

Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church

GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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

3RD SUNDAY IN LENT"

**MARCH 3, 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; adapted from Psalm 19*]¹

One: The heavens are telling of the glory of God; and the firmament
proclaims God’s handiwork.

**All: Your law, O God, is perfect, reviving our souls, and your
commandments are sure, rejoicing our hearts.**

One: Let our words and worship, the meditation of our hearts, be
acceptable to you, O God, our rock, and our redeemer!

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

CALL TO CONFESSION [*Pastor*]

CONFESSION OF SIN [*In unison*]²

Jesus, cleanser of temples and souls, at this mid-point in the Lenten
journey, look deep within our hearts and our lives, and clear away all that
holds us back. Forgive us when our minds, spirits and bodies are not temples
that are open to Your presence. We seek your mercy when our words and
our actions are not transparent to Your love and truth. We pray that this
church community, will be purified in its life and mission, so that all that we
do in and from here may reveal Your Gospel to others.

***Please stand, as able.**

OUR PRAYERS & CONCERNS

First-responders, world-wide
Our deployed U.S. service 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)

THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

	MARCH 3	MARCH 10
S	<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>	<p>"4th Sunday in Lent"</p> <p>2a <u>Begin Daylight Saving Time</u></p> <p>9:30a Sunday School</p> <p>11a Worship Service</p> <p>Guest preacher: Rev. John Scholer</p> <p>Last day to order Easter Lilies</p>
M	6p BSA Crater OA (Fellowship Hall, multiple rooms) 4	11
T	5	1p Circle (Location: GMPC) 12 7p Finance Cmte
W	6	7p Faith Cmte 13
T	6a Clean Church 7 6p BSA Cub Pack 910 (Fellowship Hall, multiple rooms)	6a Clean Church 14 11a Call Lily order in to florist before 11 am
F	8	15
S	9	16

	ATTENDANCE		WORSHIP		SUNDAY SCHOOL	
	M	V	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	21	7	14			

M=Members V=Visitors

[Pause for a moment of silent confession.]

ASSURANCE OF PARDON [In unison]

We are the friends of Jesus; we are made clean by the words Jesus has spoken to us. Because we have been forgiven, there is room in our lives and in our community for the Holy One to dwell. Thanks be to God. Amen.

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

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

Holy God, sometimes your Word is not one we want to hear because it challenges or makes us uncomfortable. Open our minds and our hearts to truly listen to your Word, to hear how you instruct us with love, like a parent. Amen.

SCRIPTURE (HOLY BIBLE, NRSV Trans.)

New Testament: John 2:13-22 p. 863

SERMON "The Angry Jesus" Rev. Dr. Katherine C. Jackson

***REFLECTIVE HYMN #417 "Lord Jesus, Think On Me"**

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

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]**

Create in us a righteous faith, O God, as we give you part of our earnings. We work for our own good; help us to work even harder for your good in the world, for you have blessed us richly. Take these gifts offered to you in love this day. Bless and use them and us for your glory. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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

One: It is difficult to be in the middle of anything, O God, and here we are, in the middle of Lent. We begin with enthusiasm and commitment, and we desire to end well with joy and celebration.

All: But we need your presence to make the middle meaningful. Heal what we have been and listen in these moments of stillness to what we want to become.

One: Renew us as we journey through Lent so that we might come to know this mystery of faith: we are loved far more than we deserve.

All: Help us to claim this truth as our own. Awaken us to the reality that you loved us enough to give us your beloved son.

One: In thanksgiving for this gift of love, inspire us to so love others through Jesus, the Christ, who taught us that when we pray, we are to say ...

***DEPARTING HYMN #307 "God of Grace and God of Glory"**

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION [Pastor]**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Mar. Guest Preachers:

Mar. 3: Rev. Dr. Katherine C. Jackson; S. Shockley, Announcer

Mar. 10: Rev. John Scholer; R. Scott, Announcer

Mar. 17: Rev. Nancy Clark; D. Hunter, Announcer

Mar. 24: Rev. Wendel Gouldman; P. Johnson, Announcer

Mar. 28: "Maundy Thursday"; Rev. Dr. Katherine C. Jackson

Mar. 31: Rev. Marvin Daniel; S. Hunter

Easter Lilies – Last day to order your Easter Lilies is Sunday, March 10.

Cost: \$16. (Delivery fee is included. Please make check payable to "Gregory Memorial Church" and leave it in the collection plate.

Circle – meets on Tuesday, March 12 at 1 p.m. at Gregory Memorial.

Maundy Thursday Service at Gregory Memorial - Service in the Sanctuary by Rev. Dr. Katherine C. Jackson will begin at 7 p.m. on Mar. 28,

Easter Sunrise Service – Service from Gregory Memorial's Sanctuary steps (*weather-permitting!*) by Rev. Marvin Daniel will begin at 7 a.m. on Sunday, Mar. 31. Join us for breakfast in the Fellowship Hall afterward.

Resource: Holy Bible, (NRSV) © 1989 by Div. of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. All rights reserved. Published by Zondervan.

Resource: Hymns and "Apostle's Creed", Glory To God, The Presbyterian Hymnal, © 2013 Westminster John Knox Press, p. 35.

Resource: Liturgy: ¹CALL TO WORSHIP by Rev. Kathryn Matthews Huey and Rev. Susan A. Blain for the United Church of Christ's Worship Ways website; ²CONFESSION OF SIN by Ann Siddall. Posted on the Uniting Church SA website.