

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome Rev. Marvin Daniel to Gregory Memorial's pulpit today!

**April Chimes, Acolyte, Preachers, Announcers\* (\*Readers, if requested):**

Chimes: Sandy Hunter / Acolyte: Donald Hunter

April 6 "Holy Communion": Rev. Dr. Katherine C. Jackson; M. Holc, Announcer

April 13 "Palm Sunday": Rev. John Scholer; D. Hunter, Announcer

April 17 "Maundy Thursday": Rev. Dr. Katherine C. Jackson; service at 7 p.m.

**April 20, "Easter Day": Rev. Marvin Daniel; P. Johnson, Announcer**

April 27 "2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter": Rev. Dr. C. E. Bagwell; S. Hunter, Announcer

**"Small-Church" Leadership Gathering – Wed., April 23 from 10:30 a.m. –**

**12 p.m. at 2<sup>nd</sup> Presbyterian Church** [419 W. Washington St. in Petersburg].

Representatives from area Presbyterian churches {Clerk, Commissioned minister, interested congregation members}, are encouraged to will gather for a "meet & greet" with Presbytery of the James' new Presbyter, Dr. Kerry Foster, to discuss how re-tooling of Presbytery goals will affect area churches.

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### **GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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Pastor: Rev. Marvin Daniel

Church Administrator: Nancy Adams ([office@gregorymemorial.org](mailto:office@gregorymemorial.org))

Organist: Sandra Perkins Pianist: Gail Hare

Treasurer: Susan Shockley Financial Sec.: Sandy Hunter

### **Session Members**

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

Doug Holc (2025); David Johnson (2025); Patsy Johnson (2025)

Mary Holc (2026); Sandy Hunter (2026); William Shill (2026)

Blake Bishop (2027); Susan Shockley (2027); Jonathan Mendoza (2027)

Donald Hunter (Clerk of Session (2025)

### **Trustees**

Kevin Foster (2025); Gail Hare (2026); Donald Hunter (2027)

## 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*

**"RESURRECTION OF THE LORD" / "EASTER DAY"**

**APRIL 20, 2025**

**11:00 a.m.**

## GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### “RESURRECTION OF THE LORD”/“EASTER DAY”

APRIL 20, 2025

11:00 a.m.

**PRELUDE** Sandra Perkins, Organist  
Gail Hare, Pianist

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR** Sandy Hunter  
**ACOLYTE** Donald Hunter

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS/  
SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS** Patsy Johnson

**PASSING OF THE PEACE** Rev. Marvin Daniel

**CALL TO WORSHIP** [from hymn #232 “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”  
Glory to God hymnal]

One: Jesus Christ is risen today!

**All: Alleluia!**

One: Our triumphant and holy day!

**All: Alleluia!**

One: Praise our God, ye heavenly host!

**All: Alleluia!**

**\* OPENING HYMN # 246 “Christ Is Alive!”**

**CALL TO CONFESSION** [Pastor]

Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ, not even death. Trusting in this Good News, let us turn to God to honestly confess our sins.

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**\* Please stand, as able.**

## OUR PRAYERS & CONCERNS

First-responders, firefighters, search & rescue personnel, world-wide  
All persons and their pets affected by wildfires nation-wide  
Our deployed U.S. service personnel & their families  
Families, persons, communities affected by weather disasters & gun violence  
All families affected by war & civil unrest in the Middle East  
Sovereign Country of Ukraine & its people  
Those 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)  
Larry Brown of Chesterfield, Larry Johnson’s friend (health issue)  
Emily Henry, Mary Holc’s sister (health issue)  
Paula McDaniel, Pam Elder’s sister (health issue)  
Renee’ Renier, Diana Flaherty’s long-time friend (health issue)  
Moneka Suprenant, Susan Shockley’s & Sandy Eickmeyer’s friend (health issue)  
Mary Kay & Mike Schroeter (health issues)  
Dr. Joseph Hillier of Matoaca, Lykins family friend (health issue)  
Alex Courtney of Florence, SC, business associate of Dianna L. Flaherty,  
Mary Lykins’ daughter  
Dennis Allen (health issue)  
Corey Whelan, Pat Hunter’s grandson (health issue)  
Judy Recher (health issue)  
Shirley MacNeill (health issues)  
Sean Godwin, Bill & Cheryl Godwin’s grandson (health issue)  
Charlie Perkins (health issue)  
Evelyn Foster  
Marcus O’Neill, husband of Wayne Powers’ niece, Ashley  
(health issue)  
Michael Evans, former son-in-law of Nancy & A. W. Adams; son of  
Bobby & Sandra Tipton and Ray Evans (health issue)

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# THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

		<b>April 20</b>	<b>April 27</b>
S	<b>"Resurrection of the Lord"/ "Easter Day"</b>  <b>7a</b> Sunrise Service, followed by breakfast in Fellowship Hall  <b>9:30a</b> Sunday School  <b>11a</b> Worship Service by Rev. Marvin Daniel	<b>"2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter"</b>  <b>9:30a</b> Sunday School  <b>11a</b> Worship Service By Rev. Dr. C. E. Bagwell  ➤ 5¢-a-Meal Offering	
M		21	28
T		22	29
W	<b>10:30a - 12p</b> "Small-Church" Leadership Gathering at 2 <sup>nd</sup> Presbyterian Church 419 W. Washington St. in Petersburg	23	30
T	<b>6a</b> Clean Church  <b>2p</b> Newsletter out	24	<b>MAY 1</b>  <b>6a</b> Clean Church
F		25	2
S	<b>8-9p</b> PG Study Group AA (Fellowship Hall, Kitchen)	26	<b>8-9p</b> PG Study Group AA (Fellowship Hall, Kitchen)

Attendance	Worship	Service	Sunday	School
	M	V	M	V
April 6, 2025	31	13	13	
April 13, 2025	25	8	13	1
April 20, 2025				
April 27, 2025				

M=Members V=Visitors

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION *[In unison]*

You call us to hope, Savior God, but we despair. You call us to work for peace, but we doubt its power. You call us to community, but we judge and shun. Transform us, Holy One, by the joy of this Easter. Let us celebrate this day as a new beginning and a new life. Amen.

