

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome Rev. Nancy S. Clark back to Gregory Memorial's pulpit today!

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

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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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."
Revelation 22:12-13*

"11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST"

**August 24, 2025
11:00 a.m.**

GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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PRELUDE

Sandra Perkins, Organist
Gail Hare, Pianist

CHIMING OF THE HOUR ACOLYTE

Pat Hunter
Wayne Powers

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS/ SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

Rose Scott

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Nancy S. Clark

CALL TO WORSHIP *[Pastor leads; from Psalm 71]*

One: In you, O God, we seek refuge;

All: In Your justice, deliver us.

One: Be a rock of refuge for us, a strong fortress, because You are our rock
and fortress.

All: For you, O Lord, are our hope and trust.

One: Our praise is continually of You.

* OPENING HYMN # 503 "Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation"

CALL TO CONFESSION *[Pastor]*

God in Christ has called us to be witnesses to the promised and coming
commonwealth that we know in Christ. However, we have failed in our
calling because we don't trust in God's promised presence among us.

Let us confess our sins:

* *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 24 "11th Sunday after Pentecost" 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service by Rev. Nancy S. Clark ➤ 5¢-a-Meal Offering	August 31 "12th Sunday after Pentecost" 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service by Rev. Dr. C. E. Bagwell ➤ Local Emergency Aid Offering
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M	25	September 1 Labor Day
T	26	5:30-8:30p GSA Tr 5000 (Fellowship Hall, Kitchen)
W	27	
T	28	6a Clean Church 2p Newsletter out 6-8p SA Cub Pack 910 Den mtg (Fellowship Hall)
F	29	
S	30	8p PG Study Group AA membership dinner & meeting (Fellowship Hall, Kitchen)
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Attendance	Worship	Service	Sunday	School
	M	V	M	V
August 3, 2025	30	7	7	
August 10, 2025	25	8	8	
August 17, 2025	28	8	6	
August 24, 2025				
August 31, 2025				

M=Members V=Visitors

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *[In unison]*

O God, our creator, sustainer and redeemer, we confess our feelings of exile and alienation, and we wonder where you are. We fear your absence when, in fact, you are most present to us. Restore in us a sense of your comfort and care. Renew our strength so that we might realize our calling as disciples of Jesus. Amen.

[Pause for a moment of silent confession]

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON *[In unison]*

The God who hung the stars and the moon has come close to each and all with mercy and love. Hear the good news of the gospel, we are forgiven and empowered by God's Spirit to run and not be weary, to walk and not faint. Thanks be to God.

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

* PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *[In unison]*

O God, open our hearts by the power of your Holy Spirit so that the words of Scripture that we hear this day may become your Word that empowers our lives in this time and place. Amen.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

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

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

New Testament: Romans 8:31-39

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

*** REFLECTIVE HYMN # 418 “Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”**

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

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

CALL FOR OFFERING [Pastor]

The God of all creation, who has stretched out the heavens and called the stars by name, also gives us strength for our journey. Let us now respond with gratitude to God’s empowering presence by giving of our resources in return.

OFFERING, OFFERTORY

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

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

O God, we give you thanks for the gifts of creation, and for the gift of life itself. We dedicate our resources to you, trusting and hoping that they will build up your work in our world. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD’S PRAYER [Pastor leads; fr Jeremiah 1:8]

One: God of creation and redemption, your prophet Jeremiah reminds us, “*Do not be afraid ... for I am with you to deliver you.*” We thank you for this assurance of your strength and power. You have created all things and continue to sustain them. You also come into our present moment, our times of vulnerability and trial, to renew our strength, and for this we are thankful!

All: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.

One: Yet we acknowledge, O God, that the realities of our world weigh heavily on us, our children, our nation and the entire globe. Our crisis makes us feel isolated and deeply vulnerable. Teach us, O God, that stand-alone self-sufficiency is an illusion and not your will for us. Help us to discern our deep interdependency with one another and with you. Help us to trust in the comforting words of the prophet Jeremiah, which remind us that you are with us.

All: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.

One: Thus, we continue to pray for war-weary nations, people, families and children who are in harm’s way. We pray for your comfort for all who are sick and for all who have lost loved ones. Empower us to be agents of love and justice for all who are suffering among us. We pray all these things in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray, saying, “*Our Father ...*”

*** DEPARTING HYMN # 32 “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”**

*** CHARGE & BENEDICTION [Pastor]**

*** POSTLUDE**