

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

Chimes: Patsy Johnson / Acolyte: Wayne Powers

July 6: Rev. Dr. K. C. Jackson; R. Scott, Announcer

July 13: Rev. Marvin Daniel; M. Holc, Announcer

July 20: Rev. Marvin Daniel; D. Hunter, Announcer

July 27: Rev. Dr. Kerry Foster, Acting Gen. Presbyter, PoJ; P. Johnson, Announcer

Called Congregation Meeting – Today after worship service. Meeting is called for the purpose of electing members of 2025 Congregation Nominating Committee.

“Back to School” Backpack Supplies - Let's “lend a hand” and help give the students in Prince George as successful school year! Gregory Memorial will be assisting the county by filling 5 Elementary backpacks. The backpacks will be distributed at each elementary school's orientation. Next week (July 20) the Faith Committee is asking everyone to select a “hand” from the tree in the Narthex which will list an item(s) needed. Please return your item(s) either on Sunday, July 27 or Sunday, Aug. 3. Keep in mind that many items can be bought at the local Dollar Stores. [7/13, 7/20, 7/27, 8/3]

“THESE DAYS” (Jul. – Sep.) – Copies of this publication are available in Narthex. Free to congregation. Pick up your copy today for some daily inspirational reading!

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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 AFTER PENTECOST”

July 13, 2025

11:00 a.m.

GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“5th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST”

July 13, 2025

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

Sandra Perkins, Organist
Gail Hare, Pianist

CHIMING OF THE HOUR ACOLYTE

Susan Shockley
Wayne Powers

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS/ SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

Mary Holc

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Marvin Daniel

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Christ has set us free.

All: Free to serve.

One: Christ has set us free.

All: Free to welcome and include.

One: Christ has set us free.

All: Free to love our neighbors as ourselves.

One: Let us worship our God in praise.

*** OPENING HYMN # 610 "O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"**

CALL TO CONFESSION [*Pastor*]

Our world and our human desires often lead us to oppose God's way.
Before we hear the Word read and proclaimed, let us confess these sins before
our God.

*** Please stand, as able.**

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THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

S	"5th Sunday after Pentecost" July 13	"6th Sunday after Pentecost" July 20
	9:30a Sunday School	9:30a Sunday School
	11a Worship Service by Rev. Marvin Daniel	11a Worship Service by Rev. Marvin Daniel
	12p Called Congregation Meeting [Purpose: Election of 2025 Congregation Nominating Cmte] Officiant: Rev. Daniel	12p Stated Session Meeting Officiant: Rev. Daniel
M	14	7p Finance Cmte 21
T	15	22
W	16	23
T	17	24
	6a Clean Church 2p News [Aug.] articles due	6a Clean Church 2p Newsletter out
F	18	25
S	19	26
	8-9p PG Study Group AA (Fellowship Hall, Kitchen)	6-10p PG Study Group AA membership dinner & meeting (Fellowship Hall, Kitchen)

Attendance	Worship	Service	Sunday	School
	M	V	M	V
July 6, 2025	22	20	10	
July 13, 2025				
July 20, 2025				
July 27, 2025				

M=Members V=Visitors

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [*In unison*]

Spirit of the Living God, your fruit includes love, peace, patience and kindness but we are a divided, hateful people. We turn to violent means and violent words to settle our disputes. We are impatient with each other and fail to honor your commandment to love. Our idols fascinate and distract us from your rightful path. Forgive us. Turn us from our sinful ways. Set us free in Jesus Christ. Amen.

[Pause for a moment of silent confession]

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON [*Responsive; Pastor leads*]

One: Christ has set us free. Claim your forgiveness. Rejoice in God's grace.
Respond with love.

All: Thanks be to God!

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

* PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION [*In unison*]

Open our hearts and minds by the power of your Spirit, Holy God, that we might hear and receive the message you intend for us today. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS [*Holy Bible, NRSV Trans.*]

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 30: 1-9 [p. 163]

Psalm 25: 1-10 [p. 436]

Reader: M. Holc

New Testament: Luke 10: 25-37 [p. 844]

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Won't You Be My Neighbor?"

Rev. Marvin Daniel

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

*** 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]

Paul reminds us that generosity is a fruit of the Spirit. Let us generously share of the gifts we have been given. Let us present our offerings to God.

OFFERING, OFFERTORY

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

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

Most generous God, you have blessed us with gifts to serve and share. May the offerings we present today be used to further your Kingdom and build your beloved community. Amen.

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

One: Protect us, O God. We are lost without you. Protect us from ourselves, our idolatrous ways, the violence we perpetrate, the destruction we fail to prevent. Our power is nothing compared to yours. Therefore, we seek your guidance through Word and worship. We pray for the Spirit to lead us in the path of righteousness.

All: We seek our freedom in Jesus Christ.

One: God of our ancestors, who worshipped golden idols when distraught, help us to heed the warnings of our biblical narrative. We place idols above you and prioritize self-centered concerns over sacred. We mythologize our nation as a land of the free, refusing to hear your condemnation and critique.

All: O Lord, our sorrows multiply when we fail to heed your truth.

One: God of grace, we choose you and return to you today. You have set a table before us, and we gladly accept your welcome. Your portion and your cup fill us as nothing else in this world can. As your guests, we give thanks for your acceptance, your inclusion and your overwhelming love.

All: O Lord, at your table, may we be freed to love others as you have loved us.

One: Prince of Peace, our world is broken by violence, our relationships severed by grief. We lament the ways of our world that lead to death. We revel in your path of life. In your presence we know the fullness of joy.

All: Renew us, Great God, in this moment of worship, so we can tread your path, and labor in your field. Grow your kingdom here on earth. Start with us, we pray.

One: In your mercy, Beloved God, hear these prayers of your people. Now, as the Body of Christ, we pray as Christ taught us, **"Our Father..."**

*** DEPARTING HYMN # 366 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"**

*** CHARGE & BENEDICTION [Pastor]**

God, bless us. Jesus, walk with us. Holy Spirit, guide us as we enter this new week. May the grace, hope, peace and love of God our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with us all, now and always. Amen.

*** POSTLUDE**