

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome the Rev. Marvin Daniel 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

The special Pentecost Offering will be received today. Please use the envelope provided in the bulletin. The enclosed flyer ("I Am Coming to You" - John 14:18b) explains how the Pentecost Special Offering will be used.

Stated Session Meeting – Today after worship service; Rev. Marvin Daniel, Moderator.

Christine Belsches Memorial Scholarship – The last day to receive applications for Christine Belsches Memorial Scholarship funds for Fall 2024 Semester is May 31, 2024.

Church office will be closed to business while Secretary is away on Tuesday, June 4 through Thursday, June 6, with communications being handled via Call-Forwarding and email.

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GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Pastor: As announced

Secretary: Nancy Adams (office@gregorymemorial.org)

Organist: Sandra Perkins Pianist: Gail Hare

Treasurer: Susan Shockley Financial Sec.: Sandy Hunter

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*

"DAY OF PENTECOST"

MAY 19, 2024

11:00 a.m.

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PRELUDE Sandra Perkins, Organist
Gail Hare, Pianist

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS/
SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS** Rose Scott

PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. Marvin Daniel
Guest Preacher

CALL TO WORSHIP [*Responsive reading; based on Acts 2:1-4*]

One: All together in one place;

All: they heard the rush of a violent wind;

One: It filled the entire house.

All: **Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared and rested on each of them;**

One: they were filled with the Holy Spirit.

***OPENING HYMN #286 “Breath on Me, Breath of God”**

CALL TO CONFESSION [*Pastor*]

God’s Spirit has gathered us for worship. Let us confess our sins and return to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [*In unison*]

Spirit of God, we hesitate and doubt. You call us to act boldly but our fear keeps us from following your call. Forgive our lack of courage. Embolden us to dream big and trust the Spirit to fill us and use us. Help us be Christ’s church without hesitation. Guided by your Holy Spirit, help us usher in your kingdom to come. Amen.

[Pause for a moment of silent confession.]

***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 19	MAY 26
S	Day of Pentecost 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service ➤ Pentecost Offering Guest preacher: Rev. Marvin Daniel 12p Stated Session Meeting Moderator: Rev. Daniel	Trinity Sunday 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service ➤ 5 Cents-a-Meal Offering Guest preacher: Rev. Dr. Katherine C. Jackson
M	20	Memorial Day 27
T	6p GSA Tr5000 (Fellowship Hall, multiple rooms) 21	28
W	6p-9p BSA Eagle Scout (Philpot); Fellowship Hall, Reception area, Kitchen, Meeting/Dining Room 22	29
T	6a Clean church 23 2p Newsletter out	6a Clean church 30
F	24	Last day to submit Christine Belsches Memorial Scholarship applications 31 2p Cmte reports
S	25	JUNE 1

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

M=Members V=Visitors

ASSURANCE OF PARDON [Pastor; Acts 2:21]

“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”
 In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed. Amen.

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

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

Open our hearts and minds by the power of your Spirit, Holy God, that we might hear and receive the message you intend for us today. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS [Holy Bible, NRSV Trans.]

1st Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-14

2nd Lesson: John 15:26-27 [p. 878] Reader: R. Scott

John 16:4b-15 [p. 878-879] Reader: R. Scott

Gospel: Acts 2:1-21

SERMON "Now, We're Talking" Rev. Marvin Daniel

***REFLECTIVE HYMN #307 "God of Grace and God of 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]

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 [Pastor]**

You have blessed each of us with gifts to serve and share, Most Generous God. May the offerings we present today be used to further your Kingdom and build your beloved community. Amen.

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

One: God who gathers us, on this Pentecost Sunday, in this season of the Spirit and the first signs of summer, grant us the courage of a planted seed, poised for growth, ready to burst from the dark, rich soil of Word and worship. May the timing of our growth coincide with your created order. May we bloom in righteousness as the sun rises high and the crops grow tall.

All: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.

One: Peaceful Spirit, in this season of war and violence, as bombs fall and assault rifles gun down the innocent, and refugees flee their homes in search of safe haven, save us from evil and free us from our addiction to violence and weapons of destruction. Bend the arc of the universe towards justice. Inspire us with courage to resist the evil of racism, to proclaim your inclusive love, to root out the enemies of righteousness, to persist for peace.

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One: Spirit of wisdom and understanding, as you gathered diverse peoples on Pentecost, embolden us with a Christian hospitality that welcomes and receives all. Open our hearts to empathy and understanding of the circumstances of others. Empower us with your radical love that can strengthen and save. May we, your people, call on you with one voice, as one body, giving thanks and praise for your promise of redemption.

All: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.

One: In your mercy, Beloved God, hear the prayers of your people. Now, as the Body of Christ, we pray as Christ taught us, *"Our Father..."*

***DEPARTING HYMN #289 "On Pentecost They Gathered"**

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION [Pastor]**

May the spark of God ignite you, May the love of Christ renew you. May the Holy Spirit fill you, on this Pentecost Sunday and the days to come. Amen.

POSTLUDE