

GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June 23, 2024 - "Sunday in the Park"

Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church

6300 Courthouse Road,

Prince George, Virginia 23875

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

..... Susan Shockley

CALL TO WORSHIP

..... Rev. Marvin Daniel

OPENING HYMN "I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY" [To be sung a cappella, "... indicates pause]

V. 1 I love to tell the story ... of unseen things above ... of Jesus and his glory ... of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story ... because I know 'tis true ... it satisfies my longings ... as nothing else could do.

Refrain: I love to tell the story ... 'twill be my theme in glory ... To tell the old, old story ... of Jesus and his love.

V.3 I love to tell the story ... for those who know it best ... hat seems, each time I tell it ... more wonderfully sweet!
And when, in scenes of glory ... I sing the new, new song ... 'twill be the old, old story ... that I have loved so long.

Refrain: I love to tell the story ... 'twill be my theme in glory ... To tell the old, old story ... of Jesus and his love.

CALL TO CONFESSION [Pastor]

Before we hear the Word read and proclaim, let us prepare our hearts through the confession of our individual and collective sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [In unison]

Merciful God, we confess that we have not been faithful children. We have not lived by your law; we have remained silent in the face of evil; we have not refrained from deceit; we have not followed in the way of peace; and we have not honored all that is true and good. We have been foolish and immature people who resist the holy wisdom you graciously offer. Forgive us our sin, O God, and lead us to sincere repentance through Jesus Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURES

Old Testament: Psalm 30 Reader: S. Shockley

New Testament/Gospel: John 21: 1-19

SERMON:

"Christians in the Park" Rev. Marvin Daniel

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH [In unison]

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; from Hebrews 13:16]*

“Do good and share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.”

OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *[In unison]*

Gracious God, all that we have is a gift from you. Take these gifts that we give and use them for your service, that others might be fed in body and in spirit. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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

One: God of summer, this world is yours and we live according to your abundance. Wherever we wander during these summer days – road trips to the beach, family camping trips, visiting friends and relatives – watch over our travels. May we reach our destinations safely and make our journeys with wonder at the blessings bestowed upon us by your amazing grace. As we kneel in the dirt of our gardens, pulling the unwanted weeds, pruning the untamed overgrowth, may our harvest be plentiful and the smell of soil, air and sun spark joy.

All: Holy God, you give us enough to share. Remind us of those who don't have enough and of our ability to make a difference in their lives.

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

DEPARTING HYMN “BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS” *[To be sung a cappella, “...” indicates pause]*

- V. 1 Blest be the tie that binds ... our hearts in Christian love:
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.
- V. 2 Before our Father's throne ... we pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.
- V.3 We share our mutual woes our mutual burdens bear,
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.
- V. 4 From sorrow, toil, and pain ... and sin we shall be free;
And perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.
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CHARGE & BENEDICTION *[Pastor]*

BLESSING OF MEAL *[Pastor]*

Resource: THE HOLY BIBLE, (NRSV translation).

Resource: Hymns from GLORY TO GOD PRESBYTERIAN HYMNAL

Resource: "Apostles' Creed", BOOK OF ORDER, PC (USA)