

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our guest preacher today is Ms. Kaylyn McGhee, M. Div. UPSem. Kaylyn, a May 2025 UPSem graduate has a Master of Divinity and Master of Arts & Christian Ed., and currently is pursuing Master of Theology at UPSem, where she is studying the intersection of disability and The Church.. Kaylyn is passionate about camp and conference ministry.

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

"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.

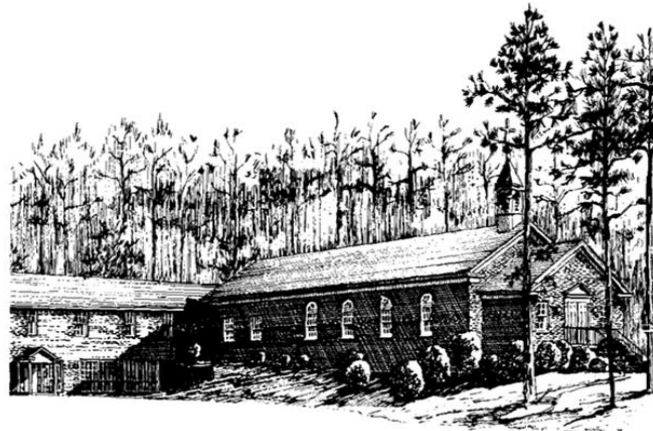
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Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church



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

"19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST"

October 19, 2025

11:00 a.m.

GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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"19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST"

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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

Mary Holc

PASSING OF THE PEACE

*Ms. Kaylyn McGhee
M. Div., UPSeM*

CALL TO WORSHIP [*Responsive; Pastor leads; Psalm 121; 2 Timothy 4*]

One: We lift up our eyes to the hills — from where will our help come?

All: Our help comes not from the hills, but from the Lord who made heaven and earth.

One: I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable;

All: The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

One: With endurance, expectation, and joy, let us worship the living God!

*** OPENING HYMN # 451 "Open My Eyes, That I May See"**

CALL TO CONFESSION [*Pastor*]

If we say we have no sin, the truth is not in us. And yet, we want to be people of truth and love. So we come to the baptismal font seeking a new start; a new day; an opportunity to join God's work of building and planting. With confidence that God hears our prayers and loves us unconditionally, 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

	October 19 19th Sunday after Pentecost - MH	October 26 20th Sunday after Pentecost - DH
S	9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service By Ms. Kaylyn McGhee M. Div., UPSem. 12p Stated Session Meeting Moderator: TBA	9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service By Rev. John Scholer ➤ <i>5¢ Meal Offering (Red Wagon)</i> <i>Last day to submit names for “Saints of Gregory Memorial”</i>
M	7p Finance Cmte 20	6-8p SA Cub Pack 910 Mtg 27 (Fellowship Hall)
T	5:30-8p GSA Tr5 000 (Fellowship 21 Hall, Kitchen)	28
W	22	29
T	6a Clean Church 23 2p Nov. News articles due 5:30-8:30p SA Eagle Review Bd (Fellowship Hall)	6a Clean Church 30 2p Newsletter out
F	24	Hallowe'en 31 2p Cmte reports due
S	8p PG Study Group AA 25 membership dinner & meeting (Fellowship Hall, Kitchen)	All Saints Day NOV 1

Attendance	Worship	Service	Sunday	School
	M	V	M	V
October 5, 2025	27	7	12	
October 12, 2025	23	7	10	
October 19, 2025				
October 26, 2025				

M=Members V=Visitors

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *[In unison]*

God of the covenant, you promise to write your law in our hearts, that we might be faithful people who know you and your will for us. Still we stray from your ways, we fail to tell the truth, we mirror the world around us more than the good news of the gospel, and we fail to acknowledge that you are our God. Forgive us, and by your Spirit renew us. Engrave your covenant upon us once more. Grant us courage and faith that we might begin again to live what it is we say we believe. Amen.

[Pause for a moment of silent confession]

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON *[In unison; Jeremiah 31:34]*

No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more. Hear and believe this good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN # 581 “Glory Be to the Father”

* PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *[In unison; 2 Timothy 4:3]*

Amid a world where sound teaching is hard to find, our ears are easily tickled by words that suit our own desires. Open us to hear your word, O Lord, that we might know you and your will for us today.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE *[Holy Bible, NRSV Trans.]*

Luke 18:1-8 p. 853
2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5 p. 967-968

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Persistence”

Ms. Kaylyn McGhee
M. Div., UPSem

*** REFLECTIVE HYMN # 634 “To God Be The Glory”**

*** 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]

Out of gratitude for all that God has provided for us and with hope for a future that continues to unfold toward God’s promised end, we bring our tithes and offerings for God’s work among us in this time and place.

OFFERING, OFFERTORY

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

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

We give you thanks, Creator of heaven and earth and all that is within them, for the gift of this day, this moment of worship, and your word which is engraved upon our hearts. Receive and bless these gifts that we return to you, as a symbol of the dedication of our entire lives, that we as your church might be ever more faithful in your work of reconciliation, love and joy. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

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

One: O Lord our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You created the heavens and the earth and placed us in your world to glorify and enjoy you forever. We have recognized the despair, dismay, and injustice; the violence and the disasters of the world in which we live. We come to you today in need of the healing and peace that only you can provide.

All: Lord, listen to your children praying.

One: We pray for those who come fresh to our minds and hearts today
Lord, hear your people as they pray and name those names and concerns before you.

All: Lord, listen to your children praying.

One: We pray for nourishment. We pray that we might nourish our souls with your Word. We pray that we might nourish our bodies with fruits, vegetables and exercise. We pray that we might nourish our minds with the truth.

All: Lord, listen to your children praying.

One: We pray that you might speak to us. We pray that your Word might dwell within us and be engraved upon our hearts. We pray for the right words to speak in troubled times. We pray that your Spirit might give us eyes to see and ears to hear the new Word you are still speaking today.

All: Lord, listen to your children praying.

One: Finally, we pray for all those needs unnamed that trouble and unsettle our souls, needs known to you and bigger than we can handle on our own.

All: Lord, listen to your children praying.

One: Into your hands, O Lord, we place these prayers, longing for the day when you will make all things new. As we wait with anticipation and hope, we join our voices with disciples of all the ages to pray as Jesus has taught us, 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 # 720 “Jesus Calls Us”**

*** CHARGE & BENEDICTION [Pastor]**

May the God of peace make you holy in every way and keep your whole being – heart, spirit, soul, and body – sound and blameless until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and God will do this. Alleluia. Amen.

*** POSTLUDE**