

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome the Rev. Dr. Katherine C. Jackson back to our pulpit today!

Our thanks to the Scouts of BSA Troop 900 and Ms. Scarlett Costello for assisting with today's worship service!

July Guest Preachers:

July 7: Rev. Dr. Katherine C. Jackson; D. Hunter, Announcer
July 14: Rev. Marvin Daniel; P. Johnson, Announcer
July 21: Rev. Marvin Daniel; S. Hunter, Announcer
July 28: Rev. Nancy S. Clark; L. Johnson, Announcer

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GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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

**JULY 7, 2024
11:00 a.m.**

GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Sandra Perkins, Organist
Gail Hare, Pianist

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS/
SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS** Donald Hunter

POSTING OF COLORS *[BSA Troop 900 Scouts]*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE *[BSA Troop 900 Scouts]*

NATIONAL ANTHEM *[Performed by Scarlett Costello]*

PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. Dr. Katherine C. Jackson
Guest Preacher

CALL TO WORSHIP *[Responsive reading]*

One: From shore to shore, let God's praise be sung.

All: From mountains high to valleys low, let the echo of praise resound.

One: For great is our God and greatly to be praised.

All: With glad and grateful hearts, we gather this day.

One: To sing a song of praise --- to God, for our country and our world.

***OPENING HYMN # 336 "We Gather Together"**

CALL TO CONFESSION *[Pastor]*

**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
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)
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)
Grace Cibula (health issue; presently rehabbing at Lucy Corr, Room 119)

ANNOUNCEMENTS ... See back page.

THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

	JULY 7	JULY 14
S	7th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service Guest preacher: Rev. Katherine C. Jackson	8th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service Guest preacher: Rev. Marvin Daniel
M	8	15
T	9	16
W	7p Finance Cmte 10	17
T	6a Clean church 11	6a Clean church 18
F	12	19
S	8p-9p PG Study Group AA meeting (Fellowship Hall, Kitchen, Meeting/Dining Room) 13	10a Faith Cmte meets at S. Hunter's; Delivery of Shut-in meals 8p-9p PG Study Group AA meeting (Fellowship Hall, Kitchen, Meeting/Dining Room) 20

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	19	9	12	

M=Members V=Visitors

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [Responsive; from "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"]

One: O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain, For purple mountain majesties, Above the fruited plain!

All: O God, forgive our mindless exploitation of this bountiful land. Forgive us for fouling our air, contaminating our water, disfiguring our landscape.

And grant us vision and courage to right these wrongs.

One: O beautiful for pilgrim feet, Whose stern, impassioned stress, A thoroughfare for freedom beat, Across the wilderness!

All: O God, forgive us for knowing so little about our heritage and for caring less. Forgive us for taking the faith and wisdom of our ancestors for granted. And grant us vision and courage to right these wrongs.

One: O beautiful for heroes proved, In liberating strife, Who more than self their country loved, And mercy more than life!

All: Forgive us, O God, for having grown soft and flabby, more concerned about what our country can do FOR us than about what WE can do for our country. Forgive us for admiring the costly sacrifices of others while inventing excuses for ourselves. And grant us vision and courage to right these wrongs.

One: O beautiful for patriot dreams, That sees beyond the years, Thine alabaster cities gleam, Undimmed by human tears!

All: Forgive, O God, our fear of dreaming grand, wonderful dreams of Justice and mercy in our land and peace among the nations. Forgive our daily failures in doing what we can to make such dreams come true because what we can do seems so little in the face of needs so vast. And grant us vision and courage to right these wrongs. We pray in the name of him who contains in his person all the beauty in the universe, Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Lord. Amen.

[Pause for a moment of silent confession.]

ASSURANCE OF PARDON [Pastor]

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

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

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING [Holy Bible, NRSV Trans.]

Deuteronomy 10:17-21

SERMON “The Republic for Which It Stands” Rev. Dr. Katherine C. Jackson

REFLECTIVE HYMN

FLAG FOLDING CEREMONY & ITS MEANING [Scouts and Pastor]

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 [Pastor]**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER [Pastor leads...; by Rick Morley]

One: As we remember the birth of our nation, and the gifts of life, liberty and and the pursuit of happiness, we offer our thanks and prayers to you, God, the giver of all good gifts.

All: For the women and men who braved the long journey by sea to come to this new world, we thank you Lord.

One: For the tribes and nations who inhabited this land for generation upon generation, we thank you Lord.

All: For patriots who dreamed of, and fought for, a free nation, we thank you Lord.

One: For the men and women who laid the foundation of our democracy, and who pledged liberty and justice for all, we thank you Lord.

All: For those who built this country brick by brick, road by road, and town by town, we thank you Lord.

One: For the brave soldiers who have fought for our country, for all who paid for our freedom by their service, and those who paid by their sacrifice, we thank you Lord.

All: For the innovators and artists, poets and teachers, farmers and factory workers; for all who labor and provide for the common good, we thank you Lord.

One: For this land, with its peaks and valleys, coasts and deserts, fields and meadows, we thank you Lord.

All: For our own community, for those who came before us in this place, and for our neighbors near and far, we thank you Lord.

One: Lord, we pray for The United States, that we might always be a nation which defends and promotes liberty and freedom, truth and justice; we pray to you Lord.

All: That we might always be a nation where all are free to worship and pray, we pray to you Lord.

One: That we might be a beacon of freedom to all those who live under the shadow of terror and hopelessness, we pray to you Lord.

All: That those who are elected to govern and lead would be guided by you and be ever aware of the trust that has been given them, we pray to you Lord.

One: That we would be a people who repent from our sins, and who always return to you and to your grace, we pray to you Lord. Gracious God, Father of all nations, bless and defend us and our land; prosper the work of our hands, and increase in us your grace and compassion. We offer our thanks to you, our rock and our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught his disciples that when we pray, we are to say: **“Our Father..”**

***DEPARTING HYMN #331 “God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”**

RETIRING OF THE COLORS [BSA Troop 900 Scouts]

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION [Pastor]**

POSTLUDE