

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

Faith Committee meeting – Saturday, Sep. 21 (location: S. Hunter’s home):
(Correction of meeting time stated in Sep. newsletter) **This meeting will be held at 10 a.m.;** meal preparation & delivery to shut-ins will follow.

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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

SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

11:00 a.m.

GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Sandra Perkins, Organist
Gail Hare, Pianist

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS/
SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS** Sandy Hunter

PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. Marvin Daniel
Guest Preacher

CALL TO WORSHIP [Responsive reading; from Psalm 146]

One: Summer and winter, and springtime, all Praise the Lord! "Praise the Lord, O my soul! Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help..."

All: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God..."

***OPENING HYMN # 725 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"**

CALL TO CONFESSION [Pastor]

God knows us completely. God knows our hearts and discerns our thoughts. Let us then confess what we carry within us that does not honor God or God's path of righteousness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [In unison]

Holy God, although we honor you with our words and worship, our hearts are often far from you. We are quick to judge, quick to exclude, quick to put others down instead of building them up. Forgive us, God. Help us amend our ways. Help us embrace the inclusive love you graciously offer us and expect us to offer others. Amen.

***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 8 | SEPTEMBER 15 |
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| S | 16th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service Guest preacher: Rev. Marvin Daniel | 17th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service Guest preacher: Rev. Marvin Daniel 12p Stated Session Meeting Moderator: Rev. Daniel |
| M | 6:30p BSA Crater Order of Arrow dinner mtg (Fellowship Hall: multiple rooms) | 9 16 |
| T | 1p Circle meeting @ S. Hunter's 7p Finance Cmte | 10 17 |
| W | | 11 18 |
| T | 6a Clean church | 12 19 |
| F | | 13 20 |
| S | 8-9p PG Study Group AA meeting (Fellowship Hall, Reception Area, Kitchen, Meeting/ Dining Room) | 10a Faith Cmte meets @ S. Hunter's; meals to shut-ins 8-9p PG Study Group AA meeting (Fellowship Hall, Reception Area, Kitchen, Meeting/ Dining Room) |

| Worship Attendance | M | V | M | V |
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| September 1, 2024 | 19 | 9 | 7 | 1 |
| September 8, 2024 | | | | |
| September 15, 2024 | | | | |
| September 22, 2024 | | | | |
| September 29, 2024 | | | | |

M=Members V=Visitors

[Pause for a moment of silent confession.]

ASSURANCE OF PARDON [In unison; from BOOK OF COMMON WORSHIP]

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

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

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

Open us, Eternal God, to your Word read and proclaimed. Help us not to turn from your truth or avoid and distract ourselves from your message. Help us be receptive to the wisdom you offer in this worship moment.

SCRIPTURE READING [Holy Bible, NRSV Trans.]

Old Testament: Isaiah 35: 4-7A [p. 578]
 Psalm 146 [p. 507] Reader: S. Hunter
 New Testament: Hebrews 13:1 [p. 979]

SERMON "Brotherly Love" Rev. Marvin Daniel

***REFLECTIVE HYMN # 246 "Christ Is Alive"**

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]

We have more to offer than we recognize or realize. God has given us abundant gifts. Let us faithfully respond to our generous God, by presenting our tithes and offerings

OFFERING, OFFERTORY

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION [Pastor]**

Holy God, how often we take for granted all that we have. How often we fail to recognize how blessed we are. Take these gifts we give in response to your generosity and use them to further Christ's mission and ministry in a hurting 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 pray for students newly returned to school. We pray for their curiosity, imagination and intellect to bloom. We pray that they persevere through every new challenge, that they take advantage of their education, that they work hard to develop their emerging skills. We pray also for parents and teachers navigating the transition out of summer and into this new academic year.

All: Heavenly Father, bless these, we pray, with your wisdom and grace.

One: We pray for our nation during this volatile election season. May our leaders be led by your wisdom; may they clearly discern your will and seek to follow it.

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

One: We pray for the suffering across our globe. We pray for peace in the Middle East and for the Ukrainian people to enjoy the freedom and dignity they deserve. We pray for all those who are forced to endure violence, destruction and abuse.

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

One: We glorify you for your constant presence, help and hope.

May your world and all who live in it be renewed through the power of the risen Christ and those committed to being Christ's hands and feet in a hurting world. United as a family of faith and as the Body of Christ, we lift these prayers up to you, God. Finally, hear us pray the prayer Christ taught us, saying, **"Our Father..."**

***DEPARTING HYMN # 306 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"**

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION [Pastor]**

May we leave this house of worship today, following God's Spirit into the world, calling us to an inclusive, barrier-breaking love. May the grace, hope, peace and love of God the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with you now and always. Amen.

POSTLUDE