

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; Rose Scott, Announcer

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

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

Congrats to Our Newly-elected Board of Trustees Member and Ruling Elders! The following were elected by Gregory's congregation at its Called Meeting on October 5:
Member, Board of Trustees: Kevin Foster (Jan. 1, 2026-Dec. 31, 2028; 1st 3-yr. term)
Ruling Elder, Class of 2026: Maddi Mendoza (interim term: Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 2026)
Ruling Elders, Class of 2028: Doug Holc, Patsy Jonson, David Johnson
(Jan. 1, 2026-Dec. 31, 2028; 2nd consec. 3-yr. term)

"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" – "Apostles' Creed", p. 35, GLORY TO GOD, Presbyterian Hymnal, © 2013 Westminster John Knox Press.

*Liturgy: "Call to Worship" by John Birch, Faith and Worship, <http://www.faithandworship.com/>
"Prayer of Confession"; "Prayer for Illumination", Homiletics Online
"Assurance of Pardon" by Thom Shuman, Lectionary Liturgies, <http://lectionarylitrugies.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

"18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST"

October 12, 2025

11:00 a.m.

GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST"

October 12, 2025

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

*Sandra Perkins, Organist
Gail Hare, Pianist*

CHIMING OF THE HOUR ACOLYTE

*Patsy Johnson
Wayne Powers*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS/ SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

Rose Scott

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Dr. Katherine C. Jackson

CALL TO WORSHIP [*Responsive; Pastor leads*]

One: Praise the Lord, all people let the sound of his praise be heard!

All: Great is God's power!

One: Creator of the universe, who gives life, creates beauty, whose love brings freedom, whose glory fills the earth, to you alone our praise we bring.

All: Savior of the world, whose touch gives healing, whose words offer forgiveness, whose suffering brings life, whose death is victory.

One: Great is God's power!

All: Praise the Lord, let the sound of our praise be heard!

*** OPENING HYMN # 610 "O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing"**

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 12 18th Sunday after Pentecost - RS	October 19 19th Sunday after Pentecost - MH
S	9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service By Rev. Dr. KC Jackson	9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service By Ms. Kaylyn McGhee M. Div., UPSEM. 12p Stated Session Meeting Moderator: TBA
M	5:30-8:30p SA Crater Order of Arrow (Fellowship Hall, Kitchen) 13	7p Finance Cmte 20
T	1p PW @ GMPC 14	5:30-8p GSA Tr5 000 (Fellowship Hall, Kitchen) 21
W	15	22
T	6a Clean Church 16 5:30-8:30p SA Cub Pack 910 Den Mtg (Fellowship Hall)	6a Clean Church 23 2p Nov. News articles due 5:30-8:30p SA Eagle Review Bd (Fellowship Hall)
F	17	24
S	8p PG Study Group AA membership dinner & meeting (Fellowship Hall, Kitchen) 18	8p PG Study Group AA membership dinner & meeting (Fellowship Hall, Kitchen) 25

Attendance	Worship	Service	Sunday	School
	M	V	M	V
October 5, 2025	27	7	12	
October 12, 2025				
October 19, 2025				
October 26, 2025				

M=Members V=Visitors

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *[In unison]*

Merciful Savior, we confess that we have been ungrateful recipients of the vast treasure that is your Holy Scripture. We have heard your Word but not obeyed it, believed the "right" things but not lived them, claimed to know you but not followed the life you modeled. You call us to trust, but we fail to loosen our grip of control. You invite us to abide, but we chase our own pursuits. You give the Sabbath for our rest, but we ignore it. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us.

[Pause for a moment of silent confession]

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON *[In unison]*

God challenges us and God encourages us. God confronts us, and God accepts us. God works wonders in our midst and gives us the eyes, the hearts, the souls to see such miracles. God forgives us. God guides us through the wilderness of the world. God leads us home. Thanks be to God. Amen.

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

* PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *[In unison]*

We confess that there are times when we come to the reading of your Word, Lord, that we consider it a time to let our minds wander. We admit that sometimes we listen and immediately think the Scripture reading is clearly meant for someone else. We acknowledge that we fall short of listening with open minds and open hearts. Grant us the patience and discipline to listen to what you say to us in the reading and proclaiming of your Word. Amen.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE *[New Testament, Holy Bible, NRSV Trans.] – 2 Timothy 2:8-15*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

* REFLECTIVE HYMN # 463 "How Firm A Foundation"

* 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]*

Generous God, we offer our gifts with gratitude for all that you do in our lives. As we dedicate our gifts to you, gracious God, we also dedicate our lives to making your kingdom come in all that we do and say. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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

One: Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place. Lord, listen to your children praying, Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

All: O God, we ask that you help us to let go of what is past. Release us from anger and resentments and hurts of days gone by. Free us from bitterness and help us to fill this space with the love of Christ.

One: We offer our gratitude for the gift of love. We offer our thanks for for those people in our lives who love us unconditionally. We offer our thanks for those who provide a safe place in the shelter of their unselfish love.

All: We offer our praise for those who give, expecting nothing in return for the gift. We offer our gratitude to those who cause us to rise to our greater selves. We offer thanks for those who help us to put the pieces of our lives back together when dreams and hopes are shattered.

One: We remember now in our hearts those in need of your comforting presence... *(moment of silence)* Gracious God, we praise you for hearing the inmost desires of our hearts. We cast away our fears and anxieties. We lay it all before you. While we honor the past, we also look forward to the future with hope and love. All of this we pray in in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who, while he was with us, taught us to pray, saying:

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 # 263 "All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name!"

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION *[Pastor]*

* POSTLUDE