

To the Saints and Friends of Gregory Memorial:



Tick ... Tick ... Tick

Keeping time in Christ. For Christians, the primary rhythm of keeping time is that of the week. This understanding of time is rooted in God’s creation (Gen. 1:1-2:4) and connected with the Jewish practice of Sabbath-keeping (Ex. 20.8-11). With the resurrection of Christ on the first day of the week (Matt. 28:1-10) time itself is transformed and fulfilled. Sunday (the Lord’s Day) has become the day of new creation on which Christians gather in the presence of the risen Lord to hear the good news of the gospel and to share the meal that Christ prepares (Lune 24:13-35; Acts 20:7). As the Presbyterian Church (USA) *Directory for Worship* teaches:

Because God is the author of history, we may worship at any time. The psalms reflect the daily worship of the people of God, while the Torah teaches that 1 day in 7 is to be set apart as holy to the Lord. The prophets anticipated God’s judgment and triumph over evil on the day of the Lord. The Gospels all testify that Jesus rose from the dead on the first day of the week. The apostles came to speak of this as the Lord’s Day, claiming God’s victory over sin and death through the power of Jesus’ resurrection.

The first Christians began to celebrate Jesus’ resurrection every Lord’s Day, gathering to proclaim the Word and celebrate the Sacraments. The Church continues to gather, traditionally on the first day of the week, to hear the gospel and break bread in Jesus’ name, with the confidence that the risen Lord is with us.

While the rhythm of the week is primary, the festivals and seasons of the Christian year offer a way to order the annual life of the church according to the life of Christ and the events of salvation history. The *Directory for Worship* explains:

Through 2,000 years of Christian worship, the Church has developed ways of keeping time---many of them adapted from the feasts and fasts of Israel that Jesus himself kept. This pattern of the Christian year keeps us centered in Christ as we seek to proclaim the story of our faith, grow as Jesus’ disciples, and serve Christ’s mission. The year begins with a focus on Christ’s incarnation, with the seasons of Advent and Christmas encompassing the Nativity and Epiphany of the Lord. After Epiphany we celebrate Jesus’ Baptism and

Transfiguration. At the heart of the Christian year is the mystery of Christ’s death and resurrection, with the seasons of Lent and Easter encompassing Ash Wednesday, the Great Three Days (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil) the Resurrection and Ascension of the Lord, and the Day of Pentecost. After Pentecost we commemorate Trinity Sunday, followed by All Saint’s Day and the Reign of Christ.

Some of these events, including Pentecost, Holy Week, and Epiphany, can be traced to the earliest centuries of Christian practice; others, such as Trinity Sunday and Christ the King, developed later in the church’s history. Another rhythm of keeping time in Christian life is that of daily prayer, which reflects the baptismal pattern of dying and rising with Christ. In the evening we lie down to rest in Christ’s peace; in the morning we rise to walk with him in newness of life. The *Directory for Worship* further says:

The pattern of daily prayer also connects the Church with the worship of ancient Israel, centuries of Christian tradition, and Jesus’ own practices. Whether in large assemblies, with small groups, or at home, daily prayer serves as a bridge between public worship and personal affairs, helping us to live out our faith each day.

Events in national or civic calendars, programmatic emphasis of the church and significant occasions in congregational life may also be acknowledged in worship. However, it is important to keep these events in appropriate perspective, relative to the church’s celebration of Christ’s resurrection and God’s work in salvation history. As the *Directory for Worship* counsels:

We mark other occasions in worship, reflecting the cycles of civic and agricultural life, cultural and family celebrations, the commemoration of significant persons and events, and the programs and activities of the church. It is appropriate to observe such things, provided that they never distract from the worship of the triune God.

May the Lord be with you throughout the day, the week, the year and the days to come, as we await the dawning of God’s new creation and Christ’s coming again in glory.

