

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

Guest preacher for Sunday, May 5: Rev. Dr. Katherine C. Jackson

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GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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

"5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER"

APRIL 28, 2024

11:00 a.m.

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PRELUDE Sandra Perkins, Organist
Gail Hare, Pianist

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

PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. Marvin Daniel
Guest Preacher

CALL TO WORSHIP [*Responsive reading;*]

One: We gather this day in joy and Christian fellowship,

All: for we are the church of Jesus Christ!

One: We pray for the Holy Spirit to be among us,

All: opening our hearts and minds to the worship of God!

*OPENING HYMN #611 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

CALL TO CONFESSION [*Pastor*]

When we come before God, we remember and proclaim who God is: merciful, just, holy, and loving. We must also remember who we are, and we are a people who have not always been the people God has called us to be. We have not always been merciful, just, holy or loving. So let us confess our sin, trusting in God’s goodness to forgive us and create us anew for our lives ahead.

**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 28	MAY 5
S	"5th Sunday of Easter" 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service ➤ 5 Cents-a Meal Offering Guest preacher: Rev. Marvin Daniel	"6th Sunday of Easter" 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service Guest preacher: Rev. Dr. Katherine C. Jackson
M	29	6
T	2p Cmte reports due 30	7
W	MAY 1	7p Faith Cmte 8
T	6a Clean church 2 6p BSA Cub Pack 910 (Fellowship Hall, multiple rooms)	6a Clean church 9
F	3	10
S	4	11

	M	V	M	V
April 7, 2024	21	6	13	
April 14, 2024	18	8	12	
April 21, 2024	27	5	12	
April 28, 2024				

M=Members V=Visitors

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [In unison]

Gracious God, our hearts are restless until they find their home in you. Forgive our pursuit of things that separate us from you. We pursue success, realizing it will never be enough. We desire more possessions, knowing they are empty. We turn toward the world and hope we will find peace, knowing the world cannot provide it. Forgive us, we pray, and may our wandering hearts find their rest in you alone. Amen.

[Pause for a moment of silent confession.]

ASSURANCE OF PARDON [Responsive; from 2 Corinthians 5:17]

One: Hear the good news! In Christ, we are new creations. The old life is gone, thank God! A new life has begun. Know you are forgiven, and be at peace.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen

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

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

Gracious God, may your Holy Spirit open our hearts and minds to your words of love and grace this day. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS [Holy Bible, NRSV Trans.]

1st Reading: Psalm 22: 25-31 p. 435
 2nd Reading: Acts 10:44-48 p. 895 Reader: D. Hunter
 Gospel Lesson: John 15:1-8 p. 878

SERMON "Abundant Harvest" Rev. Marvin Daniel

***REFLECTIVE HYMN #451 "Open My Eyes, That I May See"**

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]

Having heard the good news and being assured of God's love and grace, our only response is one of gratitude. Let us give thanks with what we have and who we are. Let us give our offering.

OFFERING, OFFERTORY

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

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

Gracious God, please accept these gifts and use them for the coming of your kingdom in this time and place. In gratitude for all we have and for your love for us, we pray with thanksgiving. Amen.

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

One: Gracious God, you have promised to hear us when we pray to you, and we desperately need your guidance and care. We are a people who often walk around with a long list of concerns and worries on our minds. What a gift it is to come and offer them to you — for you are the author of all grace and goodness.

All: Hear our prayers, O Lord.

One: We worry about the state of the world. More people die in Gaza and Ukraine, and we grieve it all. We pray for your peace to come to every war zone in the world and for leaders to be filled with a spirit of reconciliation and care.

All: Hear our prayers, O Lord.

One: We worry about the state of our nation. It seems that divisiveness still reigns and that our very democracy is threatened. Remind us, Lord, of the greater good. Let us live into our highest ideals and may we be agents of unity in a difficult time.

All: Hear our prayers, O Lord.

One: We worry about our communities. May your hand be in all of our decisions as a community so that we can be a light unto the world. We worry about those who are sick and suffering and we give thanks for all the doctors and medical workers who live into their calling with grace and care. Help us each to offer a kind word and helping hand when we are able. May your Spirit be with all who suffer, giving them each a peace that surpasses all understanding.

All: Hear our prayers, O Lord.

One: Lord, all that we know of goodness and love is found in the person of Jesus Christ and so we now join our voices together in the prayer that he taught us saying, "**Our Father...**"

DEPARTING HYMN #306 Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION [Pastor]**

May you leave this place to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ in the world, offering love and grace to all you meet. And may you be blessed by the triune God, Father, Son and Spirit. Amen

POSTLUDE