

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: Rev. Marvin Daniel; R. Scott, Announcer

Today we will collect the “5 Cents-a-Day Meals Offering” and
“Local Emergency Aid Offering (use enclose envelope).

Next Sunday’ (July 7) - Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Katherine C. Jackson.

Beginning July, the GMPC Fellowship Hall Meeting Room will be the venue of Prince George Study Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. Weekly Meetings will be held on Saturdays 8 p.m.-9 p.m. Contact: Mitchell Pillsbury at 804.720.7232 for information.

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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 30, 2024

11:00 a.m.

GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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PRELUDE

Sandra Perkins, Organist
Gail Hare, Pianist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS/

Rose Scott

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Marvin Daniel
Guest Preacher

CALL TO WORSHIP *[Responsive reading]*

One: We trust that the Lord is with us and

All: all shall be made well.

One: Our faith is the light that guides us

All: through work, life and the world.

One: Rejoice and know that God is here.

All: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord.

*OPENING HYMN #81 “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

CALL TO CONFESSION *[Pastor]*

We call on the Lord from the depths of our pain. We wait for the Lord on the strength of our hope. Faithfully, let us confess our sins and trust in God to bring us new life and new ways of living.

**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

Evelyn Foster

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

S	JUNE 30	6 th Sunday after Pentecost	JULY 7	7 th Sunday after Pentecost
		9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service ➤ 5 Cents-a-Meal Offering ➤ Local Emergency Aid Offering Guest preacher: Rev. Marvin Daniel		9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service Guest preacher: Rev. Katherine C. Jackson
M	JULY 1			8
T			7p Finance Cmte	9
W				10
T		Independence Day <u>Office open</u> 6a Clean church	6a Clean church	11
F				12
S	6	8p PG Study Group of AA meeting (Fellowship Hall, Reception Area, Kitchen, Meeting/Dining Room)	8p PG Study Group of AA meeting (Fellowship Hall, Reception Area, Kitchen, Meeting/Dining Room)	13

Worship Attendance	M	V	M	V
June 2, 2024	20	10	10	
June 9, 2024	19	8	11	
June 16, 2024	20	11	9	
June 23, 2024	28	9	--	
June 30, 2024				

M=Members V=Visitors

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [Pastor]

Lord, forgive us, for in the busy-ness of our lives we have forgotten to seek you. Instead of looking at the glory of every single miracle around us – from the beauty of the flowers to the turning of the leaves – we have focused on completing our own tasks. We have asked for miracles, but we haven’t asked for you. Help us see what you have already given us and to see all people as you see them. When we think all is lost, remind us how your forgiveness comes like the morning, leading us out of the darkness every time. Amen.

[Pause for a moment of silent confession.]

ASSURANCE OF PARDON [Responsive]

One: Great is God’s faithfulness! With God there is forgiveness and great power to redeem.

All: **God’s mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning.**

One: God has turned our mourning to dancing, forgiving us fully and freely.

All: **Our souls will not be silent. As forgiven people, we will praise the Lord!**

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

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

Holy Lord, we seek for an understanding when we find none. Open our ears, our hearts, and our minds, and open us to our companions in faith. Teach us how to follow the path you are leading us on; assure us that we will be safe on this path and that we will always be welcome to follow you. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING [Holy Bible, NRSV Trans.]

Old Testament: 2 Samuel 1:1 and 17-27 [p. 240]

New Testament: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 [p. 940] Reader: R. Scott

Gospel Lesson: Mark 5:21-43 [p.816]

SERMON "Faith That Defies Defeat" Rev. Marvin Daniel

***REFLECTIVE HYMN #834 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"**

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]

With gratitude for all He has given us, let us return our offerings to God.

OFFERING, OFFERTORY

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

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

Lord God, let these offerings be useful in following our faith and helping our church. May our minds, souls, and bodies help to serve you. Let our gifts and kindness help not only you, but our friends, our community and our world. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER [Responsive]

One: Creator, Sustainer and Redeemer God, We come before you this morning with full hearts, with joys and sorrows all mixed up together.

All: We rejoice in the beauty and miracle and majesty of creation. We rejoice in this community of faith, in the love we have for one another, in the service we provide to our neighbors, and in the faith we express in you, God.

One: We lift up in prayer those for whom this week has brought not blessing but curse: those who have been ridiculed, hurt, lost, or lonely. We pray for the victims of natural disaster and famine and war and violence. We pray for those whose work brings them into harm's way — emergency personnel, soldiers, mediators, activists. We pray for those who seek peace in the face of overwhelming hate. And we pray for those who need love the most, and ask you bring us to them.

All: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers.

One: We are grateful for the privileges we have in this country, God — for the freedom to vote and worship, for access to education and medical care. Help us to remember that a privilege is not a blessing until it is shared, and help us to bless our country. We pray for those here and around who live under persecution from their governments, who suffer from limited resources and blatant corruption. Give us eyes to see beyond statistics to our human siblings who need our compassion.

All: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers.

One: We pray for those who are sick today, who need your healing touch. We pray especially for those suffering illnesses the world would often rather not acknowledge, for those who experience stigma and shame from their community rather than support and healing.

All: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers.

One: Risen Lord, we remember with joy and sorrow those who have passed on. We admit freely that we grieve, missing those whom we loved, wanting their presence in our lives. We confess that we do rejoice, knowing that they are with you, grateful for their example in our lives. We rejoice that one day we shall join them in forever singing to the glory of your saving name.

All: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers.

One: We bring these and all other prayers in our hearts to you, O God, giving infinite thanks for the gift of prayer that Jesus taught us, saying, "**Our Father...**"

***DEPARTING HYMN #475 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"**

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION [Pastor]**

Go in peace. Be whole. Feel this relief: Our Savior makes you well. And may God who gives you life, Christ who shares your life, and the Spirit who is your life be with you today, tomorrow, and always. Amen.

***POSTLUDE**