*[Pause for a moment of silent confession]*

## \* ASSURANCE OF PARDON *[In unison]*

Christ conquered death to restore us to life. Believe this good news. Live this resurrection. Hope in God's promise because we are forgiven in Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

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

Savior God, we need your good news. We need the challenge of your Holy Spirit. We need this time of Word and worship. Help us to tune our hearts and minds to your will and your way as we approach the Scriptures today. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE READING *[Holy Bible, NRSV Trans.]*

Old Testament: Isaiah 65:17-25 [p.607-608] Rev. Marvin Daniel  
Psalm 118:1-2; 14-24 [p.492-493] Reader: P. Johnson

New Testament: Luke 24: 1-12 [p.860] Reader: P. Johnson  
Luke 24: 13-53 [p.860-861] Rev. Marvin Daniel

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** "These Things Had to Happen" Rev. Marvin Daniel

## \* REFLECTIVE HYMN # 236 "The Strife Is O'er"

**\* 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.

**\* HYMN OF DEDICATION # 698 "Take, O Take Me as I Am" [Sing twice]**

**CALL FOR OFFERING [Pastor]**

With glad and generous hearts, let us give from what we have received.

**OFFERING, OFFERTORY**

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

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

God, you meet our needs and transform us for service. Accept these gifts as tokens of our gratitude and bless Christ's ministry with these offerings. Amen.

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

One: The heavens and earth rejoice! God raised Jesus from the dead and promised us everlasting life. Nothing can separate us from God's love in Jesus Christ. We praise you, O Holy One. We adore you. We celebrate our new life in Christ. Hear these prayers of your people for the power of resurrection to transform us and set us free.

**All: In your mercy, resurrect us, O God,**

One: from exhaustion and anxiety, great resignations, political divisions, gas-lighting and culture wars.

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**All: In your mercy, resurrect us, O God,**

One: from our tendencies to hoard and consume without thought of neighbor or planet, from our need to satisfy every craving, from our habit of stuffing ourselves beyond what is healthy or necessary.

**All: In your mercy, resurrect us, O God,**

One: from our thirst for violence, our rationalization of revenge, our disbelief in peace as a pragmatic path.

**All: In your mercy, resurrect us, O God,**

One: from doubts and depression, from hopelessness and despair, from painful waves of grief,

**All: In your mercy, resurrect us, O God,**

One: from social evils that plague us, the injustice of poverty, racism, transphobia, homophobia, and xenophobia.

**All: In your mercy, resurrect us, O God,**

One: Living Christ, we praise you for opening the gates of everlasting life and leading us through the wilderness to this glorious day of hope. We are not lost. We are not alone. We welcome you, our Risen Savior. Hear us now as we pray the prayer Christ taught us, *"Our Father..."*

**\* DEPARTING HYMN # 232 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"**

**\* CHARGE & BENEDICTION [Pastor leads....]**

One: Christ is risen!

**All: Christ is risen, indeed!**

One: Leave this worship a resurrected people, living into the hope of the gospel's good news! May the grace, hope, peace and love of God our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with you now and always. Amen.

**\* POSTLUDE**

## Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church

### Easter Flowers - 2025



*The lilies in our Sanctuary are given by:*

**Rev. Marvin Daniel (2)** – Given to the Glory of God.

**Kevin, Tara, Kevin II, Madison Foster (4)** – In honor of Evelyn P. Foster, Sarah E. Solesbee, Robbi Foster; In memory of Garland R. Foster, Sr., Frank E. Solesbee, Sr., Alan S. Foster, Helen & Grace Cibula, Mary Evans.

**Donald & Sandy Hunter** – In honor of all those who have helped to keep our Church alive; In memory of our parents & grandparents.

**Pat Hunter** – In honor of my Gregory Family.

**Larry & Linda Johnson (2)** – In honor of our grandchildren: Corinne, Jack, Owen, Natalie, and Emily; In memory of our parents: Mae & Homer Elkins, Ima & Clarence Johnson.

**Mary Lykins** – Given to the Glory of God.

**Shirley MacNeill** – In honor of Gwen Allen & DJ; In memory of Jim MacNeill, Aida Faries.

**Maddi & Jonathan Mendoza** – In honor of Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church & our Church Family.

**William Robertson** – In honor of Shirley MacNeill, friend; In memory of Ruth M. Robertson, mother.

**Rose Scott & Wayne Powers** – In memory of Gladys, Roland & Jimmy Wiseman, Cliff Scott; Peg Ward.

**William Shill** – In memory of Amanda Shill.

**Susan Shockley (2)** – In memory of Harold Shockley, Anna Lee Shockley, Mabel Bromley, George Rex Bromley.

**Smyth Family** – Given to the Glory of God for good fortune & health of our families.

**Barbara Taliaferro (2)** – In memory of Tommie L. Taliaferro, Tracy Taliaferro.

**David & Lauren Togger** – Given to the Glory of God.

**Please take your Easter lilies after the worship service.**