

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome the Rev. Marvin Daniel back to our pulpit today!

June Guest Preachers:

June 2: Rev. Nancy S. Clark; P. Johnson, Announcer

June 9: Rev. Marvin Daniel; S. Hunter, Announcer

June 16 – “Father’s Day:” Rev. Nancy S. Clark; L. Johnson, Announcer

June 23 – “Sunday at the Park”: Rev. Marvin Daniel; S. Shockley, Announcer

June 30: TBA; R. Scott, Announcer

Father’s Day – Sunday, June 16.

“Sunday at the Park” (660 Courthouse Road in Prince George – 11 a.m. on

June 23: No Sunday School; Worship will be in Scott Park Pavilion, followed by covered-dish picnic lunch. Church to provide fried chicken & beverage; congregation to provide sides & desserts. Plan to attend this gathering! *Dress comfortably for sitting around rustic picnic tables/benches.*

Circle - Studies have been completed. No meeting until September.

Session – No Stated Session meeting until Sunday, July 21.

GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Pastor: As announced

Secretary: Nancy Adams (office@gregorymemorial.org)

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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

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JUNE 9, 2024

11:00 a.m.

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PRELUDE

Sandra Perkins, Organist
Gail Hare, Pianist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS/ SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

Sandy Hunter

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Marvin Daniel
Guest Preacher

CALL TO WORSHIP *[Responsive reading]*

One: Come, weary one...

All: for God is in this place.

One: Come, restless one...

All: for God is in this place.

One: Come, hopeful one...

All: for God is in this place.

One: Come, curious one...

All: for God is in this place.

One: God is in me, and God is in you.

All: So, in every place in this place, God is here.

*OPENING HYMN #2 “Come Thou Almighty King”

CALL TO CONFESSION *[Pastor]*

God invites us to a real relationship, a place where we are honest with ourselves, others and God. Let’s start here, confessing the uncomfortable truth of our sin, together.

**Please stand, as able.*

OUR PRAYERS & CONCERNS

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)

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THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

	JUNE 9	JUNE 16
S	3rd Sunday after Pentecost 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service Guest preacher: Rev. Marvin Daniel	"Father's Day" 4th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service Guest preacher: Rev. Nancy S. Clark
M	6p BSA Crater District Order of Arrow (Fellowship Hall, Multiple rooms)	17
T	7p Finance Cmte	6p BSA Troop 900 (Fellowship Hall, multiple rooms)
W	12	"JUNETEENTH"
T	6a Clean church	1ST Day of Summer! 6a Clean church 2p Newsletter articles due <i>(July Newsletter goes out 6/27)</i>
F	14	21
S	10a Faith Cmte meets at S. Hunter's; begin delivery of church's Shut-In meals	22

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [Pastor]

You send us, God of the Great Commission, but we hedge and hesitate. Forgive our fear and our excuses. We are witnesses of your grace and glory but allow others to silence our praise. We imprison ourselves with doubt and shame and fail to shine your light for all to see. Forgive our fears. Free our testimony. Amen.

[Pause for a moment of silent confession.]

ASSURANCE OF PARDON [Responsive]

Christ has transformed us. Christ has renewed us. Through Christ's death and resurrection, we are a new creation, ready to sing God's glory and testify to God's grace. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

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

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

Savior God, your Word is a lamp to our feet on this discipleship road. Walk with us. Guide us with your wisdom and grace. Open us to discerning your will and your way. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING [Holy Bible, NRSV Trans.]

Old Testament: Gen. 3: 8-15 [p. 2-3]
 Psalm 130 [p. 500]
 New Testament: 2 Cor. 5: 6-10; 14-17 [p.939-940] Reader: S. Hunter
 Gospel Lesson: Mark 4: 26-34 [p. 815-816]

SERMON "Surprising Seeds" Rev. Marvin Daniel

***REFLECTIVE HYMN #367 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"**

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]

Humbled by God's generosity, let us offer our gifts to God and Christ's church.

OFFERING, OFFERTORY

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

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

God, you meet our needs and transform us for service. Accept these gifts as signs of our gratitude and our commitment to witness to Christ's ministry in your world. Amen.

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

One: Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed! We join our voices with the chorus of creation, praising our God of resurrection glory! The trajectory of death has been disrupted. God's promise of a world made new, redeemed by Christ's passion, is worthy of trumpets, tambourines, and dance! We celebrate you, Savior God. We adore you. We approach you in prayer full of gratitude and praise. Even though the lilies that adorn our sanctuaries are still fresh and our lives know happiness and joy, we continue to grieve the state of our world, the illness that lays so many low, the violence of war and the troubled spirits of those oppressed.

All: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers.

One: Hear our prayers for peace, Redeeming God. Heal the rifts that break us apart. Humble the tyrants hell-bent on war. Empower the diplomats with nonviolent strategies. Protect the peoples of Ukraine and Gaza.

All: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers.

One: Encourage us, God of grace, in our witness. May we not fear or avoid your call to shine and sing. Give us the courage to face our painful truths so we can participate in necessary and faithful change. Grant us the wisdom to learn from our past so we can help build towards your glorious future. Guide us in all we say and do, Inspiring God, so we can bear witness to the hope you offer and the path Christ has paved. As the Body of Christ, hear us now as we pray as Christ taught us, **"Our Father..."**

***DEPARTING HYMN #462 "I Love to Tell the Story"**

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION [Pastor]**

Go with the creativity of the One who made you. Go with the compassion of the One who claims you. Go with the courage of the One who stirs you to action. Go in peace. Amen.

***POSTLUDE**

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