

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome Ms. Caitlin Culp 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": Ms. Caitlyn Culp; S. Shockley, Announcer

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

A Called Congregation Meeting will be held to consider the following 2 items:

- (1) Election of officers for Class of 2027 Elders and Trustee; and 1 Trustee for Class of 2025 Interim Term;
- (2) Consideration of proposed sale of church's Property Lot #2.

Worship Service for Sunday, Nov. 3: Rev. Marvin Daniel

Draft Pocket Directory –Please take a few minutes to stop by the Narthex table and write in any changes needed to update your own info. Then initial beside your info. *Copies will be available for the congregation on Sunday, Nov. 24, in time for addressing Christmas cards!*

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Resource: Hymns, *Glory To God, Presbyterian Hymnal*, © 2013 Westminster John Knox Press.

Resource: "Affirmation of Faith", *Apostle's Creed*.

Resource: "Prayer for Illumination" by Ulrich Zwingli.

Resource: "Prayer of Confession", "Prayer of Dedication" by Martin Luther.

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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

"REFORMATION SUNDAY"

OCTOBER 27, 2024

11:00 a.m.

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PRELUDE Sandra Perkins, Organist
Gail Hare, Pianist

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

PASSING OF THE PEACE Ms. Caitlin Culp, Guest Preacher

PERSONAL PRAYER OF PREPARATION [In unison; Prayer by John Calvin]

My God, my Father and my Savior, you have been pleased to preserve me by your grace through the night and you have brought me to this new day. Grant that I may use it entirely in your service, that I may think, say, and do nothing but to please you and to obey your holy will. May all my actions be to the glory of your name and to the service of others. And just as you cause the sun to shine on the world to give physical light, let your Holy Spirit illumine my mind to guide me in the way of righteousness. In everything I do, let my goal and intention always be to walk reverently and to honor and serve you, relying only on your blessing for my well-being, and undertaking only what is pleasing to you. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP [Responsive reading; Psalm 124:8 and Psalm 46]

One: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

All: Amen.

One: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

All: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,

One: Though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

All: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

One: “Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth.”

All: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge

One: Let us worship the living God!

**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 27	NOVEMBER 3
S	23rd Sunday after Pentecost 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service Guest preacher: Ms. Caitlin Culp	23rd Sunday after Pentecost 2a End Daylight Saving Time 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service by: Rev. Marvin Daniel <i>Order Poinsettias</i>
M	28	4
T	29	Election Day 5
W	30	6
T	Hallowe'en 31 6a Clean church	7
		6a Clean church 6p BSA Cub Pack 910 dinner Meeting (Fellowship Hall: Multiple rooms)
F	NOVEMBER 1	8
	All Saints Day	
S	2	9
	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	24	6	11	
October 27, 2024				

M=Members V=Visitors

***OPENING HYMN # 263 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"**

CALL TO CONFESSION [Pastor]

As we worship the living God, we remember all those who have walked this life of faith before us. They remind us not only of our triumphs, but also of our failures to be the people God has called and created us to be. With confidence that God is the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the end, let us confess our sins:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [In unison; a prayer by Martin Luther]

Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled. My Lord, fill it. I am weak in the faith; strengthen me. I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent, that my love may go out to my neighbor. I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times I doubt and am unable to trust you altogether. O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in you. In you I have sealed the treasure of all I have. I am poor; you are rich and came to be merciful to the poor. I am a sinner; you are upright. With me, there is an abundance of sin; in you is the fullness of righteousness. Therefore, I will remain with you, of whom I can receive, but to whom I may not give. Amen.

[Pause for a moment of silent confession.]

ASSURANCE OF PARDON [Responsive; a prayer by John Calvin]

One: Let us never forget you, O Lord, nor your goodness. Let the remembrance of your mercy be always engraved on our minds.

All: Hear and believe this good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

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

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION [In unison; prayer by Ulrich Zwingli]**

Almighty, eternal, and merciful God, whose Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path, open and illuminate our minds that we may truly understand your Word and that our life may be conformed to what we have rightly understood, that in all our ways we may be pleasing to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING [Holy Bible, NRSV Trans. & Common English Bible*]

New Testament: 2 Corinthians 9:6-13 [p. 942] Reader: S. Shockley

Old Testament*: Ruth 3:1-5 Ms. Caitlin Culp

SERMON

Ms. Caitlin Culp

***REFLECTIVE HYMN # 442 "Just As I Am, without One Plea"**

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]

Out of gratitude for all that God has provided for us and with hope for a future that continues to unfold toward God's promised end, we bring our tithes and offerings for God's work among us in this time and place.

OFFERING, OFFERTORY

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION [In unison; prayer by Martin Luther]**

O Lord, come to me and use my bread, silver and gold. How very well they are spent if I spend them in your service. Amen.

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

One: Honor and praise be to you, O Lord our God, for all the tender mercies you have again given to us through another week. Continual thanks be to you for creating us in your own likeness; for redeeming us by the precious blood of your dear Son when we were lost; and for sanctifying us with the Holy Spirit.

All: For your help and support with our needs; your protection in the many dangers of body and soul; your comfort in our sorrows; and for sparing us in life, and giving us so long a time to repent.

One: O God of all power, you have called from death the great Shepherd of the sheep, our Lord Jesus: Comfort and defend the flock which you have redeemed; increase the number of true pastors; relieve and enlighten the heart of the weak; ease the pains of the afflicted, and especially of those who suffer for their witness to the truth.

All: Give us an increase of hope and love, together with a careful keeping of all your commandments, that no hardness of heart, no hypocrisy, no lust of the eyes, nor any methods of the world, may draw us away from obedience to you. And, since we now live in these most perilous times, let your providence defend us against all violence and harm.

One: We pray now that you would grant this request — that you would never allow us to grow so callous as to forget your many blessings, but rather, imprint and fix them firmly in our hearts, that we may grow and increase daily, more and more, in true faith, even as we wait for the coming of your kingdom as we pray as Jesus taught us, **"Our Father..."**

***DEPARTING HYMN # 269 "Lead on, O King Eternal"**

***CHARGE & BLESSING [Pastor; from Numbers 6:24–26]**

The Lord bless you, and keep you; The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; The Lord lift up his countenance, and give you peace. Amen

POSTLUDE