#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We welcome Rev. Dr. Katherine C. Jackson back to Gregory Memorial's pulpit today!

#### <u>August Chimes, Acolyte, Preachers, Announcers\* (\*Readers, if requested):</u>

Chimes: Pat Hunter - Acolyte: Wayne Powers

August 3: Rev. Dr. K. C. Jackson; S. Hunter, Announcer

August 10: Rev. John Scholer; L. Johnson, Announcer

August 17: Rev. Dr. K. C. Jackson; S. Shockley, Announcer

August 24: Rev. Nancy S. Clark; R. Scott, Announcer

August 31: Rev. Dr. Charles E. Bagwell; M. Holc, Announcer

**Stated Session Meeting** – Today at 12 p.m. (est.) after worship service; Session Meeting Room/Parlor.

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Resource: Hymns, Glory To God, Presbyterian Hymnal, © 2013 Westminster John Knox Press.

Resource: "AFFIRMATION OF FAITH," (from "A Brief Statement of Faith") Book of Common

Worship; © 1993 John Knox Press.

Liturgy: Ministry Matters website http://www.ministrymatters.com/ Worship Connection -

<sup>1</sup> CALL TO WORSHIP, Worship Connection.

<sup>2</sup> ASSURANCE OF PARDON, article by Sara Dunning Lambert., Worship Elements .

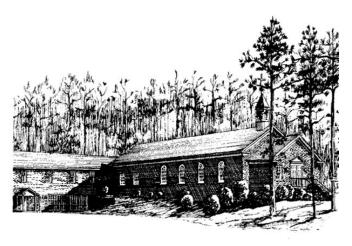
<sup>3</sup> PRAYER OF DEDICATION, Homiletics Online.

<sup>4</sup> PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER, by Pastor Asher.

**GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** 

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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

"10th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST"

August 17, 2025 11:00 a.m.

#### **GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

#### "10th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST"

August 17, 2025 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Sandra Perkins, Organist
Gail Hare, Pianist

CHIMING OF THE HOUR Pat Hunter
ACOLYTE Wayne Powers

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS/ Susan Shockley SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. Dr. Katherine C. Jackson

# CALL TO WORSHIP [Pastor leads; inspired by Isaiah 5 & Psalm 80]<sup>1</sup>

One: Long ago a vineyard was planted. The ground was prepared, and

all was made ready.

All: But the wines grew wild, the ground was unable to support the wild grapes.

One: What happened in that place of promise?

All: People forgot the One who planted the vineyard. They chose their own ways and failed.

One: Let us again turn to the Lord, who will again plant, prune and cause us to grow in faithfulness.

All: Let us open our hearts to God, trusting in God's ways and God's word. Amen.

\* OPENING HYMN # 624 "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

**CALL TO CONFESSION [Pastor]** 

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\* 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.

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#### THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

	August "10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost"	17	August "11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost"	24
	9:30a Sunday School		9:30a Sunday School	
S	<b>11a</b> Worship Service by Rev. Dr. KC Jackson		<b>11a</b> Worship Service by Rev. Nancy S. Clark	
	12p Stated Session Meeting Moderator: Dr. Jackson			
М	<b>7p</b> Finance Cmte	18		25
Т		19		26
W		20		27
Т	6a Clean Church	21	<b>6a</b> Clean Church	28
	<b>2p</b> Newsletter (Sep) articles due		<b>2p</b> Newsletter out	
F		22		29
S	8p PG Study Group AA membership dinner & meeting (Fellowship Hall, Kitchen)	23	<b>8p</b> PG Study Group AA membership dinner & meeting (Fellowship Hall, Kitchen)	30

Attendance	Worship	Service	Sunday	School
	M	V	M	V
August 3, 2025	30	7	7	
August 10, 2025	25	8	8	
August 17, 2025				
August 24, 2025				
August 31, 2025				

M=Members

V=Visitors

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION [In unison]

Lord Jesus, you have entrusted to us this earth as a beautiful vineyard. We have neglected it. Lord, have mercy.

Jesus Christ, you have entrusted to us people to care for with love. We have often remained indifferent to them. Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you have entrusted to us our faith as a plant to grow. We have cared little for it. Lord, have mercy.

Merciful and tender God, forgive us all our sins through the sacrifice of your Son and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

[Pause for a moment of silent confession]

# \* ASSURANCE OF PARDON [In unison]<sup>2</sup>

We are sure that God's love is sufficient. In the warmth of the sun, the fertility of the soil, and the refreshment of life-giving water, we have been given all that we need. God hears our cries and comes to save us. Through Christ we may lay aside our sins; through Christ, we know we are safe. Amen.

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

## \* PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION [In unison]

Ancient Words spoken long ago, fill us with your Spirit, all knowing God, so that these words heard and preached might become real for us this Sabbath. Amen

#### TIME FOR CHILDREN

**SCRIPTURE READING** Old Testament - Isaiah 5:1-7

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## \* REFLECTIVE HYMN # 735 "I Need Thee Every Hour"

#### \* 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.

#### **CALL FOR OFFERING [Pastor]**

#### **OFFERING, OFFERTORY**

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

# \* PRAYER OF DEDICATION [In unison]<sup>3</sup>

Generous God, we come to this familiar place and give in gratitude for all which we have received. We give not because we pledged to, and not because we must. We give because we can. We give in response to the life of Christ given for us. We give in joy because of love, overflowing and unconditional. Amen.

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER [Pastor leads]<sup>4</sup>

One: Loving and Gracious God of all nations!

All: You love justice and hate oppression;

One you give peace to those who seek it, and you condemn violence wherever it is in your creation.

All: Surround us with a great cloud of witnesses that we may have faith to live by your work in our time, courage and endurance to persevere as we face our trials and tribulations.

One: Give us courage to follow your servants and prophets, and to look to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who taught his disciples that when we pray together, we are to say:

All: Our father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bead; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

- \* DEPARTING HYMN # 313 "Lord, Make Us More Holy"
- \* CHARGE & BENEDICTION [Pastor]
- \* POSTLUDE