

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome the Rev. Wendel Gouldman to our Gregory Memorial Pulpit!

Raised as a Methodist from birth, Rev. Goldman entered the United Methodist ministry as a second-career local pastor. She left in 2000 to explore other denominations before settling in Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) churches in the Tri-cities area. Rev. Gouldman volunteers in various roles of ministry for her own faith journey, as well as in revival of the Faith and Social Justice Movement in the Richmond metropolitan area, and serves as a volunteer gardener. She has 2 adult children: a son in Richmond and a son and a most-delightful granddaughter (nearly 2 years old) in Fredericksburg. Rev. Gouldman currently resides in the Middle Peninsula community of Dunnsville on the Rappahannock River.

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

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

Easter Sunrise Service – Service from Gregory Memorial's Sanctuary steps (weather-permitting!) 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

"PALM SUNDAY"

MARCH 24, 2024

11:00 a.m.

GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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PRELUDE Sandra Perkins, Organist
Gail Hare, Pianist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS/
SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS Patsy Johnson

PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. Wendel Gouldman
Guest Preacher

CALL TO WORSHIP [*Responsive reading; Mark 11:9, Psalm 136:1,
Psalm 118:25, 26; Zechariah 9:9*]

One: With crowds from ancient times we cry,

All: **Hosanna! Save us!**

One: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!

All: **God’s steadfast love endures forever.**

One: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

All: **We bless you in the house of the Lord!**

One: Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he,

All: **Humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.**

Let us worship the living God!

***OPENING HYMN #197 “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”**

CALL TO CONFESSION [Pastor]

Let us now confess before God our tendency, like the Jerusalem crowds, to profess our faith in moments of enthusiasm and deny our faith in moments of fear and stress.

***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)
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)
Family/friends of Dana Etheridge, Wayne Powers/ cousin (d. 3/17)

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THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

	MARCH 24	MARCH 31
S	<p>"Palm Sunday"</p> <p>9:30a Sunday School</p> <p>11a Worship Service</p> <p>➤ 5 Cents-a-Meal Offering</p> <p>Guest preacher: Rev. Wendel Gouldman</p>	<p>"Resurrection of the Lord"/ "Easter Day"</p> <p>7a Sunrise Service on Sanctuary steps, followed by breakfast in Fellowship Hall</p> <p>9:30a Sunday School</p> <p>11a Worship Service</p> <p>➤ Local Emerg. Aid Offering</p> <p>➤ One Great Hour of Sharing Offering</p> <p>Guest preacher: Rev. Marvin Daniel</p>
M	25	APRIL 1
T	26	2
W	27	3
T	28	4
	<p>"Maundy Thursday"</p> <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	29	5
	<p>"Good Friday"</p> <p><i>Delivery of Easter Lilies</i> <i>Time: TBA</i></p>	
S	30	6
	<p>"Great Vigil of Easter"</p>	

	ATTENDANCE		WORSHIP		SUNDAY SCHOOL	
	M	V	M	V	M	V
March 3, 2024	18	11	8			
March 10, 2024	22	5	12			
March 17, 2024	22	11	11			
March 24, 2024						
March 31, 2024						

M=Members V=Visitors

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [In unison]

Merciful God, as we enter this Holy Week of Lent, solemnly gathered at your house of prayer, we turn our hearts toward Jerusalem. We want to walk the way with Jesus, to be present each step from the Mount of Olives to the cross to the empty tomb. And yet we fall away. Forgive our stubborn resistance to Christ's work and witness. Inspire us by your Spirit to follow in his way, until we enter with him into the city not made by human hands, the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens. May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

[Pause for a moment of silent confession.]

ASSURANCE OF PARDON [Responsive]

One: The one who rode into Jerusalem to cheering crowds knew that the cross awaited. In this way, we might know the great love of God for us. Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, has defeated sin forever.

All: Hear and believe this good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

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

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

Open our hearts and our ears to hear your Word as it is read and proclaimed. Fill us with the Spirit and surprise us, for we eagerly expect your Word and know that you will speak to us today.

SCRIPTURE READINGS [Holy Bible, NRSV Trans.]

Old Testament: 2 Samuel 6:12-19 p. 245

Gospel: Mark 11:1-11 p. 823

SERMON "Life: From Hosannas Rev. Wendel Gouldman
to Things Unfathomable"

***REFLECTIVE HYMN #196 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"**

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]

Consider what you carry in your hands today. Do you carry the rein of a donkey, a cloak to share, a branch to wave? What do you bring to welcome the Lord today? Whether you share your gifts today as the plates are passed, on-line, or through the mail, trust that the Lord needs you.

OFFERING, OFFERTORY

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

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

As the crowds cried, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord," we are truly grateful for the greatest gift of all, Jesus Christ our Lord. Receive these gifts as a symbol of the dedication of our very selves to you, O God. Use our gifts and use us as a part of the in-breaking of your kingdom, which comes and is still coming into our world today. Amen.

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

One: O Lord, we love a parade. We love the floats and the bands. We love to wave at those passing by. We remember the joy of candy thrown to the crowd. And yet, we know too well that parades can become mobs. That cries of "Hosanna!" can turn into shouts of "Crucify!" Oh, Lord, we need you.

All: Hear our prayers for those who wait for the heroes and victors to arrive instead of joining the fight themselves, for those who cannot lift their voice because life or health has worn them down, for those with expectations they cannot meet, for those who cannot face the cross., for those who desperately need an empty tomb on Easter morning. Hear our prayers for us and all the things we carry.

One: Give us strength and courage, faith and hope, to follow Jesus this Holy Week. As we dine at tables, as we pray, as we walk, and even as we flee, remind us of your love that never fails. Oh, Lord, we need you, until that day when we might know the joy. As we wait, with the confidence of children of God, we pray as Jesus taught us to say; **"Our Father..."**

HYMN #198 "Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!"

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION [Pastor]**

As we enter this Holy Week, may we have the courage and the faith to wait and to walk, to listen and to pray, to plan and to be surprised by the plan of the Lord that leads to life. And as we go to invite others to join us in this most sacred way, may the love of God, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit draw near to us and carry us this day and each day to come. Amen.

POSTLUDE

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