

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, M. Div., UPSEM.; P. Johnson, Announcer

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

September 28: Ms. Kaylyn McGhee, M. Div., UPSEM.; L. Johnson, Announcer

Called Congregation Meeting – Sunday, October 5: A meeting of the congregation will be held in the Sanctuary immediately after worship on October 5 for the purpose of receiving a slate of nominees and election of 4 Elders (3 for 3-yr. term January 1, 2025-December 31, 2028 for Class of 2028; and 1 Elder for a 1-yr. interim term for Class of 2026) and 1 member, Board of Trustees (3-yr. term, January 1, 2026-December 31, 2028).

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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, Homiletics Online.

² PRAYER OF CONFESSION, by Thom Shuman, posted on Lectionary Liturgies.

http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca/2010_08_01_archive.html

³ ASSURANCE OF PARDON, by Thom Shuman, and posted on Lectionary Liturgies.

http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca/2010_08_01_archive.html

⁴ PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION, Homiletics Online.

⁵ PRAYER OF DEDICATION, by Katherine Hawker and posted on Liturgy Outside.

<http://liturgyoutside.net/>

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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

"15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST"

September 21, 2025

11:00 a.m.

GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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** Sandy Hunter

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

CALL TO WORSHIP [Responsive; Pastor leads]¹

One: Lord God, servanthood is not easy for us.

All: We are attracted to the illusions of power and rank.

One: We are seduced by wealth and privilege.

All: We are accustomed to success and surrounded by our accomplishments. The towel and the basin of servanthood, the stooping of ministry, the listening, gentleness and openness of the serving spirit are so alien to much of our society and to us.

One: In our worship teach us to love, teach us to serve, teach us gentle strength and warm authority.

All: Teach us how to bind up the brokenness.

One: Teach us to be stewards of our powers, custodians of our communities.

All: Teach us the sheer exploding joy of service.

*** OPENING HYMN # 633 "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"**

*** 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

	September 21	September 28
	15th Sunday after Pentecost	16th Sunday after Pentecost
S	9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service by Rev. Dr. KC Jackson 12p Stated Session Mtg Moderator: Dr. Jackson	9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service by Ms. Kaylyn McGhee ➤ <i>5¢-a-Meal Offering</i>
M	6-8p SA Cub Pack 910 (Fellowship Hall)	
T		2p Cmte reports due
W	5:30p-9:30p SA Tr 900 Honor Court (Fellowship Hall)	October 1
T	6a Clean Church 5:30-8:30p SA Eagle Scout Bd. of Review (Fellowship Hall)	6a Clean Church 6-8p SA Cub Pack 910 Den (Fellowship Hall)
F		
S	8p PG Study Group AA membership dinner & meeting (Fellowship Hall, Kitchen)	8p PG Study Group AA membership dinner & meeting (Fellowship Hall, Kitchen)

Attendance	Worship	Service	Sunday	School
	M	V	M	V
September 7, 2025	28	8	8	
September 14, 2025				
September 21, 2025				
September 28, 2025				

M=Members V=Visitors

CALL TO CONFESSION [Pastor]

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [In unison]²

Everlasting God, we must confess how we have not lived as your people. We serve many masters—work, wealth, power, addictions—yet find no hope in them. We hear the cries of the poor and shut the doors of our hearts to them. Forgive us and heal us of our brokenness. Make us well, so that by our healing, we might be the hope and love others need in their lives, even as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, brought these gifts to us, calling us to be faithful with the grace, peace, and joy entrusted to us.

[Pause for a moment of silent confession]

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON [In unison]³

Now that we have let go of the pain, the bitterness, the anger of our lives, let us be kind, tender-hearted, and gentle towards each other, forgiving as God has forgiven us. We are God's beloved children, and will model God's grace and love in our hearts. Thanks be to God! We are forgiven! Amen.

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

* PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION [In unison]⁴

Calm us now, O Lord, into a quietness that heals and listens. Open wounded hearts to the balm of your Word. Speak to us in clear tones so that we might feel our spirits leap for joy and skip with hope as your written word becomes alive in us. Amen.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING [Holy Bible, NRSV Trans.]: Luke 16:1-13

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

* REFLECTIVE HYMN # 708 "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

* 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

Knowing that many voices clamour and compete, we pray that these offerings given may become symbolic of our decision to serve one master, one God. Amen.

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

One: Gracious God, giver of all things, as hard as it may be for us to accept, we know deep down that nothing we have is truly our own.

All: **Everything we think we possess is on loan from you, a trust we are charged to administer as well as we can while we walk the earth.**

One: Forgive us for believing the labors of our own hands have gotten us what we enjoy.

All: **We forget that the strength, the determination and the intelligence by which we have profited are also on loan from you.**

One: Transform the way we view property and the acquisition of it.

All: **Help us look beyond what we would like to get, to see what we would like to be able to give.**

One: Help us put all the store of time and talent you have given us into amassing the only kind of treasure we will take with us when we leave this world: the treasures of generosity and compassion and love, the legacy of people who have come to praise you because through us they felt your bountiful care.

All: **Give us strength to stand fast against a culture where even children are judged by their possessions, a culture that shames those who do not have the fancy toys and gadgets of their neighbors.**

One: Show us all that life does not consist of the abundance of possessions, but an abundance of love and faith. Forgive us when we close our hearts against those whom it is in our power to help.

All: **Forgive us when in weakness we ask you for more than we have any right to receive.**

One: Lord, create in us what we need most of all, the faith to trust that you are well able to provide for all that we truly need.

All: **Help us rely on you to take care of our earthly needs while we are taking care of the needs of others.**

One: Make us firm in our resolve concerning what portion of our resources we consecrate to your use. We ask all of this 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 # 697 "Take My Life, and Let It Be"

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION *[Pastor]*

* POSTLUDE