

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

August Guest Preachers:

August 4 (Holy Communion): Rev. Marvin Daniel; S. Shockley, Announcer

August 11: Rev. Marvin Daniel; R. Scott, Announcer

August 18: Rev. Wendel Gouldman; D. Hunter, Announcer

August 25: Rev. John Scholer; P. Johnson, Announcer

Called Congregation Meeting – Today, 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 – Thanks to everyone who supported the Back-to-School Backpack Supplies project. Today is the last day you can leave items in the box in the Narthex. The items will be taken to the drop-off location where they will be distributed at one of the Elementary School orientations. *The children are our future and we want them all to be the best they can be!!!*

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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

AUGUST 4, 2024

11:00 a.m.

GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AUGUST 4, 2024

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Sandra Perkins, Organist
Gail Hare, Pianist

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS/
SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS** Susan Shockley

PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. Marvin Daniel
Guest Preacher

CALL TO WORSHIP [*Responsive reading; from Ephesians 4:1-6*]

One: Let us live a life worthy of the calling to which we have been called.

All: Let us live with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

One: There is one body and one Spirit,

All: just as we were called to the one hope of our calling,

One: Let us worship God!

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

CALL TO CONFESSION [*Pastor*]

Jesus calls us to enter the joy of discipleship, the joy of following in his way. But sin clings closely, and we struggle to respond fully to Christ's invitation. Let us seek God's forgiveness so that we may know more deeply the joy God intends.

**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)
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

	AUGUST 4	AUGUST 11
S	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>	12th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service Guest preacher: Rev. Marvin Daniel 12p Stated Session Meeting Moderator: Rev. Daniel
M	5	12
T	5p-8p "Nat'l Night Out" at PG Ruritan Hall 5450 Ruffin Road In Prince George <i>All are welcome!</i>	7p Finance Cmte 7p Faith Cmte
W	7	6:30p BSA Tr 900 Eagle Board Training (Fellowship Hall: multiple rooms)
T	6a Clean church	6a Clean church
F	9	16
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	22	8	10	
July 28, 2024	21	5	9	

M=Members V=Visitors

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [In unison]

Merciful God, in Jesus, we have seen your glory. Yet our sinfulness often blocks out the light of Christ. We are quick to accuse and slow to confess. We find faults easily in others while ignoring our own shortcomings. We have squandered your gifts. We have turned from your ways. We have ignored your Word. Have mercy on us, compassionate God. Pour out your Holy Spirit on our sinful lives. Wash us with your love and cleanse us with your grace that day by day we might move closer to the people you would us be. Amen.

[Pause for a moment of silent confession.]

ASSURANCE OF PARDON [Pastor; responsive]

One: Relentlessly God seeks us out. With abundant grace and boundless mercy, God seeks us out.

All: This is good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

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

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

Gracious God, illumine these words by your Spirit that we might hear what you would have us hear and be who you would us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING [Holy Bible, NRSV Trans.]

Old Testament: 2 Samuel 11:26 - 12:13 [p. 248-249]

New Testament: Ephesians 4:1-16 [p. 951]

Reader: Susan Shockley

Gospel Lesson: John 6: 24-35

SERMON

"Generous Jesus"

Rev. Marvin Daniel

***REFLECTIVE HYMN # 65 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"**

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 God's faithfulness and with thanksgiving for all that we have received, let us bring our gifts to God.

OFFERING, OFFERTORY

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION [Pastor]**

O God, with faith and hope, we offer these gifts. Use them, even as you use us to accomplish your purposes in Jesus Christ, the Head of the church and the Lord of our lives. Amen.

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

One: Holy God, eternal yet immediate, beyond yet near, we praise you for all that you have made, for grace that amazes, for mercy that cleanses, and for love that never lets us go. Hear our prayers, our shouts and our sighs, our whispers and our cries, and that which we can only speak deep within.

All: Hear our prayers, Lord, for we long for all to be well, for all to be right, for all to be whole.

One: Comfort the sick and encourage those who strive to heal them. Grant peace that passes understanding to the mournful. Give our leaders a vision that promotes the common good. Shelter those reeling from stormy blasts. Satisfy those who hunger and thirst for justice. We pray for teachers and students, for parents and children, for caregivers and receivers, for gifts of knowledge and wisdom passed one to another.

All: Loving God, refresh your church. Give us a creative spirit as we travel together, sharing life and ministry. Renew our commitment to using well your abiding gifts of faith, hope, and love.

One: You have shown us in Jesus an example of courageous compassion and risky generosity and bold truth-telling. Help us to follow in his way so that we might know the fullness of life you intend for us all. God of each day and all days, hear us, hold us and keep us, for the sake of your Son, Jesus our Savior, who taught us to pray saying, **"Our Father..."**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

We celebrate the Lord's Supper. Please refer to insert.

***DEPARTING HYMN # 442 "Just as I am, without One Plea"**

***CHARGE & BLESSING [Pastor]**

POSTLUDE