

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome the Rev. Dr. Katherine C. Jackson to Gregory Memorial's pulpit today!

January Preachers:

January 5: Rev. Dr. Katherine C. Jackson; P. Johnson, Announcer

January 12: Rev. Dr. Katherine C. Jackson; S. Hunter, Announcer

January 19: Rev. Marvin Daniel; L. Johnson, Announcer

January 26: Rev. Marvin Daniel; S. Shockley, Announcer

Circle meeting date & location change: Circle meeting will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 21 at 1 p.m. at the home of Janet Shockley, 404 Cobblestone Drive in Hopewell.

Annual Congregation Meeting (for 2024) of Gregory Memorial's congregation will be held at 12 p.m. (est.) in the Sanctuary after worship service on Sunday, January 26.

"These Days" (Jan-Mar.) – Copies of this publication are available in Narthex. Free to congregation. Pick up your copy today for some inspirational daily reading!

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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)*

Doug Holc (2025); David Johnson (2025); Patsy Johnson (2025)

Mary Holc (2026); Sandy Hunter (2026); William Shill (2026)

Blake Bishop (2027); Susan Shockley (2027); Jonathan Mendoza (2027)

Donald Hunter (Clerk of Session (2025))

Trustees

Kevin Foster (2025); Gail Hare (2026); Donald Hunter (2027)

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

"BAPTISM OF THE LORD"

JANUARY 12, 2025

11:00 a.m.

GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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

CALL TO WORSHIP *[Inspired by Psalm 29]*

One: The voice of our God and King is heard in blessing, as it echoes in its majestic powers over all creation.

All: We come to worship our God, and to celebrate the Mystery and Reality that is God’s everlasting glory.

One: The voice of God is heard in all creation – and it responds with joy to the voice of its Creator, Sustainer and Renewer.

All: We come to worship our God, and to celebrate God’s power and generosity towards all creation and all peoples.

One: We come to worship our God, and to celebrate the way we are welcomed into God’s glorious presence.

All: The voice of our Holy God is heard in the sacred spaces, and God’s grace is received as we worship. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN # 2 “Come, Thou Almighty King”**

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 & civil unrest in Syria
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 (health issue)
Mary Kay & Mike Schroeter (health issues)
Dr. Joseph Hillier of Matoaca, Lykins family friend (health issue)
Dennis Allen (health issues)
Corey Whelan, Pat Hunter’s grandson (health issue)
Judy Recher (health issue)
Shirley MacNeill (health issues)
Sean Godwin, grandson of Bill & Cheryl Godwin (health issue)
Evelyn Foster
Michael Evans, former son-in-law of Nancy & A. W. Adams and son of Bobby & Sandra Tipton and Ray Evans (health issue)
Frank (“Butch”) Reiter, Jr. (health issue)
Family/friends of Peggy Allen, wife of Dennis, mother of Morgan Ingram & grandmother of Rigsby Ingram (d. 12/26)

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THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

	JANUARY 12 "Baptism of the Lord" 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship service By: Rev. Dr. K. C. Jackson	JANUARY 19 "2 ND Sunday after Epiphany" 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship service By: Rev. Marvin Daniel 12p Stated Session Meeting Moderator: Rev. Daniel
M	6:30-9p BSA Crater OA (Fellowship Hall) 13	ML King Birthday 20
T	7p Finance Cmte 14	1p Circle meeting @ home of Janet Shockley 404 Cobblestone Drive in Hopewell 21
W	15	22
T	6a Clean church 16 2p Newsletter (Feb) articles due 6-8p BSA Cub Pack 910 (Fellowship Hall)	6a Clean church 23 2p Newsletter (Feb) out
F	17	24
S	8p PG Study Group AA meeting (Fellowship Hall) 18	8p PG Study Group AA meeting (Fellowship Hall) 25

Attendance	Worship	Service	Sunday	School
	M	V	M	V
January 5, 2025	21	5	9	
January 12, 2025				
January 19, 2025				
January 26, 2025				

M=Members V=Visitors

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [In unison]

God, you call us to beloved community with you and with each other. But we exclude and reject those we deem different. You claim us as beloved, but we turn against each other in anger and hate. You liberate us and lead us in Christ's path of peace, but we build walls and dismiss peace as impractical and unrealistic. Redeeming God, forgive our worldly ways.

[Pause for a moment of silent confession]

ASSURANCE OF PARDON [In unison]

Our God is loving, just and merciful. God delivers us from sin and restores us by grace. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

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

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

Help us, Holy God, to connect to your word anew. Open the Scriptures to us in a way that is life-giving. Encourage us to listen to the message your Spirit makes known in word and worship. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING [Holy Bible, NRSV Trans.]

Old Testament: Psalm 29

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Our God Is a Category 5 God!" Rev. Dr. Katherine C. Jackson

*** REFLECTIVE HYMN # 687 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"**

*** 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 [In unison]**

Bless and multiply these gifts, God, that they may be a blessing to others. May whoever benefits from these offerings know of your love for them and our desire to serve. Amen.

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

One: God of light and darkness, through water and Word you shine your light into the darkness of our lives. We give thanks for this incredible gift. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

All: God of love and hate, your love comes in spite of our animosity; you bring reconciliation to those who are divided. Strengthen us to be peacemakers. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

One: God of hope and fear, you walk with us through the challenges which surround us. Wash away our anxiety by your promised presence, and set us free from despair. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

All: God of church and world, in baptism you unify yourself with our world, and bring your reign into being. Keep us from seeing your love as a hiding place. Motivate us to infuse the world with your justice. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

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One: God of health and illness, there is nothing that separates us from your love. Inspire us to bring your health to the sick, your encouragement to the discouraged, your promise to the dying, especially those we now name in our hearts.

[Pause for a moment of silent prayer, then continue...]

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

All: God of life and death, all that exists is from you, and for you. Enable us to trust your baptismal promise, and serve this hurting world. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

One: God who shines in the darkness, receive these prayers and the prayers of our hearts, in the name of the one who is your light, Jesus Christ our Lord; who taught us that when we pray, we should say: **"Our Father..."**

***DEPARTING HYMN # 634 "To God Be the Glory"**

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION [Pastor]**

POSTLUDE