

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome the Rev. Marvin Daniel back to our pulpit today!

Apr. Guest Preachers:

Apr. 7: Rev. Marvin Daniel; L. Johnson, Announcer

Apr 14: Rev. Marvin Daniel; S. Shockley, Announcer

Apr.21: Rev. Nancy S. Clark; R. Scott, Announcer

Apr.28: Rev. Marvin Daniel; Donald Hunter, Announcer

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GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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Donald Hunter (Clerk of Session (2024)

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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

"3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER"

APRIL 14, 2024

11:00 a.m.

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PRELUDE Sandra Perkins, Organist
Gail Hare, Pianist

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS/
SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS** Susan Shockley

PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. Marvin Daniel
Guest Preacher

CALL TO WORSHIP [*Responsive reading; inspired by Psalm 4*]

One: The Lord hears us when we call:

All: Come, let us put our trust in God.

One: The Lord fills our hearts with gladness:

All: Come, let us sing God’s praises with shouts of joy!

One: The Lord grants peace to our weary souls:

All: Come, let us rest by the quiet waters of God’s grace.

***OPENING HYMN #676 “Day is Done”**

CALL TO CONFESSION [*Pastor*]

To repent is to turn away from sin and turn toward Christ Jesus. Scripture promises that when we confess, God hears our cries and wipes away our sin (Acts 3:19). Trusting in God’s promises of new life, let us confess our sins and the sin of this world.

***Please stand, as able.**

OUR PRAYERS & CONCERNS

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
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)
Valerie Harsh, living in Staunton, VA (health issue)
Sean Godwin, grandson of Bill & Cheryl Godwin (health issue: MCV-Massey)

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THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

	APRIL 14	APRIL 21
S	"3RD Sunday of Easter" 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service Guest preacher: Rev. Marvin Daniel	"4TH Sunday of Easter" 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service ➤ 5 Cents-a- Meal Offering Guest preacher: Rev. Nancy S. Clark 12p Stated Session Meeting Rev. Clark, Moderator
M	15	22
T	16	23
W	17	24
	6p GSA Tr5000 (Fellowship Hall, multiple rooms)	
T	18	25
	6a Clean church 2p Newsletter articles due 6p BSA Cub Pack 910 (Fellowship Hall, multiple rooms)	6a Clean church 2p Newsletter out
F	19	26
S	20	27
		Clean Community Day Nat'l Drug Take-back Day

	M	V	M	V
April 7, 2024	21	6	13	
April 14, 2024				
April 21, 2024				
April 28, 2024				

M=Members V=Visitors

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [In unison]

Risen Christ, we are often troubled by our doubts. But you are not troubled by them. You do not require perfect understanding. Instead, you reveal yourself to us again and again that we might come to know you. Forgive us when our doubts keep us stuck, when fear prevents us from loving all creation as you call us to do. Help us to accept the peace you so graciously offer to us. Have mercy on us when we hoard or hide it, when we fail to offer it to others. Renew us and make us whole that in this world of strife we may be bearers of your peace. In resurrection hope we pray, Amen.

[Pause for a moment of silent confession.]

ASSURANCE OF PARDON [Pastor; from 1 John 3:1]

"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are." Children of God, we are claimed by God, forgiven of our sins, and set free for love. Alleluia! Amen.

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

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

Redeeming God, as we hear your Word spoken to us, open our eyes to see the risen Christ, open our ears to hear the good news of his salvation for all the world, and open our minds to understand the mysteries of your love. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS [Holy Bible, NRSV Trans.]

Acts 3: 12-19 p. 887
 Luke 24: 36b-48 p. 861 Reader S. Shockley
 Psalm 4 p. 425

SERMON "God's More-Than-Enough" Rev. Marvin Daniel

***REFLECTIVE HYMN #1 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"**

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]

In response to God's abundant grace at work in our lives, let us present with gratitude our gifts of time, talent and treasure, for the building up of God's kingdom.

OFFERING, OFFERTORY

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

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

Living Lord, we give you thanks for the bounty of your grace: you create us in your image, shower us with your love, forgive us when we turn away from you, and give us a future with hope. Bless these gifts we offer you today, and make us good stewards of the resources you have entrusted to us. May our gifts bring joy and peace in our church and in our community. In Christ's holy name we pray, Amen.

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

One: God of abundant grace, we gather today just as your first disciples gathered in the wake of the resurrection: in joy, wonder and disbelief. We remember that whenever we gather in your name, you appear in our midst, offering us the comfort of your presence and the assurance of your love. And we give you thanks that like those first disciples, you give us a community to practice our faith. Grant us grace to hold space for one another's doubts and questions. Give us courage to admit that we do not have all the answers.

All: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.

One: We remember that when the risen Christ first appeared to his disciples, he offered them peace. Our world is deeply in need of your peace, O God. We pray for innocent victims of war in Ukraine and Gaza and around the world. Put an end to violence, Lord. Teach us to recognize our shared humanity, our shared status as your beloved children, each of us created in your image. Lead each of us to prioritize peace, both in our homes and communities and in the wider world. We pray for all who sit in seats of power: fill their hearts with compassion and their decisions with wisdom, that all may have the chance not only to survive, but to flourish.

All: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.

One: Most of all, God, save us from despair. Open our eyes to see the signs of resurrection life that are all around us. Plant hope within us, and help us to nurture its tender shoots, that it may grow more robust each day. May we begin to imagine the future of your shalom.

All: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.

One: Lord of life, remind us of our call to love one another as you have loved us, with a love that casts out fear and creates community. Grant us energy to serve one another with humility and hope. Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes again and all things are made new. We pray in his name as he taught us:
"Our Father...."

DEPARTING HYMN #321 "The Church's One Foundation"

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION [Pastor; words of St. Teresa of Avila]**

As you go out from this place, remember that "Christ has no body but yours.. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, Yours are the eyes, you are his body... Christ has no body now on earth but yours."

Together we are the resurrected body of Christ in the world. And wherever we go, however we live into that call, the risen Christ will be with us, God's love will surround us, and the Spirit will breathe new life into our weary souls. Amen.

POSTLUDE