

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

Don't forget to get a decoration from our tree in the Narthex!! Each one has an item(s) that is needed for the Back-to-School supplies drive. Please return your item(s) to church Sunday, July 28 or Sunday, August 4. The churches in Prince George are working together to give every student a chance to have a successful beginning to the school year.

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GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*(Term = 3 yrs.; * indicates a partial term)*

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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

**JULY 21, 2024
11:00 a.m.**

GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JULY 21, 2024

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Sandra Perkins, Organist
Gail Hare, Pianist

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS/
SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS** Patsy Johnson

CALL TO WORSHIP [*Responsive reading; based on Matthew 11:28-30*]

One: Jesus said, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

All: Lord, we come to worship you, seeking sabbath rest.

One: Jesus said, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

All: Lord, we come to worship you, to listen for your teachings and to seek rest for our souls.

One: Jesus said, "For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

All: Lord, we come to worship you, that we might serve you faithfully. Give thanks to God; bless God's name! For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever, and God's faithfulness to all generations.

***OPENING HYMN # 442 "The Church's One Foundation"**

CALL TO CONFESSION [*Pastor*]

The scriptures teach that there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. The scriptures also teach that we have a high priest who has been tested as we are, yet without sin. As the letter to the Hebrews encourages us, "Let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Let us pray.

**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 21	JULY 28
	9th Sunday after Pentecost	10th Sunday after Pentecost
	9:30a Sunday School	9:30a Sunday School
	11a Worship Service	11a Worship Service ➤ 5-Cents-a-Meal Offering
S	Guest preacher: Rev. Marvin Daniel	Guest preacher: Rev. Nancy S. Clark
	12p Stated Session Meeting	
	Moderator: Rev. Daniel	
	Tags for "Back-to-School" supplies are on Angel Tree; bring supplies back on July 28 or Aug. 4!	Tags for "Back-to-School" supplies are on Angel Tree; bring supplies back on July 28 or Aug. 4!
M	22	29
T	23	30
W	24	31
T	6a Clean church 2p Newsletter (Aug.) out	6a Clean church AUGUST 1
F	26	2
S	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	12	
July 14, 2024	25	13	9	
July 21, 2024				
July 28, 2024				

M=Members V=Visitors

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [In unison]

Good and gracious God, we confess that we run ourselves ragged. We are busy and preoccupied with so many things. We neglect to be still and know that you are God. Even our sabbath time can be filled with "busy-ness." Forgive us, Lord, for not accepting your gift and guidance of rest and restoration. Help us to put on the yoke of Jesus and walk in the way he models for us, mindful of our spiritual health and responding with compassion to the needs of our neighbors. Loving God, thank you for Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, who makes us complete in everything good so that we may do his will, working among us that which is pleasing in his sight. We pray through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

[Pause for a moment of silent confession.]

ASSURANCE OF PARDON [Responsive; Ephesians 2:4-10]

One: God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ — by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

All: Thanks be to God! For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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

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

Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God. Open our ears and our hearts to your teachings, Lord, that we may be strengthened in our faith and equipped for ministry in your name. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING [Holy Bible, NRSV Trans.]

Old Testament: Jeremiah 23:1-6 [p. 633]
Psalm 23 [p. 435-436]
New Testament: Ephesians 2:11-22 [p. 950] Reader: P. Johnson
Gospel Lesson: Mark 6:30-44 [p. 818]

SERMON "Sheep with No Shepherd" Rev. Marvin Daniel

***REFLECTIVE HYMN # 376 "Love Divine, All Love Excelling"**

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 grateful hearts, let us bring our tithes and offerings, that we may supply the needs of the saints, overflow with thanksgiving to God, glorify God, and share generously what God has so graciously given to us.

OFFERING, OFFERTORY

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION [Pastor]**

God of grace and God of glory, we thank you for your generous blessings which enrich our lives. Help us to be good stewards of all you give. May we freely give with generous hearts, even as we have received what you have so freely given us, Jesus Christ, your indescribable gift. Amen.

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

One: Holy God, Three in One, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we praise you for your goodness and your everlasting loving-kindness. With the power of your Word, you created the world and everything in it and fashioned us in your own image. Through your living Word, you continue to call us to obedience and service in the power of your Holy Spirit.

All: Hear our prayers, O Lord ...

One: Thank you, God, for the claim you put on our lives in baptism and the call to follow you throughout life. We pray for the wisdom of your Son's teachings to guide us in our actions. In what we say and do as followers of Jesus, may we always say and do what he has taught and shown us in his own life.

All: Hear our prayers, O Lord ...

One: God of all creation, we pray for the world in which we live. You offer us a better way, but we continue to live in strife. We divide ourselves and look to our own interests. We become discouraged and think we cannot make a difference. Lord, show us how to live as a witness to your power, promise, love and grace.

All: Hear our prayers, O Lord ...

One: God of life, as the crowds carried their sick to Jesus with the hope of them being healed, we still carry our sick to you in our prayers. We pray for all for whom life is a struggle today because of illness, both those who are sick and those who give care. Bless those who are undergoing treatments, recovering from surgeries, facing new diagnoses, and living with chronic conditions. May they know the peace of your life-giving Spirit. We also pray for those who are preparing to die, and for their loved ones. Help us always to live as they lived so that, when it is our time, we may go forth as those who are prepared to live in Christ Jesus.

All: Hear our prayers, O Lord ...

One: Almighty God, we offer these and all of our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, who taught us to pray, saying "**Our Father...**"

***DEPARTING HYMN # 387 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"**

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION [Pastor]**

My beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. Amen.

POSTLUDE