

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

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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 22, 2024

11:00 a.m.

GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE [*Music: "Jesus Loves Me"*]

Sandra Perkins, Organist
Gail Hare, Pianist

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

Rose Scott

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Marvin Daniel
Guest Preacher

CALL TO WORSHIP [*Responsive reading; from Psalm 1*]

One: Blessed are those who delight in the law of the Lord,

All: And meditate on God's word day and night.

One: They are like trees planted by streams of water,

**All: Which yield their fruit in its season. Let us worship the Lord,
our source of wisdom and strength.**

***OPENING HYMN # 840 "When Peace Like a River, It is Well with My Soul"**

CALL TO CONFESSION [*Pastor; 1 John 1: 8, 9*]

"If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God."

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [*In unison; inspired by James 3:13-4:3*]

Merciful God, we confess that we have often acted out of selfish ambition and vain conceit. We have allowed envy and self-interest to guide our actions, rather than the wisdom that comes from above. Forgive us for the times we have caused conflicts and quarrels among ourselves and others. Help us to submit ourselves to you, resist the devil, and draw near to your grace. In Jesus' name we pray. 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)

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. 9/4)

Family/friends of Bill & Janet Shill, on the loss of Bill's daughter, Amanda (d. 9/15)

ANNOUNCEMENTS ... See back page.

THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

	SEPTEMBER 22	SEPTEMBER 29
S	18th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service ➤ 5 Cents-a-Meal Offering Guest preacher: Rev. Marvin Daniel	19th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service ➤ Local Emergency Aid Offering Guest preacher: Rev. Dr. Charles E. Bagwell
M	23	30
T	24	OCTOBER 1
W	5-9p BSA Tr 900 Court of Honor dinner mtg (Fellowship Hall: multiple rooms)	2
T	6a Clean church 2p Newsletter (Oct.) out	3
F	27	4
S	8p PG Study Group AA meeting (Fellowship Hall, Reception Area, Kitchen, Meeting/ Dining Room)	5

Worship Attendance	M	V	M	V
September 1, 2024	19	9	7	1
September 8, 2024	18	4	7	
September 15, 2024	19	7	11	
September 22, 2024				
September 29, 2024				

M=Members V=Visitors

[Pause for a moment of silent confession.]

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *[Responsive reading]*

One: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: **As far as the East is from the West, so far has God removed our transgressions from us. Walk in the newness of life!**

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

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

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may be renewed and transformed. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING *[Holy Bible, NRSV Trans.]*

Old Testament: Proverbs 31:10-31 *[p. 535-536]*

Psalm 1 *[p. 424]*

Reader: R. Scott

New Testament: Mark 9:30-37 *[p.821]*

SERMON

"Loved Beyond Measure"

Rev. Marvin Daniel

***REFLECTIVE HYMN #12 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"**

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 gratitude to God for all our blessings, let us bless others with a portion of all we have been given. Let us present our offerings to God.

OFFERING, OFFERTORY

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION [Pastor]**

Gracious God, we offer these gifts to you as an expression of our gratitude and love. May they be used to nurture wisdom, foster peace, and serve those in need. As we dedicate these offerings, help us to embody the spirit of humility and service that Christ has witnessed among us. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

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

One: Gracious God, as autumn unfolds around us, we are reminded of your steadfast love that endures through all seasons. Like trees planted by streams of water, may we be rooted in your wisdom and bear good fruit in due season.

All: **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

One: We pray for our nation as we approach elections. Grant our leaders and candidates the humility to serve rather than to be served. May they seek the wisdom that comes from above — pure, peace-loving and full of mercy. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. We lift up to you the conflicts and crises in our world. [Specific world events can be mentioned here]. Bring your peace to areas of strife, comfort to those who suffer, and justice to the oppressed.

All: **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

One: We pray for your church, that we may embody the servant leadership of Christ. Help us to welcome the children and the vulnerable, to care for the least among us, and to resist selfish ambition.

All: **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

One: We remember those in our community who are struggling — the sick, the lonely, the unemployed. May our hands be your hands, reaching out in love and support.

All: **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

One: As we enter this season of harvest, we thank you for your abundant blessings. Like the woman of noble character, may we use our resources wisely and generously for the good of others.

All: **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

One: Guide us, O Lord, in the coming weeks and months. May we resist envy and selfish ambition, draw near to you, and pursue the righteousness that comes from heavenly wisdom. We offer these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray, saying: **"Our Father..."**

***DEPARTING HYMN # 839 "Blessed Assurance"**

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION [Pastor; from BOOK OF COMMON WORSHIP]**

Go forth into the world in peace. Be of good courage. Hold fast to what is good. Render to no one evil for evil. Strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the afflicted. Honor all people. Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit nourish you, animate you and lead you — this day and forever more.

POSTLUDE