

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**We welcome the Rev. John Scholer 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.

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**GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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Secretary: Nancy Adams (office@gregorymemorial.org)

Organist: Sandra Perkins Pianist: Gail Hare

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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*

**"4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT"**

**MARCH 10, 2024**

**11:00 a.m.**

GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT”

MARCH 10, 2024

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Sandra Perkins, Organist  
Gail Hare, Pianist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS/  
SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS Rose Scott

PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. John Scholer  
Guest Preacher

CALL TO WORSHIP [*Responsive reading; Psalm 107:1-3, 21-22*]

One: O, give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; his steadfast love endures forever.

All: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those God redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

One: Let them thank the Lord for God’s steadfast love, for God’s wonderful works to humankind.

All: And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of the Lord’s deeds with songs of joy.

\*OPENING HYMN #41 “O Worship the King, All Glorious Above”

CALL TO CONFESSION [*Pastor*]

The faithfulness of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. As we are honest with God and with one another, we are opened to the mercies of God. Let us confess our sin, first in unison, and then in silence.

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\*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)

ANNOUNCEMENTS ... See back page.

**THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY**

	<b>MARCH 10</b>	<b>MARCH 17</b>		
S	<p><b>"4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent"</b></p> <p><b>2a</b> <u>Begin Daylight Saving Time</u></p> <p><b>9:30a</b> Sunday School</p> <p><b>11a</b> Worship Service</p> <p>Guest preacher: Rev. John Scholer</p> <p><b>Last day to order Easter Lilies</b></p>	<p><b>"5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent"</b></p> <p><b>9:30a</b> Sunday School</p> <p><b>11a</b> Worship Service</p> <p>Guest preacher: Rev. Nancy Clark</p> <p><b>12p</b> Stated Session Meeting</p> <p>Moderator: Rev. Clark</p>		
M	11	18		
T	<p><b>1p</b> Circle (Location: GMPC)</p> <p><b>7p</b> Finance Cmte</p>	12		
		<p><b>6p</b> GSA Tr5000 (Fellowship Hall, multiple rooms)</p>	19	
W	<b>7p</b> Faith Cmte	13	20	
T	<p><b>6a</b> Clean Church</p> <p><b>11a</b> Deadline for placing Lily order with florist</p>	14	<p><b>6a</b> Clean Church</p> <p><b>2p</b> Newsletter articles due</p> <p><b>6p</b> BSA Cub Scout Pack 910 (Fellowship Hall, multiple rooms)</p>	21
F		15	22	
S		16	23	

ATTENDANCE	WORSHIP		SUNDAY SCHOOL	
	M	V	M	V
March 3, 2024	18	11	8	
March 10, 2024				
March 17, 2024				
March 24, 2024				
March 31, 2024				

M=Members V=Visitors

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION [In unison]**

Holy God, giver of all that is good, we rejoice that you are the source of all that is. The breath of life is a gift from your generous hand. The food we eat is grown in the world you sustain. The community that supports us is called into being by your saving activity. Everything we have is a gift from you. Why do we complain? It is surely our sin that causes us to live as though we do not trust your goodness. Forgive us, we pray. Teach us to put all our trust in your promises that never fail. Remind us that we are always in your loving care. Fill us with grace, so that our lives might show forth the fullness of your love for all people In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen

[Pause for a moment of silent confession.]

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON [In unison: Hebrews 10:16-18]**

"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: 'I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,' and he adds, 'I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.' Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin." Believe the promise of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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

**\*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION [In unison; Psalm 19:14]**

May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS (HOLY BIBLE, NRSV Trans.)**

Gospel: Luke 22:54-62 p. 858  
 New Testament: Acts 5:27-32 p. 889

**SERMON** "Peter and the Christian Life" Rev. John Scholer

**\*REFLECTIVE HYMN #279 "Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove"**

**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]**

From the providence of God, all we need has been given to us, in sufficient abundance that we might share. Let us return our offerings as sign of our commitment to follow the one who has loved us, even unto death.

**OFFERING, OFFERTORY**

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

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION [In unison]**

Gracious God, we have been given abundance upon abundance. Receive, we pray, our offerings and bless them. May we be blessed by their work, as we see your reign among us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

One: Eternal God, our story together is one of your unending faithfulness to us, even as we are not always faithful to you. Knowing of your enduring providence, we come to you with concerns that weigh heavily on us.

**All: Heavenly Father, hear our prayers.**

**One:** We pray to you for the people of Ukraine, Israel and Gaza, we pray for peace, knowing that you alone are the source of true shalom, peaceable kingdom. Where there are those in harm's way, we pray for protection. Where we ourselves harbor enmity and prejudice, we pray awareness and grace that we may learn forgiveness. Teach us how we may serve you more fully.

**All: Heavenly Father, hear our prayers.**

One: We pray for needs closer to home, for our own community. As we enter the season of Lent, we ask that you open our eyes to the needs on our very doorstep. May we see those whose names are known to you and offer compassion and goodwill. We pray for victims of violence, and gun violence in particular. We offer our prayers for those who seek solutions for intractable problems. Let us not give up hope. Let us not abandon the work of healing the world — we remember that all healing comes from you.

**All: Heavenly Father, hear our prayers.**

One: We pray as well for ourselves, our own material and spiritual needs. Where our members suffer from illness and affliction, grant your healing touch, bringing wholeness. For any in our midst who suffer from depression or addiction, give us understanding and compassion. For those who are lonely, may we be a place of friendship, a warm haven where love is shared. To that end, we pray for the church: Universal, Presbyterian, and our own congregation. Enrich our lives with your grace that we might also be repairers of the breach. We make these and all of our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray together, *"Our Father ..."*

**\*DEPARTING HYMN #268 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"**

**\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION [Pastor]**

Go into the world sure of the goodness of God. Remember the Promises that God has kept. Be mindful of the ways that God has provided. Keep your eyes on the cross of Jesus Christ, and the new life that is offered to us all, and may the grace, mercy, and communion of our God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, bless you and those you love, both this day and every day hereafter. Amen.

**POSTLUDE**