

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome Rev. Dr. Kerry Foster to Gregory Memorial's pulpit today!

Dr. Foster currently serves as the Temporary General Presbyter of the Presbytery of the James.

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, Temporary General Presbyter, Presbytery of the James; P. Johnson, Announcer

"Back to School" Backpack Supplies - Remember to return your item(s) for The "Back-to-School" Fair. There is a box in the Narthex to receive your items. All items will be taken to the drop off location on Aug. 5, 2025. You still have one more Sunday to return item(s) if you didn't have a chance to return them today.

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

Worship Committee - No meeting in August.

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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*

"7th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST"

July 27, 2025

11:00 a.m.

GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"7th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST"

July 27, 2025

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

Sandra Perkins, Organist
Gail Hare, Pianist

CHIMING OF THE HOUR ACOLYTE

Patsy Johnson
Wayne Powers

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS/ SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

Patsy Johnson

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Dr. Kerry Foster

CALL TO WORSHIP [from Psalm 9 and Psalm 33]

One: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;

All: I will tell of your wonderful deeds.

One: I will be glad and exult in you;

All: I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

One: Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield.

All: Our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.

One: Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

* OPENING HYMN # 2 "Come, Thou Almighty King"

CALL TO CONFESSION [Pastor leads]

One: The psalmist King David wrote, "Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,' and you forgave the guilt of my sin."

All: Let us confess our sin before God and one another, assured of God's mercy in Jesus Christ. Let us pray.

* Please stand, as able.



OUR PRAYER IN TIMES OF JOY AND CONCERN...One of our great joys and responsibilities to each other and to God here at Gregory Memorial is the regular practice of praying for each other and our community.

In the interest of protecting our congregation's personal information, "Our Prayer in Times of Joy and Concern" is not publicly available.

Church Administrator

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THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

	“7th Sunday after Pentecost” 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service by Rev. Dr. Kerry Foster ➤ 5¢-a-Meal Offering <i>Bring in “Back to School” Backpack Supplies</i>	July 27	“8th Sunday after Pentecost” 9:30a Sunday School & Holy Communion 11a Worship Service by Rev. Dr. KC Jackson <i>Last day to bring in “Back to School” Backpack supplies</i>	August 3
M	2p Cmte reports due	28		4
T		29	Backpack supplies delivered to drop-off site	5
W		30		6
T	6a Clean Church	31	6a Clean Church	7
F		August 1		8
S	6-10p PG Study Group AA membership dinner & meeting (Fellowship Hall, Kitchen)	2	6-10p PG Study Group AA membership dinner & meeting (Fellowship Hall, Kitchen)	9

Attendance	Worship	Service	Sunday	School
	M	V	M	V
July 6, 2025	22	20	10	
July 13, 2025	22	14	12	
July 20, 2025	21	11	6	
July 27, 2025				

M=Members V=Visitors

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *[In unison]*

Merciful God, we pray the Lord’s Prayer each week, even daily, but we do not always walk the walk. We pray that your kingdom will come and your will be done, but we are reluctant to do the work of justice and mercy that characterize your kingdom. We ask for our daily bread and then hoard as much as we can. We ask you to forgive us as we have forgiven others, but we are quick to anger and slow to forgive. Loving God, have mercy on us and forgive us our sin. Help us to seek your will for our lives and walk in the way of Jesus Christ; in whose name we pray. Amen.

[Pause for a moment of silent confession]

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON *[Pastor leads; Galatians 5:13]*

One: For freedom Christ has set us free. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN # 581 “Glory Be to the Father”

* PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *[In unison]*

Almighty God, your Word is our comfort in distress. It holds your promises that give us life. Give us ears to hear your hope and call. In the name of Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh, we pray. Amen.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING(S) *[Holy Bible, NRSV Trans.]*

New Testament: Luke 11: 1-13

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Nouns, Pronouns and Verbs”

Rev. Dr. Kerry Foster

*** REFLECTIVE HYMN # 792 "There is a Balm in Gilead"**

*** 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 # 735 "I Need Thee Every Hour" [sing twice]**

CALL FOR OFFERING [Pastor; 2 Corinthians 8:5]

The apostle Paul commended the churches of Macedonia with these words for their generosity, "They gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us." As a sign of our dedication to God, let us present our tithes and offerings with abundant joy for all God has done for us.

OFFERING, OFFERTORY

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

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

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

Gracious God, we know that every good and perfect gift comes from you. With glad and generous hearts, we give back what rightfully belongs to you. With open hearts and willing hands, may we joyfully use your gifts to share the good news of Jesus Christ, your indescribable gift to this world. Amen.

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

One: Dear Heavenly Father, you are holy, and your name is holy because of your wonderful deeds of power and mercy and love. We worship, praise and adore you as our one true God. We pray our lives and actions as individual believers and as your church will honor your name so others may know your love and mercy and grace in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

One: Eternal God, you are King of kings and Lord of lords. May your kingdom come here on earth so there may be peace and justice for all peoples. May we seek your will for our lives and our church. We ask, we search, trusting you to provide what we need. May we always strive first for your kingdom and righteousness, trusting in your goodness and loving care.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

One: Gracious God, in you we put our trust and in you is our hope for salvation through Jesus Christ. Forgive us for being quick to judge and reluctant to forgive those who have wronged us. As you have forgiven us in Jesus Christ, may we strive to forgive others with the same grace and mercy.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

One: Merciful God, hear the cries of survivors of devastating floodwaters of Texas, and other communities recovering from floods across our country. Heal their grief. Bring comfort and hope in their time of need.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

One: Now, Lord, because we do not always know how to pray as we ought, we offer the cares and concerns of our hearts and lives, trusting that your Spirit intercedes on our behalf. Lord, hear our silent prayers . . . With the boldness of your children, we pray together as we were taught, **"Our Father...."**

*** DEPARTING HYMN # 837 "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"**

*** CHARGE & BENEDICTION [Pastor; Thessalonians 5:16-18]**

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

*** POSTLUDE**