

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome the Rev. Marvin Daniel 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

Holy Communion – Next Sunday: April 7, 2024; Rev. Marvin Daniel, officiant.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be received today. An envelope for this special offering is provided in the bulletin.

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GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*(Term = 3 yrs.; * indicates a partial term)*

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GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“RESURRECTION OF THE LORD”/“EASTER DAY”

MARCH 31, 2024

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Sandra Perkins, Organist
Gail Hare, Pianist

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS/
SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS** Sandy Hunter

PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. Marvin Daniel
Guest Preacher

CALL TO WORSHIP [*Responsive reading; from #248, Glory to God hymnal*]

One: “Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

All: Hosanna! Hosanna!

One: Celebrate this day of days!

All: Hosanna! Hosanna!”

One: Let all creation be amazed!

All: Hosanna! Hosanna! Christ is risen!

***OPENING HYMN #223 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”**

CALL TO CONFESSION [*Pastor*]

The joy of this Easter Sunday reminds us of God’s resurrecting power. Let us confess all that turns us toward death, so we can know the grace of new life through Christ.

**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 31	APRIL 7
S	<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 ➤ Local Emerg. Aid Offering ➤ One Great Hour of Sharing Offering</p> <p>Guest preacher: Rev. Marvin Daniel</p>	<p>9:30a Sunday School</p> <p>11a Worship Service & Holy Communion</p> <p>Guest preacher: Rev. Marvin Daniel</p>
M	APRIL 1	8
T	2	9
W	3	10
T	4	11
F	5	12
S	6	13

	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	26	8	24			
March 31, 2024						

M=Members V=Visitors

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [In unison]

Savior God, forgive our life-alienating ways, our exclusion and judgment of others; the way we evaluate and compare. Forgive our death-dealing sins, our habits that demean and degrade, our addiction to violent and destructive behavior. Redeem us. Restore us. Resurrect us for life in Christ. Amen.

[Pause for a moment of silent confession.]

ASSURANCE OF PARDON [Responsive; from #232, Glory to God hymnal]

One: "Jesus Christ is risen today. But the pains which he endured, our salvation have procured."
All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia. Amen.

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

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

Divine Redeemer, bearer of life, open us to the wisdom of your Word today and enlighten us with your truth. Liberate us from all that distracts us and turns us from your path. Guide us and ground us in Christ's everlasting hope. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS [Holy Bible, NRSV Trans.]

Old Testament: Isaiah 55: 1-11; Isaiah 12: 2-6
 New Testament: Romans 6: 3-6; Psalm 114 Reader: S. Hunter
 Gospel Lesson: Mark 16: 1-8

SERMON "Raised Up" Rev. Marvin Daniel

***REFLECTIVE HYMN #229 "In the Darkness of the Morning"**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH [In unison; BOOK OF COMMON WORSHIP]

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast:

That Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.

We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

CALL FOR OFFERING [Pastor]

Give thanks to God for God is good. Let us gratefully give of our Offerings to the glory of God and in praise of Christ's resurrecting ministry.

OFFERING, OFFERTORY

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

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

God of the empty tomb, your grace astounds us, your generosity fills us to overflowing. Accept these offerings as signs of our gratitude and bless our work on Christ's behalf. May we love as Christ loved. May we serve as Christ served. Call us forth into your world, guided by Christ's spirit. Amen.

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

One: God of resurrection, of new life, of new beginnings, we stand before the empty tomb full of terror and amazement — like the Scripture describes the women who first discovered this miracle. We are amazed, Holy God, by your power, by your love, by the grace you extend to us and our world, even when we are undeserving.

All: In your mercy, Risen Savior, hear our prayers.

One: On this Easter Sunday, we bow before you in prayer, lifting our petitions for those who suffer and struggle, and searching for the strength and guidance we need to serve as your faithful disciples.

All: In your mercy, Risen Savior, hear our prayers.

One: Forgive us, God. Turn our hearts toward what is holy and right. Turn our faces toward your risen Son, whose light graces us with peace, love, and divine wisdom.

All: In your mercy, Risen Savior, hear our prayers.

One: On this Easter morning, let us recommit ourselves to Christ's path of peace and the road of Christian discipleship. This road is difficult and challenging, but it also leads to new and renewed life.

All: In your mercy, Risen Savior, hear our prayers.

One: Savior, hear our prayers that all who are struggling will know your resurrection hope. We pray for those in despair, the trapped and victimized, We pray for those without resources for survival, those who are unsafe and without a place or people to call home. We pray for the sick, the grieving, the loved ones we know are struggling.

All: God of hope, hear our prayers.

One: Strong God, we praise you as the one who rolls stones away from empty tombs and as the one who opens minds and softens hearts. We stand in awe of your power on this Easter Sunday. We celebrate your risen Son. Now hear us as we pray together the prayer Jesus taught us saying, **"Our Father..."**

DEPARTING HYMN #232 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION [Pastor]**

Celebrate this day of days! Rejoice in God, your Savior! Know the new life gifted through Jesus Christ! Shout your Alleluia's for all to hear!

May the grace, hope, peace and love of God our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with us all, now and forever. Amen.

POSTLUDE