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WORSHIP INFORMATION FOR APRIL, 2024

Sunday, 7 April, 2024

Holy Communion

“2nd Sunday of Easter” – Liturgical Color: White

Guest Preacher: Rev. Marvin Daniel

Sunday, 14 April, 2024

“3rd Sunday of Easter” – Liturgical Color: White

Guest Preacher: Rev. Marvin Daniel

Sunday, 21 April, 2024

“4th Sunday of Easter” – Liturgical Color: White

Guest Preacher: Rev. Nancy Clark

Sunday, 28 April, 2024

“5th Sunday of Easter” – Liturgical Color: White

Guest Preacher: Rev. Marvin Daniel



OUR PRAYER IN TIMES OF JOY AND CONCERN...One of our great joys and responsibilities to each other and to God here at Gregory Memorial is the regular practice of praying for each other and our community. Please let the church office know if any updates to this list are needed.

Those affected by Baltimore MD bridge disaster
 First-responders, world-wide
 Our deployed U.S. service personnel & their families
 Families, persons, communities affected by weather disasters
 & gun violence
 Those affected by the October 2023 Israeli-Hamas War in Gaza
 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

Emily Henry, Mary Holc's sister (health issue)
 Renee' Renier, Diana Flaherty's long-time friend (health issue)
 Charlie Perkins (health issue)
 Paula McDaniel, Pam Elder's sister (health issue)
 Grace Cibula (recovering at home; health issues)
 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 (dentist, ret.), Lykins family friend
 (recovering from fall)
 Alex Courtney of Florence, SC, business associate of Dianna L.
 Flaherty, Mary Lykins' daughter (injured, vehicle accident)
 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 Power' cousin (d. 3/17)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE ARE ENTERING THE SEASON OF EASTER:

March 31, 2024 – May 19, 2024 (Resurrection Day until Day of Pentecost).

CHRISTINE BELSCHES SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR FALL SEMESTER – APRIL 30

Applications may be given or emailed to:
Susan Shockley [susanshockley925@gmail.com], *OR*
Sandy Hunter [baskethunters@comcast.net], *OR*
bring to the Church Office OR mail to:

Gregory Memorial PC
P. O. Box 182
Prince George, VA 23875

COPIES OF “THESE DAYS” (APRIL- JUNE) are now available in the Narthex. Free copies are provided to Gregory’s congregation. For some daily inspirational reading, be sure to pick up your copy today while supply lasts!

STATED SESSION MEETING – 12 p.m. (est.)
after worship service on Sunday, April 21;
Rev. Nancy S. Clark, Moderator.

BSA TROOP 900 FUND-RAISING ACTIVITY

Our Troop 900 Scouts are selling hanging flower baskets and “Crater District Camp Cards” now to raise funds for Scouts to attend Camp this summer by selling **Hanging Flower Baskets** and **Crater District Camp Cards**. More details on Pages 4 and 5 of this Newsletter.

Orders for **Hanging Flower Baskets** are due by April 8 for delivery on April 16. Floral baskets cost: \$25 and payment for them is due on pick-up at church on April 16.

Crater District Camp Cards that are good through 12/31/2024, contain single-use coupons and a multiple-use discount center card for participating area businesses/restaurants that’s good through 12/31/2024. Camp Cards cost \$10 each and are available for immediate purchase from the Scouts.

Scout Leader Ralph Orr will be at church after worship service on **Sunday, April 7** to take orders for the flower baskets and sell the Camp Cards.

Contact: Ralph Orr
Tel.: 804.909.3880 or
Email: Rkorr724@comcast.net

HELPFUL HAPPENINGS IN OUR COMMUNITY:

Paper-Shred Event – Sat., April 6, 9 AM-12 PM

Location: Home Base Credit Union
4495 Crossings Blvd., Prince George

Bring canned goods donation & get your paper safely shredded for free! Limited to 2 boxes the size of a 10-ream copy paper carton.

“Clean Community Day” – Sat., April 27, 8 AM – 1PM

Locations: PGPD parking lot at 6600 Laurel Spring & Courthouse Rds.; also County Convenience Center, 3100 Union Branch Road

“Nat’l. Drug Take-back Day” – Sat., 10 AM- 2 PM

Accepting prescription & non-prescription meds for humans and pets.

NO NEEDLES OR OTHER INJECTABLE DEVICES!

