

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome the Rev. Marvin Daniel 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

Called Congregation Meeting after worship service on Sunday, Nov. 3 –

Called Congregation Meeting will be held to elect officers for Class of 2027 Elders and Trustee; also 1 Trustee for Class of 2025 Interim Term. Please plan to attend.

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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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

OCTOBER 20, 2024

11:00 a.m.

GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 20, 2024

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

Sandra Perkins, Organist
Gail Hare, Pianist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS/ SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

Larry Johnson

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Marvin Daniel
Guest Preacher

CALL TO WORSHIP [*Responsive reading; based on Mark 10:35-45*]

One: The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve.

All: Let us follow Christ, not seeking glory, but ways to serve.

One: Called to worship, we bow humbly before our God.

*OPENING HYMN # 236 "The Strife Is O'er"

CALL TO CONFESSION [*Pastor*]

Our God is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Let us embrace this time of confession with honesty and humility.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [*In unison*]

Holy God, your truth is oftentimes hard to hear. We confess our avoidance, our purposeful distractions, our prideful arrogance that keeps us from hearing and responding to your Word. Although you send us messages and messengers, we dismiss and disregard those who tell us we are wrong. Have mercy upon us, Holy God. Open us to hearing the truth no matter how it is conveyed. Amen.

[Pause for a moment of silent confession.]

*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)
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 the Late Carlton Cogle, husband of Sharon Cogle (d. 10/9)

THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

	OCTOBER 20	OCTOBER 27
S	22nd Sunday after Pentecost 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service Guest preacher: Rev. Marvin Daniel 12p Stated Session Meeting Moderator: Rev. Daniel	23rd Sunday after Pentecost 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service Guest preacher: Caitlin Culp
M	21	28
T	22	29
W	23	30
T	6a Clean church 2p Newsletter (Nov) out	Hallowe'en 6a Clean church
F	25	NOVEMBER 1
		All Saints Day
S	8p PG Study Group AA meeting (Fellowship Hall, Reception Area, Kitchen, Meeting/ Dining Room)	8p PG Study Group AA meeting (Fellowship Hall, Reception Area, Kitchen, Meeting/ Dining Room)

Worship Attendance	M	V	M	V
October 6, 2024	23	8	14	
October 13, 2024	25	5	8	
October 20, 2024				
October 27, 2024				

M=Members V=Visitors

ASSURANCE OF PARDON [*Responsive; from Book of Common Worship*]

One: Hear the Good News! Who is in a position to condemn?

All: Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

One: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

All: The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

One: Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

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

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

God of Wisdom and Grace, you speak through your Word read and proclaimed. Prepare us now to listen well. Open our ears to your truth. Humble us in your presence so nothing will stand in the way of what you say to us today. Amen.

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

Old Testament: Isaiah 53:4-12 [p. 596-597]

Psalm 91:9-16 [p. 477-478]

Reader: L. Johnson

New Testament: Mark 10:35-45 [p. 823]

SERMON

"You Want *What?*"

Rev. Marvin Daniel

***REFLECTIVE HYMN # 465 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"**

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]

Let us give and give generously in response to all that God has done for us. Let us present our tithes and offerings to the Lord.

OFFERING, OFFERTORY

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION [Pastor]**

Holy God, these offerings are only a portion of all that you have given us. We gratefully present these gifts and entrust them to your work in this world. May our gifts share the Good News of the gospel to those who are in need. May these gifts help unburden those with the heaviest of loads. Amen.

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

One: God of grace, nourish us this day through Word and worship. Strengthen our desire to discern and do your will. Focus us on your path of righteousness so we can walk steadily under your direction. Bend your ear to us, God of love, as we pray not only for ourselves but for people everywhere.

All: God of mercy, hear our prayers.

One: We pray for those suffering the aftermath of natural disasters, for the lives, homes and businesses destroyed by hurricanes, tornadoes and earthquakes. We pray for those who are exhausted, those struggling to pay bills and put food on the table, those overwhelmed by suffering and in need of a lighter load. We pray for those living in war zones, for the people of Israel and Palestine, Ukraine, Syria, and Sudan--- people desperate for peace.

All: God of mercy, hear our prayers.

One: We pray for leaders, administrators and decision-makers who cannot please everyone, yet still strive to do what is just and right. We pray our nation's leaders uphold those in need, defend the oppressed, and do not succumb to idols of money and power. We pray for disputes to end, for people to work together, for our nation to know peace rather than polarization. God of mercy, hear our prayers. We pray for those who are ill and their caregivers. We pray for those struggling with depression, anxiety and other mental illnesses. Free us from any shame or stigma that keeps us from acknowledging our need and getting the help all deserve. Instill in us a sense of mutual responsibility for the health and wellbeing of all your children.

All: God of mercy, hear our prayers.

One: Finally, O God, mold us for service so we can be the answer to the prayers we pray, according to your Word and inspired by the One who saves, Jesus Christ our Lord. United as a family of faith and as the Body of Christ we lift these prayers up to you, God our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. Finally, hear us pray the prayer Christ taught us, saying, **"Our Father..."**

***DEPARTING HYMN # 837 "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"
("Leaning on the Everlasting Arms")**

***CHARGE & BLESSING [Pastor]**

May we leave this house of worship today, quick to listen, slow to speak, open to hearing and responding to God's truth. May God bless you and keep you, be kind and gracious to you, may God look upon you with favor and bring you peace. Amen.

POSTLUDE