

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome the Rev. Nancy S. Clark 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

Stated Session Meeting for April – Today, after worship service;
Rev. Nancy S. Clark, Moderator

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

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., April 27, 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

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GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Pastor: As announced

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Organist: Sandra Perkins Pianist: Gail Hare

Treasurer: Susan Shockley Financial Sec.: Sandy Hunter

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*

“4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER”

APRIL 21, 2024

11:00 a.m.

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PRELUDE Sandra Perkins, Organist
Gail Hare, Pianist

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS/
SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS** Rose Scott

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

CALL TO WORSHIP [*Responsive reading; based on Psalm 23*]

One: Our Good Shepherd has led us to this place.

All: He leads us beside still waters; he restores our soul.

One: Even though we walk through dark valleys, even though we are fearful and in need of comfort

All: Our cup overflows with God's goodness and mercy; we shall dwell in the house of the Lord our whole lives long.

***OPENING HYMN #263 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"**

CALL TO CONFESSION [*Pastor*]

The joy of this Easter season continues as we are called to Word and worship. Let us pause to confess our sins to our Good Shepherd.

**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 21	APRIL 28
S	"4th Sunday of Easter" 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service Guest preacher: Rev. Nancy S. Clark	"5th Sunday of Easter" 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service Guest preacher: Rev. Marvin Daniel
M	22	29
T	23	30
W	24	MAY 1
T	6a Clean church 2p Newsletter out	6a Clean church 6p BSA Cub Pack 910 (Fellowship Hall, multiple rooms)
F	26	3
S	8a-1p "Clean Community Day" 10a-2p "Nat'l Drug Take-back Day"	4

	M	V	M	V
April 7, 2024	21	6	13	
April 14, 2024	18	8	12	
April 21, 2024				
April 28, 2024				

M=Members V=Visitors

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [In unison]

Savior God, you guide us, but we are slow to follow and stubborn. You welcome us to your fold, but we make others feel as if they don't belong. Forgive our life-alienating ways, our exclusion and judgment; the way we evaluate and compare, demean and degrade. Redeem us. Restore us. Help us be faithful as your flock. Amen.

[Pause for a moment of silent confession.]

ASSURANCE OF PARDON [Pastor]

Christ forgives. Christ transforms. Christ renews. Christ leads us down the path of new beginnings. We are a new creation, ready to sing God's glory and testify to God's grace. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

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

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

God our helper, guide us into and through your Word, that we might be shaped by your Spirit's message to us today and transformed for service in your world. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS [Holy Bible, NRSV Trans.]

1st Reading: Psalm 23:1-6

- ¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- ² He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;
- ³ he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
- ⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
- ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

2nd Reading: John 10:1-15

REFLECTIVE HYMN #835 "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"*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 [Pastor]*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER [Responsive reading]**

One: Holy God, Good Shepherd, we turn to you in prayer because we need a leader, someone we can trust, someone who can show us the way in complicated and confusing times.

All: Guide us, Good Shepherd.

One: The world's problems overwhelm. The burden of suffering is great. We bear witness to tragedy after tragedy in the news, threatening our hope for a just world, a path to peace and a beloved kin-dom. What can we do, God? How can we be of help? What power do we have to transform evil to good?

All: Guide us, Good Shepherd.

One: When we doubt our worth and our beloved-ness, remind us that we are yours, that we belong, that we have place within your flock. Remind us and comfort us with the knowledge that in body and in soul, in life and in death we belong to you, our Savior and Shepherd. Unite your flock with your love and help us be as welcoming of others as you are to us.

All: Guide us, Good Shepherd.

One: Just as the shepherd knows each of his sheep, help us to know and care for those in need of your merciful grace. Hear our prayers for: The innocent caught in the cross hairs of war... Soldiers suffering from moral injury and PTSD... The sick and those who care for them... The grieving, the exhausted, the depressed... Those in need of resurrection hope... Now hear us as we pray together the prayer our Savior taught us saying, **"Our Father..."**

DEPARTING HYMN #269 "Lead On, O King Eternal!"***CHARGE & BENEDICTION [Pastor]****POSTLUDE**