

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

**OCTOBER 13, 2024
11:00 a.m.**

GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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)

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PRELUDE Sandra Perkins, Organist
Gail Hare, Pianist

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

PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. Dr. Katherine C. Jackson
Guest Preacher

CALL TO WORSHIP *[Responsive reading; written by Thom
Shuman, and posted on Lectionary Liturgies]*

Leader: We look in the mirror and what do we see?

People: We see people who try to be faithful, even as questions and
Struggles challenge our faith.

Leader: We look in the mirror and how do we see?

People: We see with hearts which are open to God's love, with lives which
seek to trust when all the evidence tells us not to be so foolish.

Leader: We look in the mirror and who do we see?

People: We see Jesus, who hears the questions we raise; yet continues to
model faithfulness and asks the same of all who would follow him.

Leader: Let us worship the God of love and faithfulness.

***OPENING HYMN # 375 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"**

CALL TO CONFESSION *[Pastor]*

***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)
Donnie Caul (health issues)

THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

	OCTOBER 13	OCTOBER 20
S	21st Sunday after Pentecost 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service Guest preacher: Rev. Dr. Katherine C. Jackson	22nd Sunday after Pentecost 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service Guest preacher: Rev. Marvin Daniel 12p Stated Session Meeting Moderator: Rev. Daniel
M	14	21
	6:30p BSA Crater OA Dinner mtg Fellowship Hall (multi rooms)	
T	15	22
W	16	23
T	17	24
F	18	25
S	19	26

Worship Attendance	M	V	M	V
October 6, 2024	23	8	14	
October 13, 2024				
October 20, 2024				
October 27, 2024				

M=Members V=Visitors

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [In unison; from Homiletics Online]

It is hard, O God. We try to be faithful, live at peace with all, reflect the glory of creation. But then a cutting word slips out, a thought of hurting someone in anger lingers in our mind,, a moment’s hesitation or holding back is felt when compassion was needed. And then we descent to darkness and doubt—angry at ourselves, questioning our faithfulness, languishing in guilt. Save us, O God, from self-deception. We do make mistakes, but we ask for your forgiveness. We do despair, but you hold us until we can see new hope. We do fail to respond compassionately, but you strengthen our timid efforts. Lift us from our preoccupation with our own faults and turn us toward your joy and your hope so we may walk with courage.

[Pause for a moment of silent confession.]

ASSURANCE OF PARDON [Pastor]

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

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

Almighty God, we join the psalmist as we say, “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path” (Psalm 119:105). As we hear your Word read and proclaimed today, may our hearts be illumined by your Holy Spirit. May our lives and actions reflect the light of your Word that Others may follow your path, also. Amen

SCRIPTURE READING [Holy Bible, NRSV Trans.]

Old Testament: Job 23:1-9; 16-17

SERMON “Giving God a Piece of My Mind” Rev. Dr. Katherine C. Jackson

***REFLECTIVE HYMN # 722 “Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak”**

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]

OFFERING, OFFERTORY

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION [Pastor]**

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

***DEPARTING HYMN # 450 "Be Thou My Vision"**

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION [Pastor]**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome the Rev. Dr. Katherine C. Jackson back to our pulpit today!

October 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

Many thanks to the donor of our "new" Kitchen wall phone and for so neatly installing it! *Oh, the steps that will be saved now...*

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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