

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**We welcome Rev. Dr. Charles E. Bagwell 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**

**Please note:** Email address for Rev. Dr. Bagwell is [cebagwel@vcu.edu](mailto:cebagwel@vcu.edu)

**We're having a Baby Shower Breakfast (Proud Parents-to-Be: Lauren & David Togger) on Sunday, May 18, 9:30-10:30 a.m. (during the Sunday School Hour) -** Please plan to join us in the Fellowship Hall as we joyfully celebrate the pending arrival of a new member to the Togger family with a Baby Shower Breakfast that Faith Committee is hosting for Lauren and David. All are invited!

**Coalition of Tri-Cities Churches Meeting – Tues., May 20, 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Destination Church (Crossings Shopping Center).** Be a part of Faith-based Disaster Response. For more info, contact: Brion Bear, Deputy PG Emergency Management Coordinator; Tel. 804.919.1740, [bbear@princegeorgecountyva.gov](mailto:bbear@princegeorgecountyva.gov) Food & drinks will be provided. Deadline to RSVP: May 12.

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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

**"2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER"**

**APRIL 27, 2025**

**11:00 a.m.**

## GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### “2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER”

APRIL 27, 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** Sandy Hunter

**PASSING OF THE PEACE** Rev. Dr. Charles E. Bagwell

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP [based on Psalm 118:14-29]**

One: God of peace, we enter this holy room knowing the gospel's  
cornerstones of grace and mercy are often rejected in our world.

**All: Yet we understand that rejection is not the end of the story.**

One: We know that those we have come to know as the builders and the  
rulers of the world do not have the final word.

**All: Despite powers and principalities, despite the clamoring of meanness  
and cruelty,**

One: this is the day that the Lord has made.

**All: Grace is the ground upon which we walk. Let us rejoice and be glad.**

**\* OPENING HYMN # 263 “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”**

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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)  
Family/friends of His Holiness, Pope Francis (Jorge Mario Bergoglio), d. 4/21

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# THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

S	<b>"2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter"</b> <b>April 27</b>	<b>"3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter"</b> <b>May 4</b>
	<b>9:30a</b> Sunday School	<b>9:30a</b> Sunday School
	<b>11a</b> Worship Service By Rev. Dr. C. E. Bagwell	<b>11a</b> Worship Service By Rev. Marvin Daniel
	➤ 5¢-a-Meal Offering	
M	28	5
T	29	6
W	30	7
T	<b>May 1</b>	<b>7-9p</b> GSA Tr 5000 (Fellowship Hall) 8
	<b>6a</b> Clean Church	<b>6a</b> Clean Church
F	2	9
S	3	10
	<b>8-9p</b> PG Study Group AA (Fellowship Hall, Kitchen)	<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	32	19	13	1
April 27, 2025				

M=Members V=Visitors

## CALL TO CONFESSION *[Pastor]*

We are called to tell the truth. As much as we are tempted to hide, telling the truth together reminds us that we trust in God's grace and the grace of this community. Honesty, confession, and forgiveness restore us to one another. As we pray together, we are reminded that our confessions of sin are held in community. The literal words matter less than the contrite hearts who speak it. Trusting God loves us, let us pray.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION *[In unison; based on John 20:19-31]*

Holy God, we have found ourselves in fear, locked in rooms of inaction and indecision, unclear where we are called or what we could offer. We have lost ourselves in anxiety so loud we have not heard your voice. We have believed in the finality of your death and assumed all is left to our own meager efforts. We have refused to see, so we might not have to believe the gospel and live our lives accordingly.

*[Pause for a moment of silent confession]*

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

The God of truth is present to us in the speaking of truth. The Spirit of grace is present to us in the sharing of grace. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

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

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

Holy God, we have come here for a word of life. As we seek you in your Word, meet us here. Grant us your wisdom and your hope. Amen.

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

Old Testament: Psalm 150 [p. 508]

New Testament: Revelation 1:4-8 [p. 994-995]

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**\* REFLECTIVE HYMN # 825 "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"**

**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH [In unison; from A Brief Statement of Faith]**

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

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

**CALL FOR OFFERING [Pastor]**

We are called to give because we confess a God who invites us into community. Giving reminds us that God calls us beyond ourselves, and this is good news. So come and share in life together – whether you give an offering of prayer or praise, money, or time – come and practice a life invested in community.

**OFFERING, OFFERTORY**

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

**FIVE CENTS-A-MEAL (RED WAGON) OFFERING**

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

God of abundance, take these gifts, which were already yours, and use them to knit us closer to each other and closer to the world you so love. Amen.

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

One: Christ of New Life, come again to your people in this Easter season. We have come here hoping for a blessing, not only for ourselves, but for the people we 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, Lord, hear our prayers;**

One: For all the people in all the systems that enable us to be here safely now, among our chosen community: Holy God, be with them as they care for us through their labor and remind us of the care we owe them in return.

**All: In your mercy, Lord, hear our prayers;**

One: Holy Spirit, we ask that you comfort those who are frightened for physical health, financial circumstances, citizenship status. We pray that as structures fail individuals, you enable our care for each other.

**All: In your mercy, Lord, hear our prayers;**

One: Make a way for us to do right by each other. We ask that you grant the resources of this abundant world to serve human thriving and support the ecosystem that is our home and your cathedral. God of the Universe, do not leave us to reap the harvest of our recklessness. Teach us to walk lightly in your way. Lead us to the work that will make our lives a prayer for mercy for this whole world you so love. Hear us now, as we pray the prayer Christ taught us by saying together, **"Our Father..."**

**\* DEPARTING HYMN # 649 "Amazing Grace"**

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

**\* POSTLUDE**