

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

May Guest Preachers:

May 5: Rev. Dr. Katherine C. Jackson; L. Johnson, Announcer

May 12: Rev. Marvin Daniel; S. Shockley, Announcer

May 19: Rev. Marvin Daniel; R. Scott, Announcer

May 26: Rev. Dr. Katherine C. Jackson; D. Hunter, Announcer

Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering - We celebrate Mother's Day today with our participation in the Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering during this morning's worship. The Birthday Offering envelope is enclosed along with a flyer with info describing how the funds will be spent.

Day of Pentecost: May 19 – The enclosed flyer (“I Am Coming to You”- John 14:18b) explains how the Pentecost Special Offering will be used for children at-risk, youth and young adults. The offering will be received on the Day of Pentecost, Sunday, May 19.

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GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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

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“MOTHER’S DAY”**

MAY 12, 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*]

One: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked.

All: We delight in God’s Word, we meditate on God day and night.

One: Our worship grounds us in God;. Like trees planted by streams of
Water, God helps us yield good fruit.

All: We do not wither when we spend time in God’s presence.

***OPENING HYMN #39 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”**

CALL TO CONFESSION [*Pastor*]

As this Easter season comes to a close, we turn again to God to confess our
sins, the sins of our community and our society, to prepare ourselves to live
into the redemption Christ offers.

**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)
Marty Mann, brother-in-law of Donald Hunter & Pat Hunter (health issues)

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THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

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| | | MAY 12 | | MAY 19 |
| S | Mother's Day "7th Sunday of Easter" 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service ➤ Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering Guest preacher: Rev. Marvin Daniel | | Day of Pentecost 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service ➤ Pentecost Offering Guest preacher: Rev. Marvin Daniel 12p Stated Session Meeting Moderator: Rev. Daniel | |
| M | 6p-9p BSA Tr900 Cyber-Bullying/ Internet Safety Class; and BSA Crater Order of Arrow (Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall, multiple rooms) | 13 | | 20 |
| T | 1p Circle meets at Grace Cibula's 7p Finance Cmte | 14 | 6p GSA Tr5000 (Fellowship Hall, multiple rooms) | 21 |
| W | | 15 | 6p-9p BSA Eagle Scout (Philpot); Fellowship Hall, Reception area, Kitchen, Meeting/Dining Room | 22 |
| T | 6a Clean church 2p Newsletter articles due 6p BSA Cub Pack 910 (Fellowship Hall, multiple rooms) | 16 | 6a Clean church 2p Newsletter out | 23 |
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| S | | 18 | | 25 |

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| May 5, 2024 | 18 | 10 | 8 | |
| May 12, 2024 | | | | |
| May 19, 2024 | | | | |
| May 26, 2024 | | | | |

M=Members V=Visitors

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [In unison]

Savior God, we invite you into our lives for a season, only to forget and neglect you once again. You beckon us, calling for our attention, but we are distracted and busy taking care of other priorities. Remind us, Holy God, that you are the source of our flourishing. You are the living water by which we have been planted. Forgive our neglect. Forgive our unfaithfulness. Focus us on you, your Word, and all that your Spirit provides. Amen.

[Pause for a moment of silent confession.]

ASSURANCE OF PARDON [Responsive]

One: Christ forgives. Christ transforms. Christ renews. Christ leads us down the path of new beginnings.

All: **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]**

Open us, Holy One, to your Word and your Way. Clear our minds of daily distractions. Fill our hearts with the humility we need to hear and receive the message you intend for us today. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS [Holy Bible, NRSV Trans.]

1st Lesson: Psalm 98

2nd Lesson: John 15:9-17

Reader: S. Shockley

Gospel Lesson: Acts 10: 44-48

SERMON

"Please, Be Our Guest"

Rev. Marvin Daniel

***REFLECTIVE HYMN #15 "All Creatures of Our God and King"**

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]

With joy and gratitude for all we have been given, let us offer our gifts to God.

OFFERING, OFFERTORY

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION [Pastor]**

O God, maker and provider, you have blessed us with many gifts. Use us, and what we have gathered, to feed the world through your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER [Pastor leads...]

One: Wellspring of Life, on this Mother's Day we give thanks for the way you nurture and care for each of us as your beloved children. We praise you for your comfort and care; for the ways you wrap your divine arms around us and pull us close; for the ways you suffer when we suffer, like a mother grieving over the pain of her child.

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

One: God of Wisdom, Nurturer of Hope, we also give thanks for the faithful lives of women without children, for the abundant gifts they share, for the fruitful lives they live. For all those for whom "Mother's Day" is painful, we pray the church can be a place that embraces and celebrates all expressions of love and all those who delight in the care and upbringing of God's children.

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

One: God who provides, help us to know and care for people who are in need of your mercy and grace. Today, we turn our attention to the innocent caught in the crosshairs of war; political leaders seeking paths to peace, yet are stymied by powerful opposition; the grieving, the exhausted, the depressed; the displaced, the threatened, the unjustly persecuted; the sick and those who care for them ...

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

One: Now hear us as we pray together the prayer our Savior taught us saying, "**Our Father...**"

DEPARTING HYMN #317 "In Christ There Is No East or West"

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION [Pastor]**

We are an Easter people! Christ is risen! Live into the hope of Christ's resurrection and follow the Spirit to those who most need God's love, mercy and care.

May the grace, hope, peace and love of God our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with you now and always. Amen.

POSTLUDE