representative: Lowell Flickinger*
Gregory Memorial PC Clerk of Session: Donald R. Hunter
Scout Leaders: Troop 900 - Committee Chair Ralph Orr, Scoutmaster Dickie Thompson;
Pack 910 - Cubmaster Christy Blankenship; Charter Organization Representative Donald R. Hunter

CALL TO WORSHIP [Inspired by Psalm 50:1-6] *Life Scout Joshua McPeak*
Scout: God summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
Congregation: **Every time we encounter beauty, God’s perfection shines forth, calling to us.**
Scout: God’s revelation is a devouring fire, burning away our doubts.
Congregation: **The heavens declare God’s righteousness, for God is the creator, the redeemer and the judge.**

***OPENING HYMN #625 “O Lord My God” (“How Great Thou Art”)**

***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 (recov. 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)
Family/friends of Larry Dingas (d. 2/2)

THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY MEMORIAL

	FEBRUARY 11	FEBRUARY 18
S	<p>"Scout Sunday"</p> <p>"Transfiguration of the Lord"</p> <p>9:30a Sunday School</p> <p>11a Worship Service led by BSA Scout Tr. 900</p> <p>12p Appreciation Reception for the Congregation hosted by Scouts in Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>9:30a Sunday School <i>[Rev. Marvin Daniel will speak on his recent peace-keeping mission to Israel]</i></p> <p>11a Worship Service</p> <p>Guest Preacher: Rev. Marvin Daniel</p> <p>12p Stated Session Meeting Moderator: Rev. Daniel</p>
M	6p BSA Crater OA Karakona Ch. 19 Nawakwa Lodge 3 (Fellowship Hall multiple rooms) 12	Washington's Birthday 19
T	<p>Shrove Tuesday 13</p> <p>1p Circle (location: Evelyn Foster's)</p> <p>7p Finance Cmte</p>	<p>6p GSA Tr5000 (Fellowship Hall, multiple rooms) 20</p>
W	<p>Ash Wednesday 14 Begin Lent</p> <p>St. Valentine's Day</p>	<p>2p Annual Reports due to Presbytery 21</p> <p>Movie Night in Fellowship Hall begins with:</p> <p>6p Dinner (Soup & Ham Rolls; Decadent Chocolate desserts), followed by</p> <p>6:30p Movie "Sampson"</p>
T	<p>6a Clean Church 15</p> <p>2p Newsletter articles due</p> <p>6p BSA Cub Pack 910 (Fellowship Hall multiple rooms)</p>	<p>6a Clean Church 22</p> <p>2p Newsletter out</p>
F	16	23
S	17	24

ATTENDANCE	WORSHIP		SUNDAY SCHOOL	
	M	V	M	V
February 4, 2023	25	7	10	
February 11, 2023				
February 18, 2023				
February 25, 2023				

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [In unison]

Star Scout Stephen Thompson

Almighty God, when we encounter beauty and love and wonder in the world, so often we seek to control it, to contain it. Forgive us for all the ways we seek to pull things under our power, for the ways we fashion the world and put ourselves first. Heavenly parent, we take this opportunity to acknowledge our lies and our denial, laying bare our hearts and minds before you now.

(A Moment of Silent Confession)

PROMISE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS [Responsive]

Scout Joey Scougal

Scout:

Hear the good news of the gospel:

Congregation: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, healed, and made whole.

Scout:

Know that we have been forgiven, and be at peace!

Congregation: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. Amen!

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

WE ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE [Holy Bible, New Revised Standard Version]

Old Testament Reading:

Psalms 40: 1-5

Life Scout Andrew Lively

New Testament Reading:

Romans 11: 1-10

Life Scout Jack Daniel

SERMON

"Living Through The Drought"

Life Scout Joshua McPeak

REFLECTIVE HYMN #370 "This Is My Father's World"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH [In unison]**

Star Scout Jackson McPeak

The Lord God is our Great Scoutmaster who provides all our needs. He lets us camp in forests tall and meadows green. He leads us on trails beside waters deep and still, brooks babbling, streams rushing, and rivers raging. He restores our bodies, minds and souls, even as we observe the eagle soaring to greater heights above. He encourages the Eagle Scout in his upward climb. He teaches Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venturers to live the Scout Oath and Law. Even though the trails may lead through dark valleys with towering mountains, we are courageous because he leads us onward. He continually blesses us with food for mind and body. Even when our enemies dislike or distrust us, he blesses us with the gifts of love and forgiveness. Surely, his goodness and mercy will sustain us all the days of our lives. And, when we climb the final trail through the awesome pass that leads to the Great Council Fire, we shall join those who traveled the trail before us and joyfully live with him forever! Amen.

["A Psalm for Scouts and Scouters", BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA]

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Scout Jonathan Warner

God gifted us with free will that we might choose to worship the Almighty in our words, actions and thoughts. Let us make the choice now to honor the Word of God by the offering of our tithes, trusting that our money, freely given, will be a blessing to God and our neighbors.

Cub Pack 910 Chorale: Hymn #188: "Jesus Loves Me" performed during Offertory.

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES, GIFTS & SELVES TO GOD - OFFERTORY

Ushers: Scout Deonte McDaniel, Scout Joey Scougal, Star Scout Jackson McPeak

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Life Scout Stephen Thompson

Almighty, on the mountain top, you instructed Peter, James and John: "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" We are listening, God, and we hear your call to make the world a better place alongside your Holy Spirit. We offer you these gifts and our hearts alongside them. May they be blessed to do your bidding.

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

Star Scout Colin Dendler

Scout: Creator God, you are beyond our knowledge and understanding. We are full of wonder at your presence, and your revelation in your son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Your love for us is awe inspiring. We put our faith in this love as we come to you today to express our communal prayers for the world, knowing that you hear us and that the mystery of your love and power and presence may extend to those people and places for which we pray.

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

Scout: God of all peoples, we pray for the world. Please be at work in places that are full of violence and suffering. We pray for the people of Israel and Palestine, Ukraine, Iran, and Ecuador. Please show us the path to peace. Put the right people in the right places to make decisions not for themselves but others.

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

Scout: Almighty One, your Word tells us time and again how you care for the poor, the abused, the cast out, the homeless. We pray for those people now. We pray for those who are poor and struggling to make ends meet. We pray for the lonely, the sick, the grieving. And for the cold and the hungry. If we are to play a role in providing these needs, Heavenly Parent, spark our hearts toward action.

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

Scout: Lastly, God, we lift up our community of Prince George and the congregation of Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church. We know that you see us and hear us, and so it is in the name of Jesus Christ that we pray together, "**Our Father...**"

*DEPARTING HYMN #542 "God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

*BLESSING [Responsive]

Scout Jonathan Warner

Scout: We have been blessed!

Congregation: We have met for divine worship, as God's people.

Scout: We have been blessed!

Congregation: Our sins have truly been forgiven.

Scout: 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 [Isaiah 40:31]

Life Scout Andrew Costello

May our eyes be open to the ways the Almighty reveals the divine. It may not be as grand as the Transfiguration, but it is there: in the whiteness of snow, in the love of animals, in the joy of a good meal, in the beating of our hearts. Take time to drink in the wonder of this life, and then go out to share it with others.

In the name of our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, may we know God's blessing and be at peace.

POSTLUDE

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