

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome the Rev. Nancy S. Clark 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: Rev. Marvin Daniel; R. Scott, Announcer

Today is “Father’s Day” – To the fathers among us: May your day be blessed!

Next Sunday (June 23): “Sunday at the Park” – 11 a.m. There’s no Sunday School; worship service will be held in the Pavilion at Clifford W. Scott Memorial Park (6680 Courthouse Road in Prince George) beginning at 11 a.m., followed by covered-dish picnic lunch. Church to provide fried chicken and beverage; congregation to provide sides and desserts. Plan to attend this gathering! *Dress comfortably for sitting on rustic picnic table 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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“FATHER’S DAY”

JUNE 16, 2024

11:00 a.m.

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PRELUDE

Sandra Perkins, Organist
Gail Hare, Pianist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS/ SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

Larry Johnson

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Nancy S. Clark
Guest Preacher

CALL TO WORSHIP [*Responsive reading; Psalm 95:1-3; 6-7a*]

One: ¹Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the
Rock of our salvation.

All: ²Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with
music and song.

One: ³For the Lord is the great God,

All: **the great King above all gods.**

One: ⁶Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord
our Maker;

All: ^{7a}for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock
under his care.

***OPENING HYMN #625 "O Lord, My God (How Great Thou Art)"**

**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

Butch Meade, Glenda Mayhew's brother

Verne & Clara Smith

Eddie Frankenstein

Etta Holc

Evelyn Foster

Jerry & Ruby Hasky (health issues)

Russell Heiser, Ingrid Phoenix's grandson (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)

Family/friends of Faye Marie Scott, sister-in-law of Rose Scott, of Berkeley, WV,
formerly of Chesterfield and Colonial Heights, VA, (d. 6/4)

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THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

	JUNE 16	JUNE 23
S	4th Sunday after Pentecost "Father's Day" 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service Guest preacher: Rev. Nancy S. Clark	5th Sunday after Pentecost "Sunday in the Park" Clifford W. Scott, Jr. Memorial Park 6680 Courthouse Rd in Prince George <i>No Sunday School today</i> 11a Worship Service ➤ 5 Cents-a-Meal Offering Guest preacher: Rev. Marvin Daniel
M	17	24
T	6p BSA Tr 900 dinner Meeting (Fellowship Hall, Multiple rooms)	25
W	"Juneteenth"	26
T	"Independence Day" 6a Clean church 2p Newsletter (July) articles due	27 6a Clean church 2p Newsletter (July) out
F	21	28
S	1p Worship Cmte meets at church to gather items needed for "Sunday in the Park"	29

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	M	V	M	V
June 2, 2024	20	10		
June 9, 2024	19	8	11	
June 16, 2024				
June 23, 2024				
June 30, 2024				

M=Members V=Visitors

CALL TO CONFESSION [Pastor]

Jesus calls us to enter the joy of discipleship, the joy of following in his way. But sin clings closely, and we struggle to respond fully to Christ's invitation. Let us seek God's forgiveness so that we may know more deeply the joy God intends.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [Pastor]

God of perfect love, you continually bring forth life, transforming sadness to joy, and despair to hope. We are weak, but you are strong. Our ways are flawed, but your ways are true. We are seldom right, but you are never wrong. Forgive us, redeem us, transform us. Take away the sin that burdens us, and restore us to the people you would have us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

[Pause for a moment of silent confession.]

ASSURANCE OF PARDON [Responsive]

Relentlessly God seeks us out. With abundant grace and boundless mercy, God seeks us out. This is good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

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

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

Gracious God, illumine these words by your Spirit that we might hear what you would have us hear and be who you would us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING [Holy Bible, NRSV Trans.]

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 15:34 thru 16:13 [P. 226-227] Reader: L. Johnson
 2nd Reading: Gospel of Mark 4:26-34 [P. 815-816]

SERMON

"Unlikely to Happen"

Rev. Nancy S. Clark

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

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 [In unison]**

O God, with faith and hope, we offer these gifts. Use them, even as you use us, to accomplish your purposes in Jesus Christ, the Head of the church and the Lord of our lives. Amen.

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

One: Great God, in you is more love than we can imagine and more grace than we can understand. You have shown yourself in Jesus Christ as a God who meets us where we are and loves us as we are. We are glad for this day and grateful for your many gifts. You bring good things into our lives, more than we can name, more than we can number. You give us the bread of life, sustaining our souls and feeding our deepest hungers. You accompany us on our way. Thank you for your abundant faithfulness.

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

One: Our hearts are full with many things today. Disease and death and pain and sorrow are constantly among us. The journey through these days is marked by uncertainty and heartache. We are frequently overwhelmed by the needs around us and within us. Some need healing, some need encouragement, some need comfort, some need assurance, we all need hope. So we turn to you asking you to hear our prayers and grant what we need for the living of these days.

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

One: We pray for our nation. We pray for renewed commitments to our common life. Refresh us in the values of your heart: justice, righteousness, compassion, mercy, peace. Help us to find a unity of purpose as citizens and neighbors.

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

One: We pray for your church in places near and far. May the waters of your grace continually refresh and empower us to extend the love of Jesus to all people. We pray for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), for the clarity of our witness and the success of our mission. We pray for our congregation, for our life together, and for our efforts to follow in the way of Jesus. Hear us. Hold us. Heal us. Help us. For the sake of our Savior, our Lord, Jesus Christ who taught us to pray like this: *"Our Father"*

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

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION [Pastor]**

***POSTLUDE**

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