

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

Chimes: Maddi Mendoza - Acolyte: Wayne Powers

September 7 "Back to Church" Sunday: Rev. Dr. K. C. Jackson; D. Hunter, Announcer

September 14: Mr. Tommy Campbell, DMin., UPsem.; P. Johnson, Announcer

September 21: Rev. Dr. K. C. Jackson; S. Hunter, Announcer

September 28: Ms. Kaylyn McGhee, Dmin., UPsem.; L. Johnson, Announcer

Join us after today's worship service for good food and fellowship as we celebrate "Back to Church" Sunday in our downstairs Fellowship Hall. It's a potluck covered-dish luncheon with "Make your Own Sundaes" and all the 'fixins' for dessert. **All are welcome!**

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Resource: "AFFIRMATION OF FAITH" ("Apostles Creed", Glory To God, Presbyterian Hymnal, © 2013 Westminster John Knox Press.

- Liturgy:*
- 1** CALL TO WORSHIP, written by Joan Stott, posted on the Geelong City Parish UCA website. © 2012 Joan Stott – "The Timeless Psalms" RCL Psalm Year B, used with permission.
 - 2** PRAYER OF CONFESSION, by James G. Kirk, in *When We Gather: A Book of Prayers for Worship, Year C* (Philadelphia, PA: © Geneva Press, 1985) and posted on *Gathered Prayers*; <http://gatheredprayers.wordpress.com/2011/03/23/prayer-of-confession-for-t>
 - 3** ASSURANCE OF PARDON, by Thom Shuman, and posted on *Lectionary Liturgies*.
http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca/2010_08_01_archive.html
 - 4** PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION, *Homiletics Online*.
 - 5** PRAYER OF DEDICATION, *Homiletics Online*.

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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

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**September 7, 2025
11:00 a.m.**

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PRELUDE Sandra Perkins, Organist
Gail Hare, Pianist

CHIMING OF THE HOUR Maddi Mendoza
ACOLYTE Wayne Powers

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS/
SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS** Donald Hunter

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

CALL TO WORSHIP *[Pastor leads; inspired by Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18]¹*

One: Creating God, we gather in your name to worship you.
We give thanks that there is a small spark of God within us.

All: Kindle that small spark into a flame of love and service.

One: Sustaining God, we gather in your name to worship you.
We celebrate the loving presence of God in our life.

All: May God's loving presence be a strong influence in our life.

One: Nurturing God, we gather in your name to worship you.
We rejoice that God teaches us about love and forgiveness.

**All: As we grow in faith, trust and love for God, may our worship,
witness and service bring honour to God's Holy Name. Amen.**

*** OPENING HYMN # 687 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" [All verses]**

*** 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

S	September 7 13th Sunday after Pentecost "Back to Church" Sunday 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service by Rev. Dr. K.C. Jackson 12p "Back to Church" Potluck Covered Dish Luncheon (Fellowship Hall) All are welcome!	September 14 14th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service by Mr. Tommy Campbell
	M 8	15
T	1p PW @ GMPC 9	5:30p-8:30p GSA Tr 5000 (Fellowship Hall) 16
W	6p Faith Cmte @ GMPC 10	17
T	6a Clean Church 11	6a Clean Church 18 6-8p SA Cub Pack 910 Den
F	12	19
S	8p PG Study Group AA membership dinner & meeting (Fellowship Hall, Kitchen) 13	8p PG Study Group AA membership dinner & meeting (Fellowship Hall, Kitchen) 20

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	26	9	7	
August 31, 2025	17	5	7	

M=Members V=Visitors

CALL TO CONFESSION [Pastor]

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [In unison; inspired by Luke 14:25-33]²

God in Christ, who endured the cross in your own flesh for our sakes, hear us as we confess our sin. We would be your bold disciples, but we fear suffering; we would carry our cross, but it weighs too heavily. We count the cost of following you---as long as there are benefits; but to renounce all we have is a devastating prospect. Forgive the conditions we make when we try to obey, and free us by your grace to forsake all and follow you.

[Pause for a moment of silent confession]

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON [In unison]³

The God who calls us is the God who created us; the God who formed us is the God who forgives us. This is the Good News: We are God's new creation. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

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

* PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION [In unison]⁴

Your Word, O God, is living and active, a powerful means by which you speak to us. Give us ears to hear what you are saying, rather than hearing only what we want to hear. Give us courage to measure our attitudes and actions by your truth and the desire to align our lives by your call to discipleship. Light us with your Spirit and set our hearts ablaze with the yearning to know you and love you ever more deeply. Amen.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING [Holy Bible, NRSV Trans.]: Luke 14:25-33

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

*** REFLECTIVE HYMN #720 “Jesus Calls Us”**

*** 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]⁵**

Merciful God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us: our very selves. So, we share not only our money to help others, but our hearts, our hands and our time to make a tangible difference in the lives of those not as fortunate as we are. Keep us mindful of all you have given to us, so we might give to others. We give with gratitude through Christ our Lord, who gave us his all. Amen.

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

One: Lord, open for us your love.

All: Open for your people your presence so that we may find courage for our fear.

One: Open to each of us to your presence so that there may be light for any darkness.

All: Open to us your Spirit so that we may know your peace amidst turmoil.

One: Open us to you, O God, so that we may know hope for our despair, peace for our soul, joy for our sorrow, health for our illness, strength for our weakness, wisdom for our confusion, forgiveness for our sin, love for our hate, praise for our doubt and insight for our troubles.

All: Lord, open for us your cross and your love for each of our lives.

One: We pray in the name of the One who taught his disciples that when we pray 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 bread; 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 # 306 “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” [All verses]**

*** CHARGE & BENEDICTION [Pastor]**

*** POSTLUDE**