Location: Beazley Elementary School parking lot

HOLY COMMUNION SCHEDULE FOR 2024

March 4, 2024 April 7, 2024	June 9, 2024 August 4, 2024	October 13, 2024 December 1, 2024
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ANNOUNCERS FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

April 7 Larry Johnson	April 14 Susan Shockley	April 21 Rose Scott	April 28 Donald Hunter
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“The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes.”

~ Marcel Proust

GREGORY MEMORIAL PC BSA TROOP 900 CAMP FUND-RAISER



BSA Troop 900

2024 Spring Hanging Flower Basket Fundraiser



MIXED HANGING BASKETS – beautiful, blooming & full! 3 different annuals mixed in a 10" hanging basket from Boulevard Gardens.

Multiple mixes available*

*Mixes may not look like example pictures above.

\$25 per hanging basket Orders Due by April 8th

Delivery April 16^h

Crater District Camp Card



Q Barbeque
Better Barbeque For Everybody

\$25 FAMILY MEAL DEAL

1 Pint of Pork BBQ
-OR-
Chicken BBQ
2 Pints of Sides
4 Sandwich Buns & BBQ Sauce

Visit www.qbarbeque.com for locations and other info. One time use only. Expires 12/31/24

\$5.00 OFF

the purchase of \$25.00 or more



BUFFALO WILD WINGS

2024 CAMP CARD **\$10**



Heart of Virginia Council, Boy Scouts of America
www.hovc.org

2024 BONUS

Card also includes 500k+ savings opportunities with Camp Card, see back for details





Card intended for fundraising purposes only. Supports fundraising, accepts cash, and may require a purchase. The selected selling site and all restrictions direct from card holder.

DAVE & BUSTER'S

FREE APPETIZER WITH THE PURCHASE OF A REGULAR PRICED ENTREE

LIMIT ONE COUPON PER PERSON, PER VISIT. MUST PRESENT ORIGINAL COUPON AND PHOTO ID. NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER DISCOUNTS, OFFERS OR COUPONS. VALID AT GLEN ALLEN LOCATION ONLY. BY CASHVILLE. EXCLUDES TAX. EXCLUDES ALCOHOL. EXPIRES 12/31/24



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Limit one per customer. Minimum purchase of \$100 before tax. Cannot be combined with other sale offers. Coupon valid in-store only. Not redeemable for cash or store credit. Excludes all taxes. Additional restrictions may apply. See store for details. Expires 12/31/24

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Jimmy's

10% OFF ANY PURCHASE OF \$10 OR MORE

Hardee's

\$1 OFF ANGUS BURGER COMBO (\$4.99) Valid at all Virginia locations

10% OFF ALL ENTRIES (12/11/24 - 12/31/24)

MIDAS \$20 OFF ANY SERVICE! Valid at all participating locations. Excludes tax. Excludes alcohol. Expires 12/31/24

SONIC

Buy a Single Soft Drink and Get One FREE! Limit one coupon per visit. Not valid with any other offers. Expires 12/31/24

City Point

10% OFF

215 E. Broadway, Hopewell

10% OFF ALL ENTRIES (12/11/24 - 12/31/24)

10% OFF ALL ENTRIES (12/11/24 - 12/31/24)

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- To sign up, use access code: 00000000
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Merchant subject to change and participating locations and expiration may vary.

BUFFALO WILD WINGS

Visit www.qbarbeque.com for locations and other info. One time use only. No substitutions. Expires 12/31/24

Q Barbeque

Better Barbeque For Everybody

\$25 FAMILY MEAL DEAL

VALID AT ANY Q BARBEQUE LOCATION

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One-time use coupons on the Crater District Camp Card (see Camp Card for complete details and exclusions):

- Green Top – Ashland
- Q Barbeque – All locations
- Buffalo Wild Wings
- Dave & Buster's – Glen Allen

Multiple-use coupons on the Crater District Camp Card:

- Cesare's Ristorante & Pizza – Chester
- El Caporal Mexican Restaurant – Chesterfield, Petersburg, Richmond & River's Bend
- Hardee's – All Virginia locations
- Ironbridge Sports Park – Chester
- Jimmy's Grill & Pizzeria – Prince George
- Luca Italian Restaurant – Prince George
- Midas of Richmond – Colonial Heights, Midlothian, Scott's Addition, Short Pump & Willow Lawn
- Morelia Mexican Restaurant – Prince George
- Sonic – participating locations

HOLY HUMOR

AND FINALLY... LIFE EXPLAINED.

