

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

Check out the Fellowship Hall bulletin board for new addresses of the following members of Gregory's flock:

Ron & Judy Recher

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GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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 15, 2024

11:00 a.m.

GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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 Psalm 19 & Solomon 7:26 – 8:1*]

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God.

All: With Wisdom, we rejoice, knowing the streets are full of God's glory!

One: The sky proclaims God's handiwork.

All: With Wisdom, we rejoice, worshiping in the sanctuary of creation!

One: The ways of the Holy One make wise the simple.

**All: With Wisdom, we rejoice, sharing in the oneness of love. Let's
worship the Holy One in the streets, sanctuaries and squares!**

***OPENING HYMN # 826 "Lift High the Cross"**

CALL TO CONFESSION [*Pastor*]

Let us trust God's mercy and enter the liberating waters of forgiveness and grace. Together, let us boldly confess our sins and acknowledge our need for forgiveness.

**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)
Sarah Solesbee, Tara Foster's mom, (recov., knee surgery)
Evelyn Foster (Petersburg Home for Ladies, Rm #22)
Family/friends of Marty Mann, brother-in-law of Donald Hunter & Pat Hunter (d. 9/5)

ANNOUNCEMENTS ... See back page.

THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

	SEPTEMBER 15	SEPTEMBER 22
S	17th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service Guest preacher: Rev. Marvin Daniel 12p Stated Session Meeting Moderator: Rev. Daniel	18th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service Guest preacher: Rev. Marvin Daniel
M	16	23
T	17	24
W	18	25
T	6a Clean church 2p Newsletter (Oct.) articles due 6p BSA Cub Pack 910 dinner meeting (Fellowship Hall: multiple rooms)	5:30p BSA Tr 900 Court of Honor dinner meeting (Fellowship Hall: multiple rooms) 6a Clean church 2p Newsletter (Oct.) out
F	20	27
S	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)	28
		8-9p PG Study Group AA meeting (Fellowship Hall, Reception Area, Kitchen, Meeting/ Dining Room)

Worship Attendance	M	V	M	V
September 1, 2024	19	9	7	1
September 8, 2024	18	4	7	
September 15, 2024				
September 22, 2024				
September 29, 2024				

M=Members V=Visitors

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [In unison]

You call out to us, Holy God, from city streets, town squares and cattle gates, but we refuse to listen. Preoccupied with our projections of you, we fail to see how these thoughts disrupt our communion with each other. You offer an outstretched hand to join you in transforming our lives, but we deny such a dance with Divinity is possible, choosing complacency to your counsel. Forgive us, Logos of Love, when we ignore your unremitting call to live in the way of love. By your mercy, may we heed your call to examine our foolishness so we may live as fools for Christ's sake. Amen.

[Pause for a moment of silent confession.]

ASSURANCE OF PARDON [Responsive reading]

One: Beloved friends, receive the good news: the Risen Christ enters all corners of our lives and declares us forgiven.

All: **Having been forgiven, we take up Wisdom's way of knowing, embracing it as we journey toward wholeness and peace. Thanks be to God.**

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

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

Speak to us, Spirit of Knowledge, so that we may focus on divine things. Pour out your Wisdom upon us so we may respond by taking up our cross and following you. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING [Holy Bible, NRSV Trans.]

Old Testament: Isaiah 50:4-9A [p. 594]

Psalm: 19 [p. 433]

Reader: S. Shockley

New Testament: Mark 8:27-38 [p. 820]

SERMON "Boldness and Bravery"

Rev. Marvin Daniel

***REFLECTIVE HYMN # 451 "Open My Eyes, That I May See"**

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]

In Mark, Jesus asks the disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" This question serves as a call to action for us to express and share the transformative and healing love of God that we experience in our lives through our generous giving of tithes and offerings.

OFFERING, OFFERTORY

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION [Pastor]**

God who witnesses the cries and shouts of creation and receives our tithes and offerings. May our streets be filled with jubilation, our cities be embraced by peace, and our lives be blessed with abundance. Amen.

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

One: From before the world's foundations, your love is the energy of our lives. Your Wisdom, present and at play in the spaces between, radiates your generative creativity.

All: Thank you, God of Transitions, for the movement of the seasons. As we sense the shift from summer to autumn, we thank you for the gift of letting go and for reminding us there's a season for everything.

One: Just as we anticipate astonishment inspired by colorful leaves, we express gratitude for the respite and shade they offer in the summer. We cherish the final visits from our hummingbird companions to our feeders as we welcome the distant calls of Canada Geese embarking on their migratory voyage. We are grateful for shifting rhythms.

All: Glory be to you, God who makes all things new.

One: Almighty God, who knows the intricate dance of the constellations and fosters oneness within communities, be with those experiencing hopelessness and tragedy. We pray for peace among the world's nations and commit to leveraging power for the well-being of all.

All: May we advocate boldly for those who have been oppressed by deceptive forms of grace.

One: We pray exploitative practices wounding the environment be disrupted in favor of a harmonious and faithful relationship with nature. We pray for our country and neighbors; may we reimagine our resources for the well-being and liberation of all. Where our churches and community ignore the cries and shouts of those longing for collective care, we pray for new directions.

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

One: Hear these prayers from your people, God, as we pray the prayer our Savior taught us saying, "Our Father..."

***DEPARTING HYMN # 761 "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"**

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION [Pastor]**

Let us go from this place trusting God is with us and for us in all places. May the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God, and the companionship of the Holy Spirit be with you and abide with you this day and forevermore. Amen.

POSTLUDE