

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome the Rev. Marvin Daniel to Gregory Memorial's pulpit today!

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

Ordination & Installation of Elders-elect will occur during today's worship service. Jonathan Mendoza will be ordained and installed as Elder; Blake Bishop and Susan Shockley will be installed as Elders. Rev. Marvin Daniel, Officiant. See enclosed program insert. *Congratulations to all!*

Christmas Poinsettias! It's that time again: Time to place orders for your Christmas Poinsettias! Poinsettias may be ordered between Nov. 3 – Dec. 1. Color choices are: RED or WHITE. Cost: \$17 per plant (cost includes poinsettia and delivery fee). Please make your check payable to "Gregory Memorial" and place with your order form (blank form is enclosed) in the collection plate.

"Cookies and Cocoa" Open House - After the PG Christmas Parade on Dec. 7 at 3 p.m. Faith Committee is asking for monetary donations to help offset cost of this event. Give donations to Mary Holc, Sandy Hunter or Patsy Johnson on or before, Nov. 24. Thanks for your continued support!

Ecumenical Thanksgiving service – Nov. 24. Gregory Memorial congregation is invited to the community Ecumenical Thanksgiving service that will be held at Church of the Sacred Heart, (9300 Community Lane in New Bohemia)) Sunday, Nov. 24, at 6 p.m. Refreshments will follow the service.

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 17, 2024

11:00 a.m.

GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**November 17, 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

CALL TO WORSHIP [Responsive reading; Psalm 146]

One: Praise the Lord!

**All: Praise the Lord, my soul. I will praise the LORD all my life; I will sing
praise to my God as long as I live.**

One: Do not put your trust in princes, in human beings, who cannot save.
When their spirit departs, they return to the ground; on that very day
their plans come to nothing.

**All: Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is
in the LORD their God.**

One: The LORD reigns forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.

All: Praise the LORD.

One: Come, let us worship the LORD.!

***OPENING HYMN #39 "How Great Is Thy Faithfulness"**

CALL TO CONFESSION [Pastor]

God promises forgiveness through Jesus Christ. In humility and faith,
let us approach God in honest 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)

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THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

	NOVEMBER 17 26th Sunday after Pentecost	NOVEMBER 24 "Christ the King"/"Reign of Christ"
S	9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Stated Session Meeting <i>[to be adjourned for worship service]]</i> 11a Worship Service & Ordination & Installation of newly-elected Elders By: Rev. Marvin Daniel 12p (Est.) Reconvening of Stated Session Meeting Order Christmas Poinsettias	9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service By: Rev. Marvin Daniel ➤ 5-Cents a Meal Offering Directories are here in Narthex! (It's 2-per: 1- personal & 1- home) 6p Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at Church of the Sacred Heart, 9300 Community Lane in New Bohemia. Refreshments will follow the service. Order Christmas Poinsettias
M	18	Church office open 25
T	19	Church office open 26
W	20	Church office open 27 2p Newsletter (Dec) out
T	21	Thanksgiving Day 28 6a Clean church
		6a Clean church 2p Newsletter (Dec) articles due in office 6-8p BSA Cub Pack 910 Meeting (Fellowship Hall, kitchen)
F	22	29
S	23	8p PG Study Group AA meeting (Fellowship Hall) 30

Worship Attendance	M	V	M	V
November 3, 2024	21	6	13	
November 10, 2024	24	5	13	
November 17, 2024				
November 24, 2024				

M=Members V=Visitors

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [In unison]

Eternal God, too often we settle for the way things are. We embrace what is comfortable and disengage from the work of necessary change. We fail to hope for a new day and a new world because our present reality feels good enough. Forgive us. Have mercy upon us. Fill us with the passion to live and work towards a world made just and equitable and new. Amen.

[Pause for a moment of silent confession]

ASSURANCE OF PARDON [Pastor; Matthew 9:2]

When Jesus saw their faith, he said... "Take heart...your sins are forgiven." Amen.

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

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION [In unison; adapted from Psalm 19:14]**

Open us, Holy One, to your Word and your Way. Clear our minds Of daily distractions. Fill our hearts with the humility we need to hear And receive the message you intend for us today. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING [Holy Bible, NRSV Trans.]

Old Testament Genesis 22:1-14 [p. 15-16]
 Gospel Lesson: Matthew 17:14-20 [p. 798-799] Reader: P. Johnson
 New Testament: Hebrews 11:1-10 [p. 977]

SERMON "Don't Be a Stingy Receiver" Rev. Marvin Daniel

***REFLECTIVE HYMN #65 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"**

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; 2 Corinthians 9:11]

"You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God." 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 [In unison]**

O God, maker and provider of all, you have blessed us with many gifts. Use us, and what we have gathered, to feed the world through your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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

One: Holy One, the stress and strain of these days weigh heavy. As we move into fall and as the days grow shorter, we are more in need of the hope you provide. Set our eyes to the sun, moon and stars. Remind us that this universe is plotted and patterned by your hand. Be with us in the small struggles as well as in the great.

All: Lord, in your infinite mercy, transform us so we can be transformational in love and service.

One: Creator God, you are our refuge, our comfort, and our strength in times of disaster, crisis or chaos. Surround those who are suffering with your grace and peace. May those devastated by fires, storms or floods find the strength they need to rebuild. May neighbors turn to help neighbors in need. May we be each other's hope and help.

All: Holy Father, by the power of your Holy Spirit make us advocates for your justice and instruments of your peace. Help us seek reconciliation through beloved community inspired by Christ's reconciling ministry among us. Empower us to work for what is good and equitable and just.

One: Compassionate God, look upon us with mercy and grace. Free our minds from prejudice and our preference for violence over peace. Grant us the wisdom and humility to seek your way above all worldly ways so our paths may be righteous and true. Guide us, God, in all things. As a people of faith, we lift these prayers to you, trusting you hear us and receive us. Finally, hear us now, as we pray the prayer Christ taught us by saying together, "**Our Father...**"

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF ELDERS [Follow in Program Insert]

***DEPARTING HYMN #275 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"**

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION [Pastor]**

May we leave this house of worship reconciled, redeemed, and renewed by our time spent in the presence of God and full of the hope our Savior provides.

May the grace, hope, peace and love of the God the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with us now and always. Amen.

POSTLUDE