

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Feb. Guest Preachers:

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

Feb. 11 "Transfiguration of the Lord"; "Scout Sunday" Service by Scout Troop 900

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

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

Stated Session Meeting - today at 12 p.m. (est.) in Session Meeting Room:
Rev. Daniel, Moderator.

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.

GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Pastor: As announced

Secretary: Nancy Adams (office@gregorymemorial.org)

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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*

"1ST SUNDAY IN LENT"

**FEBRUARY 18, 2024
11:00 a.m.**

GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“1st Sunday in Lent”

February 18, 2024

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

Sandra Perkins, Organist
Gail Hare, Pianist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS / SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

Sandy Hunter

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Marvin Daniel
Guest Preacher

CALL TO WORSHIP *[Pastor; responsive; based on Psalm 25]*

One: O God, in you we trust.

All: Lead us in your truth and teach us,

One: for you are the God of our salvation;

All: for you we wait, for you we worship.

*OPENING HYMN #630 “Fairest Lord Jesus”

CALL TO CONFESSION *[Pastor]*

We pause here to examine our lives, our temptations, and the ways we have fallen short before our God. Let us confess our sins together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *[In unison]*

Gracious God, as we begin this Lenten wilderness journey with Jesus, we confess our neglect of you and our faith. We make idols of nation, money and power. We build walls instead of better relationships. We fail to follow Jesus to the poor, the destitute, the stranger. Empty us this Lent, Holy God. Guide us in our faith so we can leave this wilderness season in right relationship with you. Amen.

[A time for silent prayer of confession]

***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, 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)

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THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

	FEBRUARY 18	FEBRUARY 25
S	1st Sunday in Lent 9:30a Sunday School <i>[Rev. Marvin Daniel will speak on recent peace-keeping mission to Israel]</i> 11a Worship Service Guest Preacher: Rev. Marvin Daniel 12p Stated Session Meeting Moderator: Rev. Daniel	"2nd Sunday in Lent" 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service ➤ 5 Cents-a-Meal Offering Guest Preacher: Rev. Marvin Daniel
M	Washington's Birthday 19	26
T	6p GSA Tr5000 (Fellowship Hall Reception Area, multiple rooms) 20	27
W	2p Ann. Reports to Presbytery 21 Movie Night in Fellowship Hall begins with: 6p Dinner (Soup & Ham Rolls; desserts), followed by 6:30p Movie "Sampson"	28
T	6a Clean Church 22 2p Newsletter out	6a Clean Church 29 2p Cmte reports due
F	23	MARCH 1
S	24	2

ATTENDANCE:

WORSHIP

SUNDAY SCHOOL

	M	V	M	V
February 4, 2024	25	7	10	
February 11, 2024				
February 18, 2024				
February 25 2024				

M=Members V=Visitors

ASSURANCE OF PARDON [Pastor]

Remember and receive these hopeful words from John 8:31-32, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." Receive God's truth. Receive God's grace. Accept the freedom God provides. Amen.

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

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

God of grace, help us seek you and the truth you intend for us today. Let us not be distracted by worldly pursuits or pleasures. Help us to focus our hearts and minds on you and your Word read and proclaimed. Amen.

SCRIPTURAL READINGS [NRSV]

Old Testament: 2 Kings 2:1-12 p. 290
 Psalm 50: 1-6 p. 451 Reader: S. Hunter

SERMON

"Listen to Him"

Rev. Marvin Daniel

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

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]

God calls us to lives of grateful generosity. Let us praise the Giver of all good gifts through our offering today

OFFERING, OFFERTORY

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION [In unison]

God of grace, you provide for us in amazing ways. Accept these offerings as signs of our gratitude and bless them to further Christ's ministry and mission among the poor, the suffering and the destitute. Amen.

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

One: O God, your Word is holy and hope-filled. We read these words from the Gospel of Mark today with joy and thanksgiving: "The Kingdom of God has come near." On this First Sunday of Lent, we give thanks for all the ways you come near and make yourself known to us, Great God. We give thanks for the boundaries you break on our behalf, crossing the heavens to come to earth, moving from the spiritual to the physical in the life and flesh of Jesus. As we follow your Beloved Son and our Beloved Savior into the wilderness of Lent, we pray for more signs of your "Kingdom come near" in our lives, the lives of those we love, and our world.

All: Holy Spirit, hear our prayers.

One: We pray for the innocent trapped beneath falling bombs and warring nations ... We pray for those forced from their homes, unsafe and insecure and seeking asylum ... We pray for the unhoused and the hungry, struggling to survive ... We pray for the overwhelmed and exhausted, in need of respite, rest and relief ... We pray for those who are ill and their caregivers ... We pray for those who are struggling under the weight of grief ... God, come near to those who are suffering. Also, come near to those in our community, those on our prayer list, those we name silently before you now

All: Holy Spirit, hear our prayers.

One: We lift these prayers to you, Gracious God, confident that you hear us and even know the prayers we are too afraid to pray. Hear us now as we join our hearts and our voices to pray the prayer Jesus taught us to pray saying, "**Our Father**"

***DEPARTING HYMN #191 "We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding"**

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION [Pastor; from the Book of Common Worship]**

Beloved people of God; I invite you, in the name of Christ, to observe a holy Lent by self-examination and penitence, by prayer and fasting, by works of love, and by meditating on Gods' Word.

May the grace, hope, peace and love of God our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with us all, now and forever. Amen.

***POSTLUDE**

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