

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome the Rev. Marvin Daniel to our pulpit at Gregory Memorial!

November Preachers:

November 3: Rev. Marvin Daniel; Rose Scott, Announcer

November 10: Rev. Dr. Katherine C. Jackson; D. Hunter, Announcer

November 17: Rev. Marvin Daniel; P. Johnson, Announcer

November 24: Rev. Marvin Daniel ; S. Hunter, Announcer

Today after worship service – Called Congregation Meeting for 2 items:

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

Examination of Elders-elect – scheduled for 10:30 a.m. during Stated Session meeting on Sunday, Nov. 17 after Sunday School and before worship service.

Ordination & Installation of Elders-elect - will occur during worship service on Sunday, Nov. 17, 2024.

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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

NOVEMBER 3, 2024

11:00 a.m.

GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 3, 2024

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Sandra Perkins, Organist
Gail Hare, Pianist

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

PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. Marvin Daniel

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

One: "Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

All: And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might."

One: Hear, O Church of God: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

All: And we shall love the Lord our God with all our heart, and with all our soul, and with all our might.

One: Hear, O children of God: there is another commandment like the first.

All: Yes: we shall love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

One: These two commandments are the foundation of our Christian lives.
Thanks be to God!

All: Let us worship God!

***OPENING HYMN #664 "Morning Has Broken"**

CALL TO CONFESSION [Pastor; Hebrews 4:15-16]

The Scriptures tell us, "For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

***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)

THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

	NOVEMBER 23rd Sunday after Pentecost	3	NOVEMBER 24th Sunday after Pentecost	10
S	2a End Daylight Saving Time 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service By: Rev. Marvin Daniel 12p Called Congregation Meeting (2 Items: 1-Election of officers: Elders & Trustees; 2-Consideration of Sale of Church's Property Lot #2) Moderator: Rev. Daniel		9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service By: Rev. Dr. Katherine C. Jackson	
M	1p Worship Cmte	4		11
T	Election Day	5	1p Circle meeting @ GMPC 7p Finance Cmte	12
W		6		13
T	6a Clean church 6p BSA Cub Pack 910 dinner Meeting (Fellowship Hall: multiple rooms)	7	6a Clean church 7p GSA 5000 dinner Meeting (Fellowship Hall: multiple rooms)	14
F		8		15
S	8p PG Study Group AA meeting (Fellowship Hall & Kitchen)	9	10a Faith Cmte; S. Hunter's; meal preparation & delivery 8p PG Study Group AA meeting (Fellowship Hall & Kitchen)	16

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	21	5	13	

M=Members V=Visitors

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [In unison]

Gracious God, you have loved us by sending your only Son, but we have not loved you with our whole heart, soul, mind and strength. In his life and death, Jesus showed us how truly to love our neighbors, but we love ourselves more than we love others. Loving God, forgive us for withholding our complete love for and devotion to you. Help us give our hearts and lives fully to you so our hearts and lives may be open to our neighbors, especially those in need. Lord, forgive us, love us, and guide us through Jesus Christ. Amen.

[Pause for a moment of silent confession.]

ASSURANCE OF PARDON [Responsive; from Psalm 103:12]

One: The psalmist assures us, "As far as the east is from the west, so far God removes our transgressions from us." In the name of Jesus Christ, I declare to you, our sins are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

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

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

We wait for you, Lord, our souls wait for you, and in your Word we hope Open our hearts and minds to hear your Word read and proclaimed, that we we may have hope and believe in the good news. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING [Holy Bible, NRSV Trans.]

Old Testament: Ruth 1:1-18 [p. 210]

Psalm 146:1-10 [p. 507]

Reader: R. Scott

Gospel Lesson: Mark 12:28-34

SERMON

"Teacher, I Have a Question"

Rev. Marvin Daniel

***REFLECTIVE HYMN #298 "Lord, You Give the Great Commission", V. 1, 2 & 5**

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]

With glad and generous hearts, let us bring our tithes and offerings to the God who has so richly blessed us.

OFFERING, OFFERTORY

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION [In unison]**

Generous and loving God, we do thank you for the many blessings in our lives. As you have so freely given your love in Jesus Christ, may we freely share your love with others through these gifts we offer today. May they be signs of our devotion to you and our willingness to love in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

One: Almighty and everlasting God, we thank you that in your great love you you created us in your image, made covenant with us to be our God, redeemed us by sending your Son to show us how to a live of love, and sustain us by the power of your Holy Spirit who inspires and strengthens us to live for you and others.

All: Lord, we pray that we will lead lives worthy of our calling as your people, lives that reflect the love, mercy, and compassion of Jesus Christ our Savior.

One: Sovereign God, as we go to the polls on Tuesday to elect our leaders, we pray for our nation. We claim to be one nation under God, yet we are divided, neighbor against neighbor. Instead of seeking and working for the common good, we cling to our partisan stances and self-interest.

All: Lord, forgive us and show us a better way to be a people committed to the principles we hold dear, freedom and justice for all.

One: God of all nations, we pray for your world and the peoples you have created and call your own. Help us to be faithful in our prayers for people in our country and around the world who are suffering from natural disasters, war, famine, disease, oppression and lack of freedom.

All: Lord, strengthen us by your Holy Spirit to be courageous and compassionate in our own communities as we work to make this world a better and safer place for all of your children.

One: O God, when we wonder what is our purpose and direction in life, remind us that you call us to love you with everything we are and everything we have. When we wonder how to do that, call us again to Jesus, who showed us in his life, death, and resurrection what it means to love you completely and to serve our neighbors with your love.

All: Then, let us respond faithfully to Jesus's command, "Go and do likewise."

One: We offer these and all of our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, who taught us to pray, **"Our Father..."**

***DEPARTING HYMN #394 "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"**

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION [Pastor]**

Peace be to the whole community, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all who have an undying love for our Lord Jesus Christ. 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