

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Rev. Dr. Katherine C. Jackson back to Gregory's pulpit today!

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

Chimes: Patsy Johnson - Acolyte: Wayne Powers

October 5 "World Communion Sunday": Rev. Dr. KC Jackson; S. Shockley, Announcer

October 12: Rev. Dr. Katherine C. Jackson, M. Div., UPSem.; Rose Scott, Announcer

October 19: Ms. Kaylyn McGhee, M. Div., UPSem.; Mary Holc, Announcer

October 26: Rev. John Scholer; D. Hunter, Announcer

Called Congregation Meeting.- Today in the Sanctuary immediately after worship service for the purpose of receiving a slate of nominees and election of 4 Elders (3 for 3-yr. term January 1, 2026-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). The following names will be presented:

Trustee member, GMPC Bd. of Trustees: Kevin Foster (3-yr. term; Jan. 2026-Dec.2028)

Ruling Elder, Class of 2026: Maddi Mendoza (1-yr. interim term; (Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 2026)

Ruling Elders, Class of 2028: Doug Holc, Patsy & David Johnson (Jan. 2026-Dec. 2028)

Today we celebrate "World Communion Sunday" with our "Peace and Global Witness" special offering. Monies received from this offering enable the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our communities and across the world. Please use the enclosed offering envelope for the offering. A brochure is enclosed that details how the funds are apportioned to meet goals.

"Saints of Gregory Memorial" - As described in October's THE HERALD, a form is/will be provided in each October worship service bulletin for you to list the names of deceased persons you want remembered in a special Candle Liturgy during the worship service on Sunday, November 2, 2025. You may list as many names as you want. Please place completed form in the collection plate. **Deadline: Sunday, Oct. 26.**

HEADS UP!!! Draft Pocket Directory for 2026 – During October the draft copy of Pocket Directory will be available on Narthex table for congregation to make any changes needed. Please make sure to review your data & change where needed. It will go to Faith Committee after Sunday, October 26 for review. Plans are to make copies available for you ("2 per..." on Sunday, November 30.

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Resource: Hymns;" Affirmation of Faith" - Nicene Creed, p. 34, GLORY TO GOD, Presbyterian Hymnal, © 2013 Westminster John Knox Press.

Liturgy: "Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer", by Rev Abi and posted on "A Place for Prayer. <http://revgalprayerpals.blogspot.ca/>

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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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October 5, 2025

11:00 a.m.

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PRELUDE

*Sandra Perkins, Organist
Gail Hare, Pianist*

CHIMING OF THE HOUR
ACOLYTE

*Patsy Johnson
Wayne Powers*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS/
SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

Susan Shockley

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Dr. Katherine C. Jackson

CALL TO WORSHIP [Responsive; Pastor leads]

One: From north and south, from east and west, we come:

God's people called to the Table where simple grace nourishes us.

All: From down the street to across town, from single households to apartment dwellers: God's people are called to community, where we live and serve one another.

One: From every class, every race, every status; from little ones with sippy cups to elders with overflowing hearts:

All: God's people are called to witness to God's hope, to offer peace to a shattered world.

*** OPENING HYMN # 32 “I Sing The Mighty Power Of God”**

CALL TO CONFESSION [Pastor]

*** 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

	October 5 17th Sunday after Pentecost - SS "World Communion Sunday" 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service & Holy Communion By Rev. Dr. KC Jackson ➤ <i>Peace & Global Witness Offering</i> 12p Called Congregation Meeting (Purpose: Elect Trustee, Ruling Elders Class of 2026 & 2028)	October 12 18th Sunday after Pentecost - RS 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service By Rev. Dr. KC Jackson
M	6	5:30-8:30p SA Crater Order of Arrow (Fellowship Hall, Kitchen) 13
T	7	5:30-8p GSA Tr5 000 (Fellowship Hall, Kitchen) 14
W	8	6p Faith Cmte 15
T	9	6a Clean Church 16 5:30-8:30p SA Cub Pack 910 Den Mtg (Fellowship Hall)
F	10	17
S	11	8p PG Study Group AA membership dinner & meeting (Fellowship Hall, Kitchen) 18

Attendance	Worship	Service	Sunday	School
	M	V	M	V
September 7, 2025	28	8	8	
September 14, 2025	31	10	6	
September 21, 2025	28	11	11	
September 28, 2025	27	7	11	

M=Members V=Visitors

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *[In unison]*

Risen Savior, you call us to your table of grace to enjoy your presence, to experience your healing, to be made one with your people of every time and place. But we dare not come to the table with dirty hands and sin-stained hearts. Only your forgiveness can make us clean within. We confess we have edged you to the fringes of our lives as we have become occupied with countless so-called "urgent" matters. We confess we have fooled ourselves into believing we are too busy to pray and too exhausted to serve. We have devised clever justifications for ignoring the poor and avoiding those in despair. Forgive us, dear Lord, and help us do better. Help us order our days and our deeds according to your will. Open our hearts to the needs of those who cannot return our favors. Grant us pardon, and comfort us with the assurance of your Spirit. Then shall we be free to celebrate your feast of love with the saints of this and every time and place. Amen.

[Pause for a moment of silent confession]

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON *[In unison]*

Persistently, patiently, lovingly, God pours out grace and joy into our lives, healing our brokenness, forgiving our sin. Loved, we are sent to love; forgiven, We are freed to forgive; graced, we can offer our gifts to everyone we meet. Thanks be to God. Amen.

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN # 581 "Glory Be To The Father"

* PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *[In unison]*

O God, Giver of life and all that is good, everything we have is yours. Open our eyes that we might see as you see, our ears that we might hear as you hear, and our minds that we might understand that hope to which you have called us. As the scripture is read and your word proclaimed, let your Spirit move within us, setting our hearts on your Kingdom. Amen.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE *[New Testament, Holy Bible, NRSV Trans.]* - Hebrews: 1-4, 2:5-12

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

*** REFLECTIVE HYMN # 450 "Be Thou My Vision"**

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH [In unison; Nicene Creed]**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of Heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

CALL FOR OFFERING [Pastor]

OFFERING, OFFERTORY

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

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

Generous God, we give you thanks for all good gifts, and especially for the inexpressible gift of our Lord Jesus, Christ. May these gifts be a blessing to others and glorify your name. In Jesus' name we always pray. Amen.

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

One: Lord as we gather around this wonderful meal everywhere and in every place; bless us all your children.

All: As we eat this bread and drink this cup linking arms around the world, pour your grace into us all.

One: Grace us with your presence as we quietly and loudly pray to you. May we see in each other your light, your love and you. May our differences, names, languages, looks, or our way of doing things not matter. May what matters today and everyday be that we are one in you.

All: And as we pray, we call to mind our brothers and sisters who are unable to be with us today whether in body or spirit. May you bring comfort to those who are grieving, lonely, heartbroken, ill or broken of spirit.

One: May you strengthen those whose lives feel shattered, don't make sense, in crisis, or experiencing loss. May you say the healing word to those who need it. May you bring the human touch of love to those who have not been touched. May you love the unloved through us.

All: May you shine your light into those whose world is covered in darkness. May you use us to feed the hungry, clothe the ones who need clothes, give a cup of water to those who are thirsty, shelter the homeless, visit the sick and those in prison.

One: May lives be awakened to you, Lord, to your love and to your kingdom whose door is always open to all. We offer this prayer in the name of the One who taught his disciples that when they pray they 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.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Dr. Katherine C. Jackson

[Please follow insert]

*** DEPARTING HYMN # 542 "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again"**

*** CHARGE & BENEDICTION [Pastor]**

*** POSTLUDE**