[Spoken in the voice of actor Morgan Freeman:]

God created Dog and said, "Sit all day by the door of your house and bark at anyone who comes in or walks past. For this, I will give you a lifespan of 20 years."

Dog pondered His words for a moment, and then said "That's a long time to be barking. How about only 10 years, and I give you back the other 10?" God agreed.

Then God created Monkey and said, "Do tricks and make people laugh. For this I will give you a 20-year lifespan."

Monkey pondered His words a moment, and then said, "Tricks for 20 years? How about I give you back 10 like Dog did? And God agreed.

Thereafter, God created Cow and said to Cow, "You must go into the field with the farmer every day, have calves and give milk to support the farmer's family. For this I will give you a lifespan of 60 years."

Cow pondered His words for a moment and said, "That's kind of a tough life for 60 years. How about 20 and I give you back the other 40?" And God agreed again.

Then God created Man and said "Eat, sleep, play, marry, and enjoy your life. For this I will give you a lifespan of 20 years."

But Man said, "Only 20 years? Could you possibly give me my 20, the 40 that Cow gave back, the 10 that Monkey gave back, and the 10 that Dog gave back? That makes 80...okay?"

"Okay," said God, "You asked for it."

And, so, that is why for our first 20 years, we eat, sleep, play, and enjoy ourselves.

For the next 40 years, we slave in the sun to support our family.

For the next 10 years we do monkey tricks to entertain the grandchildren.

And for the last 10 years we sit on the front porch and bark at everyone.

Life has now been explained to you.



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SMALL WORLD ...

A minister waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of him. Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump.

"Reverend," said the young man, "I'm so sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip."

The minister chuckled, "I know what you mean. It's the same in my business."

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TAKE TIME ...

Take time ... to laugh. It is the music of the soul.

Take time ... to think. It is the source of power.

Take time ... to play. It is the source of perpetual youth.

Take time ... to read. It is the fountain of wisdom.

Take time ... to pray. It is the greatest power on earth.

Take time ... to love and be loved. It is a God-given privilege.

Take time ... to be friendly. It is the road to happiness.

Take time ... to give. It is too short a day to be selfish.

Take time .. to work. It is the price of success.

APRIL, 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 6a Clean church	5	6 "Paper Shred Event" @ Home Base Credit Union parking lot 4495 Crossings Blvd Prince George
7 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship service & Holy Communion Guest preacher: Rev. Marvin Daniel BSA Troop 900 Fund-raiser for Scout Camp	8 6p BSA Crater Dist. Order of Arrow Karakona Ch 13, Nawakwa Ldg 3 (Fellowship Hall, multiple rooms)	9 1p Circle (Location: G. Cibula's) 7p Finance Cmte	10 7p Faith Cmte	11 6a Clean church	12	13
14 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship service Guest preacher: Rev. Marvin Daniel	15	16 6p GSA Tr.5000 (Fellowship Hall, multiple rooms)	17	18 6a Clean church 2p Newsletter articles due 6p BSA Cub Pack 910 (Fellowship Hall, multiple rooms)	19	20
21 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship service Guest preacher: Rev. Nancy S. Clark 12p Stated Session Meeting Moderator: Rev. Nancy S. Clark	22	23	24	25 6a Clean church 2p Newsletter out	26	27 2 EVENTS: "Clean Community Day" - PGPD parking lot - Convenience Station on Union Branch Rd. "Nat'l Drug Take-back Day" Human & pet meds - Beazley School parking lot <u>NO needles or other injectables</u>
28 9:30a Sunday Sch. 11a Worship serv. ➤ 5 Cents-a-Meal Offering Guest preacher: Rev. Marvin Daniel	29	30 2p Cmte reports Due Last day to accept Scholarship applications				

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APRIL 2024 NEWSLETTER



COME AND JOIN US!
Sunday School 9:30 A.M.
Worship 11:00 A.M.

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