

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

Stated Session Meeting – Today after worship service.

“Back to School” Backpack Supplies - Don't forget to get a “hand” from our tree in the Narthex!! Each one has an item(s) that is needed for the Back-to-School Fair. Please return your item(s) to church **Sunday, July 27 or Sunday, Aug. 3**. The churches in Prince George are working together to give every student a “hand” at having a successful school year.

[7/13, 7/20, 7/27, 8/3]

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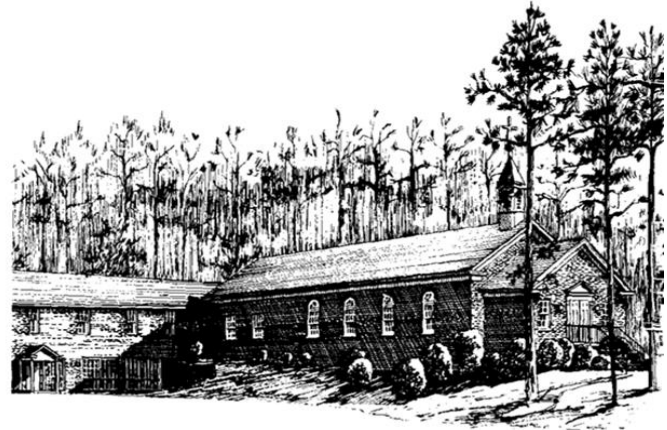
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Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



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*

“6th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST”

July 20, 2025

11:00 a.m.

GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“6th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST”

July 20, 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

Donald Hunter

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Marvin Daniel

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God calls us here to worship. We carry many worries and are distracted by many things, but here, in this time and place, we are invited to set them aside, to be fully present. Let's pause and take a deep breath.
We remember *WHO* we are:

All: We are the body of Christ.

One: We remember *WHOSE* we are:

All: We are God's beloved children.

One: We remember our chief purpose:

All: To glorify and enjoy God forever!

One: Let us worship God!

*** OPENING HYMN # 275 "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"**

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.**

THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

	July 20	July 27
S	"6th Sunday after Pentecost" 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service by Rev. Marvin Daniel 12p Stated Session Meeting Officiant: Rev. Daniel, CRE	"7th Sunday after Pentecost" 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service by Rev. Dr. Kerry Foster ➤ 5¢-a-Meal Offering
M	7p Finance Cmte 21	28
T	22	29
W	23	30
T	6a Clean Church 24 2p Newsletter [Aug.] out	6a Clean Church 31
F	25	August 1
S	6-10p PG Study Group AA membership dinner & meeting (Fellowship Hall, Kitchen) 26	6-10p PG Study Group AA membership dinner & meeting (Fellowship Hall, Kitchen) 2

Attendance	Worship	Service	Sunday	School
	M	V	M	V
July 6, 2025	22	20	10	
July 13, 2025	22	14	12	
July 20, 2025				
July 27, 2025				

M=Members V=Visitors

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *[In unison]*

Holy God, we are pulled in many different directions. We are distracted by the news, quick to point fingers and pass judgment, reluctant to examine the ways we benefit from the injustice in our world. We are distracted by our fears. We fear the loss of health, safety, and financial security. Instead of proclaiming your abundance, we operate from a mindset of scarcity. We are distracted by our tasks, by calendars that shape our priorities, leaving us with less time and energy for what is most important. We confess our distraction, even as we acknowledge that sometimes we embrace it because it's easier than sitting at Jesus's feet, learning what it means to follow him. We confess that distraction is easier than discipleship. Forgive us. Help us discern and choose the better path as we seek to follow Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

[Pause for a moment of silent confession]

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON *[In unison]*

This good news will not be taken away: We are seen as God's beloved children, holy and blameless, reconciled to God through Jesus Christ. Let us live into this good news: we are forgiven!

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

* PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *[In unison]*

God of Wisdom, still our hearts and silence our distractions so that we can be fully present to your Word. Through the power of your Holy Spirit, let us hear what you have to say to us today, and give us the courage to listen and respond to your call. In Jesus' name, Amen.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

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

Psalm 52 [p. 453]
Genesis 18:1-10a & Psalm 15 [p. 12 & p. 430] Reader: D. Hunter
Luke 10: 38-42 [p. 845]

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

*** REFLECTIVE HYMN # 69 "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky" ("Here I am Lord")**

*** 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]

In Christ, we have received the better part, which will not be taken away. We offer our gifts with joy and gratitude. Freely we have received; now freely let us give.

OFFERING, OFFERTORY

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

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

Abundant God, we give thanks for your grace and provision in our lives. Use these gifts to meet the physical and spiritual needs of our community and the world. May they witness to your love and care for all people, as we offer our time and energy to do the same. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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

One: God, our loving Parent, you created us in love, and we are grateful for your continued loving care for each of us, and for all of creation. We give thanks for the gifts of the present, and for your presence with us, for food that sustains us, and fellowship shared with others. We pray for those who are hungry, for places where resources have been ravaged by natural and humanitarian disasters.

All: Heavenly Father, we lift our prayers to you for the people of Central Texas, New Mexico, and those living on the East Coast of the U. S. whose lives were destroyed by recent flash flood waters. May you give them comfort and healing in their time of sorrow and need.

One: We thank you for the beauty of your created world, and the creative spark that flows in each of us. We thank you for the time we have for rest and restoration, and recognize that many people do not have the same.

All: O Lord, we pray for those who are working all hours, expending energy and time to meet basic needs, and who still don't have enough to make ends meet. We pray for a world that enables all people the time and resources not only to meet basic needs, but to exercise their gifts of creativity and skill.

One: We thank you for your unending concern for justice and liberation for all people. We pray for leaders in our communities and throughout the world to be inspired by your compassion and wisdom.

All: There are so many ways we are distracted from what is important. Center us in your Holy Spirit and lead us to abide in relationship with you. Thank you for hearing our prayers, and for inviting us to bring our joys, cares and burdens to you.

One: Loving God, we offer these prayers to you, including those that remain on our hearts, and those known only to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray, saying, *"Our Father..."*

*** DEPARTING HYMN # 1 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"**

*** CHARGE & BENEDICTION [Pastor]**

Many tasks await us and distractions abound. Having been fed by the Word of God and refreshed and inspired by the Holy Spirit, we go from this place, renewed by our call to witness to and share God's love in a world that so desperately needs it. As we do so, may the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you, now and always. Amen.

*** POSTLUDE**