

# 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." Revelations 22:12-13*

**"6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER"**

**MAY 5, 2024  
11:00 a.m.**

## GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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MAY 5, 2024

11:00 a.m.

**PRELUDE** Sandra Perkins, Organist  
Gail Hare, Pianist

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS/  
SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS** Larry Johnson

**PASSING OF THE PEACE** Rev. Dr. Katherine Jackson  
Guest Preacher

## **CALL TO WORSHIP** [*Responsive reading; Psalm 98*]

One: O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.  
God’s right hand and his holy arm have gained him victory.

**All: The Lord has made known his victory; God has revealed his  
vindication in the sight of the nations.**

One: God has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house  
of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

**All: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous  
song and sing praises.**

One: Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of  
melody.

**All: With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before  
the King, the Lord.**

One: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

**All: Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the  
presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will  
judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.**

**\*OPENING HYMN #14 “For the Beauty of the Earth”**

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**\*Please stand, as able.**

# OUR PRAYERS & CONCERNS

Those affected by Baltimore, MD bridge disaster  
First-responders, world-wide  
Our deployed U.S. service personnel & their families  
Families, persons, communities affected by weather disasters & gun violence  
All families affected by the Israeli-Gaza Strip war  
People & Sovereign Country of Ukraine; Russian citizens conscripted into war  
Those in our community suffering from illness/loss/grief/hardship  
Amy Townson, Josh Ingram’s sister  
Becky Scott Smith  
Russell Heiser, Ingrid Phoenix’s grandson (health issues)  
Butch Meade, Glenda Mayhew’s brother  
Verne & Clara Smith  
Eddie Frankenstein  
Etta Holc  
Jerry & Ruby Hasky (health issues)  
Lee Harsh, Valerie Harsh’s brother-in-law (health issue)  
Larry Brown of Chesterfield, Larry Johnson’s friend (health issue)  
Billy Hudson, friend of Dianna L. Flaherty, Mary Lykins’ daughter  
Renee’ Renier, Diana Flaherty’s long-time friend (health issue)  
Emily Henry, Mary Holc’s sister (health issue)  
Charlie Perkins (health issue)  
Paula McDaniel, Pam Elder’s sister (health issue)  
Grace Cibula (health issue; recovering at home)  
Moneka Suprenant, Susan Shockley’s & Sandy Eickmeyer’s friend (brain injury)  
John Carl Allen (recovering, orthopedic surgery)  
Mary Kay & Mike Schroeter (health issues)  
Dr. Joseph Hillier of Matoaca, Lykins family friend (health issue)  
Peggy & Dennis Allen (health issues; Peggy: Petersburg Home for Ladies,  
Rm #18)  
Corey Whelan, Pat Hunter’s grandson (on-going health issue)  
Judy Recher (health issue)  
Shirley MacNeill (health issues; recovering at home)  
Valerie Harsh, living in Staunton, VA (health issue)  
Sean Godwin, grandson of Bill & Cheryl Godwin (health issue: MCV-Massey)  
Marty Mann, brother-in-law of Donald Hunter & Pat Hunter (health issues)

**THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY**

		<b>MAY 5</b>		<b>MAY 12</b>
S	<p><b>"6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter"</b></p> <p><b>9:30a</b> Sunday School</p> <p><b>11a</b> Worship Service ➤ Minute for Missions</p> <p>Guest preacher: Rev. Dr. Katherine C. Jackson</p>		<p><b>Mother's Day</b></p> <p><b>"7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter"</b></p> <p><b>9:30a</b> Sunday School</p> <p><b>11a</b> Worship Service ➤ Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering</p> <p>Guest preacher: Rev. Marvin Daniel</p>	
M		6	<p><b>6p-9p</b> BSA Tr900 &amp; Crater District Cyber-Bullying/ Internet Safety Class (Sanctuary &amp; Fellowship Hall, multiple rooms)</p>	13
T		7		14
W		8		15
T	<p><b>6a</b> Clean church</p>	9	<p><b>6a</b> Clean church</p> <p><b>6p</b> BSA Cub Pack 910 (Fellowship Hall, multiple rooms)</p>	16
F		10		17
S		11		18

	M	V	M	V
April 7, 2024	21	6	13	
April 14, 2024	18	8	12	
April 21, 2024	27	5	12	
April 28, 2024	21	9	12	

M=Members V=Visitors

**CALL TO CONFESSION [Pastor]**

There is nothing that can separate us from God's love. Therefore, let's confess our sins, trusting that God will forgive us and help us transform our lives.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION [In unison]**

Tender God, forgive us for our half-hearted faith that loves only when it's easy, and reaches out only to those who are like us, that ignores your less convenient commandments and fails to bear fruit anyone would rejoice in. How can a faith like that conquer the world? Nourish us again, to blossom with whole-hearted faith that abides in your love and shines forth with joy. Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

[Pause for a moment of silent confession.]

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON [Responsive]**

**One:** Hear the Good News! The only one who could judge us calls us friends.

**All:** **Jesus chose us over his own life, so let us choose Jesus in the life we have now.**

**One:** By the power of the Spirit, our sins are washed away, and we are made new.

**All:** **Let us live as God's forgiven children. Alleluia! Amen.**

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

**\*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION [In unison]**

Holy Spirit, help us to hear familiar words with fresh ears, and to take your Holy Word to us seriously, as guide and pattern for our lives. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE READING [Holy Bible, NRSV Trans.]**

1 John 5:1-6

**SERMON**

Rev. Dr. Katherine C. Jackson

**\*REFLECTIVE HYMN #697 "Take My Life"**

**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 [Pastor]**

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

**DEPARTING HYMN #839 "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"**

**\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION [Pastor]**

**POSTLUDE**

**We welcome the Rev. Dr. Katherine C. Jackson back to our pulpit today!**

May Guest Preachers:

**May 5: Rev. Dr. Katherine C. Jackson; L. Johnson, Announcer**

May 12: Rev. Marvin Daniel; S. Shockley, Announcer

May 19: Rev. Marvin Daniel; R. Scott, Announcer

May 26: Rev. Dr. Katherine C. Jackson; D. Hunter, Announcer

During this morning’s worship service in “Minute for Missions”, Grace Cibula will speak on the Presbyterian Women’s Birthday Offering which will be received next Sunday, (May 12), Mother’s Day.

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