

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome Guest Preacher Annabelle Beavers to our pulpit today! Annabelle is a 3rd-year student at Union Presbyterian Seminary, pursuing Master of Divinity and Master of Arts Degrees in Christian education. Originally from Tuscaloosa, AL, she attended the University of Alabama, graduating in 2022. In her free time, Annabelle loves being outdoors and exploring Richmond with her rescue dog, "Daisy." *Roll Tide!*

September Guest Preachers:

September 1: Annabelle Beavers; L. Johnson, Announcer
September 8: Rev. Marvin Daniel; S. Hunter, Announcer
September 15: Rev. Marvin Daniel; S. Shockley, Announcer
September 22: Rev. Marvin Daniel; R. Scott, Announcer
September 29: Rev. Dr. Charles E. Bagwell; D. Hunter, Announcer

GET READY: OUR "BACK TO CHURCH" KICK-OFF IS THIS SATURDAY, SEP. 7!

We're looking forward to an evening of enjoying inspirational music and a delicious dinner. This Saturday, we will kick off our new church year by hosting the musical group, "Wings of Mercy" in a concert featuring a variety of music that includes gospel, country, rock and bluegrass. Invite your friends!

The evening's activity will start at 5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall with a delicious Covered-dish Dinner. Then at 6 p.m. the concert will begin in the Sanctuary.

Since there will be 12-15 members in the musical group, as well as visitors, we are asking everyone to make a little extra. So, bring a friend, a dish, and get ready to enjoy a great evening of fellowship at Gregory Memorial on Saturday, September 7!

Free-will offerings for the performance will be gratefully accepted.

GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

6300 Courthouse Rd. / P. O. Box 182, Prince George, VA 23875
www.gregorymemorial.org www.facebook.com/gmpcva
Telephone: 804.732.1081 - Office Hours: Tues.-Thurs., 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
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

**SEPTEMBER 1, 2024
11:00 a.m.**

GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Sandra Perkins, Organist
Gail Hare, Pianist

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

PASSING OF THE PEACE Annabelle Beavers
Guest Preacher

CALL TO WORSHIP [*Responsive reading; from Song of Solomon 2:3-16*]

One: Arise, my love, my fair one and come away.

All: Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,

One: For now the winter is past; the flowers appear on the earth.

All: Sun, moon and stars in their courses above.

One: The time of singing has come; the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.

All: Join with all nature in manifold witness.

One: Arise, my love, my fair one and come away.

All: To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. Let us worship God!

***OPENING HYMN # 321 "The Church's One Foundation"**

CALL TO CONFESSION [*Pastor*]

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting; God's grace never changes. Therefore, we come together to confess our sin, trusting that in Christ, we have already been forgiven.

**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

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 (recov., 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)

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)

Sarah Solesbee, Tara Foster's mom, (recov., knee surgery)

Evelyn Foster (Petersburg Home for Ladies, Rm #22)

ANNOUNCEMENTS ... See back page.

THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

	SEPTEMBER 1	SEPTEMBER 8
S	15th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service Guest preacher: Annabelle Beavers	16th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service Guest preacher: Rev. Marvin Daniel
M	LABOR DAY 2	9
T	3	1p Circle meeting @ S. Hunter's) 7p Finance Cmte 10
W	4	11
T	5	12
F	6	13
S	5-6p "Back to Church" Celebration 7 Covered-dish Dinner in Fellowship Hall <i>All are welcome!</i> 6-7:30p Concert: "Wings of Mercy" In Sanctuary <i>All are welcome!</i> 8-9p PG Study Group AA meeting (Fellowship Hall, Reception Area, Kitchen, Meeting/ Dining Room)	8-9p PG Study Group AA meeting 14 (Fellowship Hall, Reception Area, Kitchen, Meeting/ Dining Room)

Worship Attendance	M	V	M	V
August 4, 2024	23	9	12	
August 11 2024	23	14	10	
August 18, 2024	20	6	9	
August 25, 2024	22	6	14	

M=Members V=Visitors

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [In unison]

Merciful God, we confess that our words and actions do not always line up. We are quick to confess our faith, but slow to live it. We sing praise to your name, but we pass by orphans and widows on the other side of the street. Change us, O God. By your grace, transform us. Root out the selfishness that hardens our hearts, and replace it with compassion and generosity. Empower us by your Spirit that we might be doers of your word and not hearers only. All this we pray in the name of Jesus the Christ, Amen.

[Pause for a moment of silent confession.]

ASSURANCE OF PARDON [In unison; from Hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"]

"Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning, new mercies I see. All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!"

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

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

Gracious God, we see as in a mirror dimly. Your Spirit offers clarity, wisdom and understanding. Open our eyes, that these many words of scripture may bear witness to your true Word: Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING [Holy Bible, NRSV Trans.]

Old Testament: Psalm 15 [p. 430] Reader: L. Johnson
 Gospel Lesson: Matthew 14:22-33 [p.796]

SERMON "The Miracle of Doubting" Annabelle Beavers

***REFLECTIVE HYMN # 829 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"**

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; from James 1:17]

James writes, "Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change." Since God is the source of all generosity, let us generously return our tithes and offerings to the Lord.

OFFERING, OFFERTORY

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION [Pastor]**

Generous God, we return to you these gifts, not only of our resources, but also of our lives. Sanctify us and use us to work out your purposes in the world. Amen.

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

One: God of all compassion, in Jesus Christ you have laid claim to our entire selves and shown us that nothing is too grand or insignificant for your mercy to touch. Therefore, we are bold enough to lift our prayers to you this morning.

All: Almighty God, we give you thanks for the goodness that overflows in our lives.

One: We ask for your healing and grace for those places that are broken in the world and in our lives. For nations plagued by warfare and souls plagued by shame. For people without food and people without friendship. For your loved ones in hospitals, domestic violence shelters and refugee camps.

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

One: Purify our religion, O God, that it might bear fruit in the world. Send forth your church that we might care for all people in distress. All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, the one who taught us to pray saying, **"Our Father..."**

***DEPARTING HYMN # 649 "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"**

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION [Pastor]**

POSTLUDE

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