

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome the Rev. Nancy Clark to our pulpit today! Rev. Clark I served as Interim Pastor at Gregory Memorial during 2008-2010. She has served multiple churches in the Presbytery of the James. She “retired” for the second time in November, 2023. She and her husband, Glenn, enjoy time with their sons, daughters-in-law, and 13 grandchildren. Welcome back, Rev. Clark!

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

Stated Session Meeting – Today, immediately after worship service.

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!

GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Pastor: As announced

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

“5th SUNDAY IN LENT”

MARCH 17, 2024

11:00 a.m.

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PRELUDE Sandra Perkins, Organist
Gail Hare, Pianist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS/
SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS Donald Hunter

PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. Nancy S. Clark
Guest Preacher

CALL TO WORSHIP [*Responsive reading; from Psalm 51*]
One: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love;
All: According to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions.

One: You desire truth in our deepest selves, so teach our hearts wisdom.
All: **Let us hear your joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.**

One: Create in us clean hearts, O God; put new and right spirits within us.
All: **Sustain in us willing spirits and restore us to the joy of your salvation. Let us worship God!**

*OPENING HYMN #634 “To God Be the Glory”

*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)

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THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

	MARCH 17	MARCH 24
S	<p>"5th Sunday in Lent"</p> <p>9:30a Sunday School</p> <p>11a Worship Service</p> <p>Guest preacher: Rev. Nancy Clark</p> <p>12p Stated Session Meeting Moderator: Rev. Clark</p>	<p>"Palm Sunday"</p> <p>9:30a Sunday School</p> <p>11a Worship Service ➤ 5 Cents-a-Meal Offering</p> <p>Guest preacher: Rev. Wendel Gouldman</p>
M	18	25
T	6p GSA Tr5000 (Fellowship Hall, multiple rooms)	19
W	20	27
T	<p>6a Clean Church</p> <p>2p Newsletter articles due</p> <p>6p BSA Cub Scout Pack 910 (Fellowship Hall, multiple rooms)</p>	21
		"Maundy Thursday"
		28
		<p>6a Clean Church</p> <p>2p Newsletter out</p> <p>7p Maundy Thursday Service</p> <p>Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Katherine C. Jackson</p>
F	22	"Good Friday"
S	23	"Great Vigil of Easter"
		30

	ATTENDANCE		WORSHIP		SUNDAY SCHOOL	
	M	V	M	V	M	V
March 3, 2024	18	11	8			
March 10, 2024	22	5				
March 17, 2024						
March 24, 2024						
March 31, 2024						

M=Members V=Visitors

CALL TO CONFESSION [Pastor; Jeremiah 31-33]

"The days are surely coming," says the Lord, "When I will make a new covenant with my people. I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest." Friends, we are God's people. Yet even as we strive to know our God and walk in God's paths, we fall short. Trusting in God as a merciful covenant partner, let us confess our sin together:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [In unison]

Living Christ, with whom we journey to the cross, we confess that we are always looking for an easier way. We long for the fullness of life with you, but we are slow to abandon the comforts of the life we know. We seek the fruit of new life, but we are not willing to die to ourselves. You call us to life in community, but we stubbornly cling to "me and mine." Yet you offer the grace of life abundant, even and especially when our best efforts fall short. Transform us, renew us, and free us from our attachment to what was, so that you might bring us into the glory of what will be. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

[Pause for a moment of silent confession.]

ASSURANCE OF PARDON [Pastor; responsive reading]

One: Friends, hear the good news! We worship a God who forgives our iniquities and remembers our sins no more. Proclaim the good news with me:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.

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

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

God of living water, pour out your Spirit and nourish your Word
Within us, that in its time, that Word may bear much fruit. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS [Holy Bible, NRSV Trans.]

New Testament: John 12: 20-33 p. 875

SERMON "Eye on the Goal, Eye on the Cross" Rev. Nancy S. Clark

***REFLECTIVE HYMN #286 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"**

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]**

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

HYMN #275 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION [Pastor]**

POSTLUDE

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