

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

September Guest Preachers:

October 6; Holy Communion": Rev. Marvin Daniel; P. Johnson, Announcer

October 13: Rev. Dr. Katherine C. Jackson; S. Hunter, Announcer

October 20: Rev. Marvin Daniel; L. Johnson, Announcer

October 27; "Reformation Sunday": Caitlyn Culp; S. Shockley, Announcer

Today we celebrate Holy Communion.

In observance of "World Communion Sunday", we will receive the "Peace & Global Witness" Special Offering during our worship service. A brochure is enclosed that gives details on how the funds collected will be applied. Please use the enclosed offering envelope for your offering

Draft Pocket Directory - The draft copy of GMPC's pocket Directory is on the Narthex table from now until the last Sunday of October (the 27th). Please take a few minutes to stop by the table and write in any changes needed to update your own info. Then initial beside your info. After Oct. 27, the draft goes to Faith Committee/Congregation Care for final approval. *Copies will be available for the congregation on Sunday, Nov. 24, in time for addressing Christmas cards!*

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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)

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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

"WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY"

**OCTOBER 6, 2024
11:00 a.m.**

GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY”

OCTOBER 6, 2024

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Sandra Perkins, Organist
Gail Hare, Pianist

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

PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. Marvin Daniel
Guest Preacher

CALL TO WORSHIP [*Responsive reading*]

One: O Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

All: We praise you in the midst of this congregation:

One: We proclaim your name to the whole human family.

All: O Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

One: Let us continue to praise our majestic Creator.

***OPENING HYMN # 610 “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”**

CALL TO CONFESSION [*Pastor*]

When we reflect on the goodness and majesty of God, we cannot help but recognize our own mortal frailty and failing. And yet, God cares for us. Emboldened by God’s love, we can be honest in confession, assured already of God’s grace. Let us confess together:

***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)
Evelyn Foster (Petersburg Home for Ladies, Rm #22)
Family/friends of Bill & Janet Shill, on the loss of Bill’s daughter, Amanda (d. 9/15)

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THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

	OCTOBER 6	OCTOBER 13
S	20th Sunday after Pentecost "World Communion Sunday" 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service & Holy Communion ➤ <i>Peace & Global Witness Offering</i> Guest preacher: Rev. Marvin Daniel	21st Sunday after Pentecost 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service Guest preacher: Rev. Dr. Katherine C. Jackson
M	7	14
T	8	15
W	9	16
T	10	17
F	11	18
S	12	19

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	18	5	6	
September 29, 2024	26	9	12	

M=Members V=Visitors

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [In unison]

Sovereign God, who are we humans, that you pay any attention to us? And yet, you have entrusted us to care for all of creation. We confess the times we have thought too highly of ourselves, and the ways we have twisted our charge to care for creation into permission to dominate and subdue it.

We confess the same human tendencies to dominate and subdue other people. It is easy for us to ignore or take for granted our own privilege, rather than seeking to dismantle unjust systems of supremacy. Your desire is for peace, but so often we choose comfort and call it peace. Remind us of *who* we are, and *whose* we are. Remind us of our interdependence with your creation, and our dependence on you, our Creator. Set our hearts and minds on your will, made known to us in Jesus Christ. Amen.

[Pause for a moment of silent confession.]

ASSURANCE OF PARDON [In unison]

Hear the good news: the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified are all children of the one God. Jesus is not ashamed to call us His beloved siblings and family. Our sin is forgiven, we are made one with Christ and with each other. Thanks be to God!

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

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

God of wisdom, though we are mere mortals, you are mindful of us. You know the voices inside and out that distract us. You know the words we need to hear. By the power of your Holy Spirit, enable us now to receive your holy, life-giving Word. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING [Holy Bible, NRSV Trans.]

Old Testament: Job 2:1-10 [p. 393]
 Psalm 26 [p. 437] Reader: D. Hunter
 New Testament: Hebrews 11:1-6 [p. 977]

SERMON "The Incredible Power of Faith" Rev. Marvin Daniel

***REFLECTIVE HYMN # 620 "Praise My Soul the King of Heaven"**

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]

On World Communion Sunday, we are mindful of our connection to the global church, and our call to work for peace and justice. We have received in abundance from God. Let us give, joyfully and generously.

OFFERING, OFFERTORY

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION [Pastor]**

Holy God, we trust in the provision of your love and the abundance of your grace. May the gifts we offer sow seeds of peace and justice. Enable us to use them according to your will, until each child finds welcome, and all of creation is healed and reconciled to you. Amen.

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

One: God of grace, mercy, and peace, you gather together at your table, a people mindful of the world's pain. We remember the places where violence reigns. Amidst the tears and pain of war and violence,, bring your healing touch, your compassionate comfort and your reign of peace

All: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.

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. We lift up to you the conflicts and crises in our world.

All: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.

One: We remember those who suffer, struggling with physical illness, with mental illness, those who are oppressed by systems, by neighbors, by circumstances, by sin. Alleviate all suffering, as only you can.

All: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.

One: We remember all the saints who have gone before us, in whom you have completed the work begun at their baptism, who rest in your eternal light. We give thanks for the sincere faith you made alive in them, and the ways in which they passed that faith to us. We give thanks for the church, visible and invisible, in this present age and in all times and places, make us one in you and at your table. Grant that we all may be faithful in our work of living our faith in you. This we pray as Christ taught us, **"Our Father..."**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE [Pastor leads...] Rev. Marvin Daniel

On this World Communion Sunday, we celebrate that we join our Christian siblings across the globe as we gather around this table. There is room for all. At this table, Christ is our host. We are all guests invited to be renewed in our discipleship as we share in a taste of what is yet to come. Come taste and see that God is good!

[Please refer to insert, "THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION"]

COMMUNION PRAYER [In unison]

Majestic and eternal God, you have fed us with the bread of life and satisfied us with the cup of salvation. As we rise from this table, may we remember its expanse, and our connection to our siblings in Christ around the globe. Make us instruments of your peace and messengers of your love in thought, word, and deed. Make us one with you and all of creation through the power of the Holy Spirit. We pray in Jesus' name, amen.

***DEPARTING HYMN # 326 "For All the Saints"**

***CHARGE & BLESSING [Pastor]**

Jesus said: "Let the children come to me." Beloved children of God, we go from this place carrying the blessing we have received, so that we may share it with all God's children. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. Amen.

POSTLUDE