

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; R. Scott (*for S. Hunter*), Announcer

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

Guest Preacher for next Sunday (Mar. 3): Rev. Dr. Katherine C. Jackson

Easter Lilies! Order your Easter Lilies until Sunday, March 10. Cost: \$16 each, includes delivery to the church. Please complete the enclosed order form and include with check made payable to: "Gregory Memorial Church" and place in the collection plate.

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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)

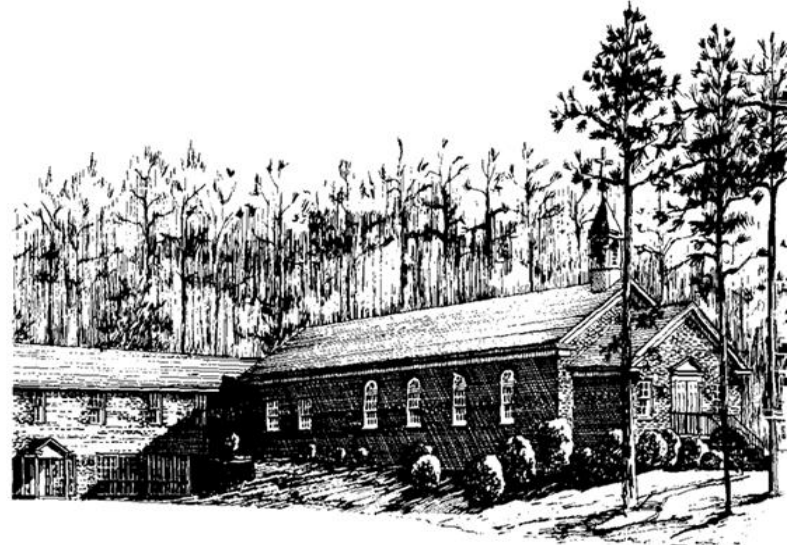
Mary Holc (2026); Sandy Hunter (2026); William Shill (2026)

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*

"2ND SUNDAY IN LENT"

FEBRUARY 25, 2024

11:00 a.m.

GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“2ND SUNDAY IN LENT”

February 25, 2024

11:00 a.m.

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 based on Mark 8:31-38]

One: Let us not be ashamed of our Savior. Let us sing and praise our God out loud.

All: **In the midst of the crowd, we will praise you. In our community, We will bear witness to our faith.**

One: Let us set our minds on divine things.

All: **Let us take up our cross and follow Christ.**

***OPENING HYMN #725 “Oh Jesus I have Promised ”**

CALL TO CONFESSION [Pastor]

When we cry to God in prayer and confession, God hears. Let us approach God’s throne of grace with confidence and faith.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [In unison]

Savior God, the public spectacle of the cross calls us to account. We hesitate and hedge when opportunities arise to speak of you. We are shy in faith and not bold to proclaim. Your story saves, yet we keep it to ourselves. Forgive our reticence of faith. Forgive the ways we fail to serve as public witnesses. Help us be your candlelight, held high to set the world aglow. Amen.

**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 (health issue)
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

	FEBRUARY 25	MARCH 3
	<p>"2nd Sunday in Lent"</p> <p>9:30a Sunday School</p> <p>11a Worship Service</p> <p>Guest Preacher: Rev. Marvin Daniel</p> <p>Order Easter Lilies</p>	<p>"3rd Sunday in Lent"</p> <p>9:30a Sunday School</p> <p>11a Worship Service</p> <p>Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Katherine C. Jackson</p> <p>Order Easter Lilies</p>
M	26	4
T	27	5
W	28	6
T	29	7
	<p>6a Clean Church</p> <p>2p Cmte reports due</p>	<p>6a Clean Church</p>
F	MARCH 1	8
S	2	9

ATTENDANCE:

WORSHIP

SUNDAY SCHOOL

	M	V	M	V
February 4, 2024	25	7	10	
February 11, 2024	23	45	12	
February 18, 2024	26	7	20	
February 25 2024				

M=Members V=Visitors

(A time for silent prayer of confession.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON [Pastor]

God does not forsake us. Our God is a gracious God, abounding in steadfast love. Know that in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

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

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

Merciful, God, help us to seek you and the message you intend for us in your Word read and proclaimed today. Amen.

SCRIPTURAL READINGS [NRSV]

Gospel Reading: Mark 8:31-38 p. 820
 Old Testament : Genesis 17: 1-7; 15-16 p. 11; 12
 Psalm: 22: 23-31 p. 435 Reader: L. Johnson

SERMON "Taking Up Our Cross" Rev. Marvin Daniel

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

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. May our offerings provide for others and be used to further Christ's ministry and mission. Amen.

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

One: God our hope and our holy companion, we come before you on this Second Sunday of Lent, knowing we can be honest because you know us; you know our thoughts, our struggles, our joys. You know our prayers even before they form in our minds and are articulated with whispered words. You know how we struggle. You know how we hope. You delight in our joy. You desire our peace.

All: Holy Father, in your infinite mercy, hear our prayers.

One: God, we are vulnerable, and we know it. We need you. As the thirsty deer longs for the flowing stream, our souls thirst for you. Our hearts ache for your love. Our spirits cry for relief from the turmoil and the sorrow. Our bodies yearn for the ecstatic movement of joy. Our minds want to be assured, without a doubt, of your presence among us and with us. Life is a wilderness, and so often we are lost.

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One: Therefore, in these long wilderness days of Lent, we audaciously ask for your help and hope. Comfort the sick and the grieving. Heal our wounds of heart and body. Calm our frantic anxieties. Order the chaos. Also, help us pay attention to your still, small ways of working beauty and awe into the ugly and despairing; the bump of a bee's head on a window pane; the spring crocus that's begun its journey out of the dark soil; the uninhibited bounce of a child, dressed as Batman, heroically saving friends at the playground; the heavens ablaze in the pink, red, and orange of your glory at the morning sunrise; and the reminders – the squeeze of a hand, the kindness of a smile, the receiving of an encouraging note – that we aren't alone in our wilderness wanderings; the grace that you make readily available when we are ready to receive it.

All: Holy Father, in your infinite mercy, hear our prayers.

One: God, come near to us this Second Sunday of Lent, and near to those we love. Sit and stay awhile. And hear our prayers, as we pray the prayer Jesus taught us saying, "**Our Father ...**"

***DEPARTING HYMN #451 "Open My Eyes That I May See"**

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION [Pastor; from 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**