

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome the Rev. Nancy S. Clark 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

Guest Preacher for next Sunday (Aug. 4) – Rev. Marvin Daniel.

Next Sunday (Aug. 4) - Holy Communion; Rev. Marvin Daniel, Officiant.

Called Congregation Meeting – Sunday, August 4, 2024, immediately following worship Service (Purpose: To nominate and elect members to 2024 Congregation Nominating Committee). Moderator: Rev. Marvin Daniel. [Ann. 7/21 & Pub. 7/28]

Back to School Supplies - Don't forget to return your item(s) for the Back-to-School Backpack Supplies Drive. A drop-box for collecting donated school supplies is in the Narthex. All items will be taken to the drop-off location on Aug. 6, 2024. You still have one more Sunday to return tem(s) if you didn't have a chance to return them today. That date is **Aug. 4.**

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GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Pastor: As announced

Secretary: Nancy Adams (office@gregorymemorial.org)

Organist: Sandra Perkins Pianist: Gail Hare

Treasurer: Susan Shockley Financial Sec.: Sandy Hunter

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

JULY 28, 2024

11:00 a.m.

GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JULY 28, 2024

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Sandra Perkins, Organist
Gail Hare, Pianist

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

PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. Nancy S. Clark
Guest Preacher

CALL TO WORSHIP [*Responsive reading; from Psalm 145:10-18*]

One: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,

All: and all your faithful shall bless you.

One: The Lord upholds all who are falling

All: and raises up all who are bowed down.

One: You open your hand,

All: satisfying the desire of every living thing.

One: The Lord is just and kind,

All: The Lord is near to all who call on God.

***OPENING HYMN # 275 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"**

CALL TO CONFESSION [*Pastor*]

We have been called to love our God with all of our heart, mind, strength and soul, and to love our neighbor as ourselves, but our lives are constricted and self-consumed. We have failed to love God, neighbor and ourselves as we should. Let us make the good confession before God and others.

****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

S	JULY 28	AUGUST 4
	10th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service ➤ 5-Cents-a-Meal Offering Guest preacher: Rev. Nancy S. Clark <i>Tags for "Back-to-School supplies are on Angel Tree; bring supplies back on July 28 or Aug. 4!"</i>	11th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service & Holy Communion Guest preacher: Rev. Marvin Daniel <i>Last day to bring "Back-to-School supplies for Angel Tree collection box in Narthex!"</i>
M	29	5
T	30	6
		5p-8p "Nat'l Night Out" at PG Ruritan Hall 5450 Ruffin Road In Prince George <i>All are welcome!</i>
W	31	7
T	AUGUST 1	AUGUST 8
	6a Clean church	6a Clean church
F	2	9
S	3	10
	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	22	8	10	
July 28, 2024				

M=Members V=Visitors

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [In unison]

Merciful God, you have commanded us to love you above all and to have no other gods. You have called us to love others as you love them. But we are personally and socially deformed by the love of other "gods" — the false gods of prosperity and materialism, of racial and ethnic privileging, of gender exclusivity, and of nationalistic imperialism. Forgive us our sins and transform us by your Spirit that we might learn to love as you love and to live as people who have been baptized as your own children. Amen.

[Pause for a moment of silent confession.]

ASSURANCE OF PARDON [Pastor]

Friends, hear the good news of the gospel – God’s radical forgiving, transforming and justice-seeking love will not let us go, and is ever bringing resurrection and new life. Let us remember our baptisms and trust in God’s mercy to restore our right standing as God’s own. Thanks be to God!

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

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

O God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us so that the Scripture we are about to hear will become the Word of God for us in this day and time of our lives. Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the church.

SCRIPTURE READING [Holy Bible, NRSV Trans.]

Old Testament: 2 Samuel 11:1-15 p. 248
 New Testament: John 6:1-14 p. 867 Reader: L. Johnson

SERMON "The Unlikely People God Uses!" Rev. Nancy S. Clark

***REFLECTIVE HYMN # 792 "There Is a Balm in Gilead"**

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]

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof. God has given us life and resources for it, so let us give in return.

OFFERING, OFFERTORY

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION [Pastor]**

O God, may these gifts be used as a witness to your love, peace and justice at work in the world, renewing the face of the earth.

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

One: O God, Christ gives us direction for renewing our discipleship. Your Word enables us to enter more deeply into the Christian life. You call us not just to refrain from violence but to restrain hurtful and unkind words. Indeed, you call us to ponder deep flourishing for all of your children and for your entire creation.

All: Empower us to live by your way in the world. Lord, hear our prayers.

One: Holy One, help us to embody the peace that we pass to one another. By so doing, may we be your peace in the world. We know too well our divisions, but help us bear witness to a different reality. Help us begin the process of healing and deliverance. Help us form new ways of being in mutuality, love and justice with and through one another.

All: Empower us to live out of your love in all that we do, healing divisions, addressing enmity, reaching out to those we perceive as enemies. Holy Father, hear our prayers.

One: God of all nations, we pray for all countries around the globe — for those who have been charged to exercise leadership on behalf of the common good. Help them to discern wise use of resources to address the needs of citizens suffering from wars and its grave economic strains. And move us all to attend to the cries of the marginal in our midst.

All: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers

One: We pray all these things in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray saying, **"Our Father..."**

***DEPARTING HYMN # 263 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"**

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION [Pastor]**

Go forth into the world in peace, knowing that God's goodness and mercy follows us. Lift up the broken hearted. Stand with the oppressed. And let us do everything out of the love of God which we know in Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

POSTLUDE