

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Our thanks and appreciation to BSA Troop 900 Scouts, Scout Leader and volunteers for their assistance with today's worship service.

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

Next Sunday (June 2) – Holy Communion.

Guest preacher for June 2 - Rev. Nancy S. Clark.

Church office will be closed on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (June 4-6) while secretary is away with phone calls and requests handled via "Call-Forwarding" and email to office@gregorymemorial.org

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GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Session Members

*(Term = 3 yrs.; * indicates a partial term)*

Rose Scott (2024); Blake Bishop* (2024); Susan Shockley (2024)

Doug Holc (2025); David Johnson (2025); Patsy Johnson (2025)

Mary Holc (2026); Sandy Hunter (2026); William Shill (2026)

Donald Hunter (Clerk of Session (2024)

Trustees

Donald Hunter (2024); Ron Recher (2025); Gail Hare (2026)

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

"TRINITY SUNDAY"

MAY 26, 2024

11:00 a.m.

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PRELUDE Sandra Perkins, Organist
Gail Hare, Pianist

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS/
SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS** Donald Hunter

***POSTING OF COLORS** – BSA Troop 900 Scouts

***PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – BSA Troop 900 Scouts

NATIONAL ANTHEM *[Performed by Scarlett Costello]*

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

CALL TO WORSHIP *[Responsive reading]*

One: Let us begin our time of worship with a moment of remembrance.

All: We remember fallen soldiers, and the sacrifice they made for the sake of others.

One: Let us begin our time of worship with a moment of thanksgiving..

All: We thank God for brave men and women that have given their lives so that we may worship with fear.

One: Let us begin our time of worship with a moment of silence; for a moment is the least we can do for those that gave their eternity.

***OPENING HYMN #337 “My Country, ‘Tis of Thee”**

CALL TO CONFESSION *[Pastor]*

**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)

ANNOUNCEMENTS ... See back page.

THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

	MAY 26	JUNE 2
S	Trinity Sunday 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service ➤ 5 Cents-a-Meal Offering Guest preacher: Rev. Katherine C. Jackson	2nd Sunday after Pentecost 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service & Holy Communion Guest preacher: Rev. Nancy Clark
M	Memorial Day 27	1p Worship Cmte 3
T	28	Church office is closed <i>(except call-forwarding & email)</i> 4
W	29	Church office is closed <i>(except call-forwarding & email)</i> 5
T	6a Clean church 30	Church office is closed <i>(except call-forwarding & email)</i> 6 6a Clean church
F	2p Cmte reports 31	7
S	JUNE 1	8

Worship Attendance	M	V	M	V
May 5, 2024	18	10	8	
May 12, 2024	25	8	11	
May 19, 2024	23	13	11	
May 26, 2024				

M=Members V=Visitors

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [In unison]

God of every nation, as we remember those that gave their lives for our sake, let us be stirred to action in their memory. We confess that we have not done all that is possible to promote peace and justice in our world. We have not loved our neighbors, let alone our enemies. Forgive us for failing to live up to your commandments. Empower us to work for your Kingdom in this world, and welcome us by your grace into your kingdom in the next. Amen

[Pause for a moment of silent confession.]

ASSURANCE OF PARDON [In unison]

The Christ who bore in his own body the sin of the world offers us not judgment, but mercy. In the name of Jesus Christ, we know we are forgiven and rejoice. Amen.

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

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

Holy Spirit, as the Scripture is read, open our hearts and minds to hear the truth; shine light where we cling to darkness; convict where there is need; and call forth from us the passion and joy to respond to your Word to us. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING [Holy Bible, NRSV Trans.]

1 Kings 2:1-11

SERMON

"The Finish Line"

Rev. Dr. Katherine C. Jackson

"THE EMPTY CHAIR"

REFLECTIVE HYMN: SPECIAL MUSIC [Performed by Gail Hare]

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]

God's Spirit is among us making all things new. Let us participate in this new creation by offering our gifts to God.

OFFERING, OFFERTORY

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

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

We bring our gifts with gratitude for the opportunity to give. We thank You, O Lord, for the bounty that is ours and for the freedom we have to worship as we choose. We are grateful for the endless choices that are ours to ponder and partake. We bring our gifts with hearts full of thanksgiving for all that is ours. We ask only that you would help us to remember. Amen.

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

Leader: Eternal God, from whom People life comes, to whom all life returns, we remember all who served our country in the military.

People: We remember and we give thanks.

Leader: We give thanks for sacrifices made and losses endured.

People: We give thanks for acts of courage, grace and hope.

Leader: We give thanks for those who gave the full measure of devotion.

People: We give thanks for those we knew well and those we never met.

Leader: For the life, goodness, faith, courage, and love that was in each one, we give thanks.

People: We pray for families and friends and People who grieve for loved ones who have died in service to their country.

Leader: Meet them in the valley of death's shadow.

People: Embrace them in the healing warmth of your comfort, grace, and love.

Leader: Grant them and all of us the assurance that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

People: May the day soon come when swords are beaten into plowshares, war is studied no more, and all peoples and your world will know peace.

Leader: May we work for that day. We pray through Jesus Christ, who taught us that when we pray together, we are to say together...

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 #338 "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"**

***RETIRING OF THE COLORS – BSA Troop 900 Scouts**

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION [Pastor]**

POSTLUDE