

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

July Guest Preachers:

July 7: Rev. Dr. Katherine C. Jackson; D. Hunter, Announcer

July 14: Rev. Marvin Daniel; S. Hunter, Announcer

July 21: Rev. Marvin Daniel; P. Johnson, Announcer

July 28: Rev. Nancy S. Clark; L. Johnson, Announcer

Support is needed for the Prince George County Back to School Fair. Gregory Memorial will be assisting the county by filling 5 Elementary backpacks. The backpacks will be distributed to students at each elementary school's orientation on Aug.15. Next week (July 21) the Faith Committee is asking everyone to select a decoration from the tree in the Narthex which will list the item(s) needed. *Keep in mind that many items can be bought at the local Dollar Stores.*

Please return your item(s) either on Sunday, July 28 or Sunday, August 4.

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GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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)

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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 14, 2024
11:00 a.m.**

GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JULY 14, 2024

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

Sandra Perkins, Organist
Gail Hare, Pianist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS/ SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

Sandy Hunter

CALL TO WORSHIP [*Responsive reading*]

One: God calls. God gathers. God challenges. God moves. God liberates.
God saves.

All: Guide us and our lives, O Holy One, so all creation might flourish.

*OPENING HYMN # 263 "All Hail, the Power of Jesus Name"

CALL TO CONFESSION [*Pastor*]

The truth is liberating. Let us honestly examine our hearts and confess our sins before God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [*In unison*]

Holy God, we belittle ourselves in the face of overwhelming problems. We tell ourselves we are powerless to create positive change. We tell ourselves peace is impossible as we invest billions in weapons of war. We refuse new ideas, new solutions, new voices. We are stuck – trapped! – in our comfortable ways. Forgive our reluctance, God. Forgive our ignorance. Forgive our excuse-making. Turn us to all that is possible through you. Amen.

[Pause for a moment of silent confession.]

****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)

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THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

	JULY 14	JULY 21
S	8th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service Guest preacher: Rev. Marvin Daniel	9th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service Guest preacher: Rev. Marvin Daniel 12p Stated Session Meeting Moderator: Rev. Daniel <i>Tags for "Back-to-School Supplies are on Angel Tree; bring supplies back on July 28 or Aug. 4!"</i>
M	15	22
T	16	23
W	17	24
T	6a Clean church 2p Newsletter articles due	6a Clean church 2p Newsletter (Aug.) out
F	19	26
S	10a Faith Cmte meets at S. Hunter's; Shut-in meals delivery 8p-9p PG Study Group AA meeting (Fellowship Hall, Kitchen, Meeting/Dining Room)	8p-9p PG Study Group AA meeting (Fellowship Hall, Kitchen, Meeting/Dining Room)

Worship Attendance	M	V	M	V
July 7, 2024	24	16		
July 14, 2024				
July 21, 2024				
July 28, 2024				

M=Members V=Visitors

ASSURANCE OF PARDON [Pastor]

Christ has set us free. Claim your forgiveness. Rejoice in God's grace. Respond with bold, courageous love. Amen.

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

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

Prepare our hearts and minds for the hearing of your Word, Holy God. Open us to your truth. Humble us to your way. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING [Holy Bible, NRSV Trans.]

Old Testament: Amos 7:7-15 [p. 748]
 Psalm 85:8-13 [p. 473]
 New Testament: Ephesians 1:3-14 [p. 949] Reader: S. Hunter
 Gospel Lesson: Mark 6: 14-29 [p. 817-818]

SERMON "Herod's Choice" Rev. Marvin Daniel

***REFLECTIVE HYMN # 32 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"**

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]

In gratitude to God for all our blessings, let us bless others with a portion of all we have been given. Let us present our offerings to God.

OFFERING, OFFERTORY

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION [Pastor]**

Most generous God, you have blessed us with gifts to serve and share. May the offerings we present today be used to promote the peace, justice and healing you desire for us and your world. Amen.

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

One: God of heaven and earth, in these days of scorching summer sun and cool evening breeze; of terrorizing wars and vacations at the beach; of discouraging national news and nourishing church potlucks; we live lives of contradictions. We notice the disparities.

All: Holy Father, we feel you tugging at our hearts to heed Christ's call of discipleship, of care, of service, and of delighting in blessings bestowed.

One: On this Sabbath day, we pause to pray for those who are suffering, those who are close and known to us as well as those who live in faraway lands. In your mercy, God, hear our prayers for:

- People seeking to survive violence in Ukraine, Gaza, and Sudan
- People seeking a home to call their own, a place of safety and refuge
- People seeking escape from record heat waves and natural disasters
- People seeking cure for disease or easing of physical pain
- People seeking healing from mental or physical illness
- People seeking relief from endless waves of grief
- People seeking spiritual peace to cool anger burning within them

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

One: God, we know we are not powerless. We recognize the power we hold to make this world more just, more equitable, more right.

All: Equip us, teacher, with the wisdom to know what is best, and the courage to do what is right.

One: Now, as the Body of Christ, hear us as we pray the prayer our Savior taught us, saying **"Our Father ..."**

***DEPARTING HYMN # 370 "This is My Father's World"**

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION [Pastor]**

God calls. Christ loves. Spirit guides. Just as God gathered us for worship, God sends us out — redeemed, renewed, ready to live and love faithfully.

May the grace, hope, peace and love of God our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with us all, now and always. Amen.

POSTLUDE