

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**We welcome the Rev. Marvin Daniel 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** of Gregory Memorial's congregation will be held at 12 p.m. (est.) in the Sanctuary after worship service on Sunday, January 26.

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### **GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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Pastor: Rev. Marvin Daniel

Church Administrator: Nancy Adams ([office@gregorymemorial.org](mailto: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

**"2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY"**

**JANUARY 19, 2025**

**11:00 a.m.**

# GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY”

JANUARY 19, 2025

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

## **CALL TO WORSHIP [Pastor leads; based on Psalm 36:7-9]**

One: How precious is your steadfast love, O God! May all people take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**All: We feast on the abundance of your house, and you give us drink from the river of your delights.**

One: For with you is the fountain of life;

**All: in your light we see light.**

One: Let us worship our God.

## **\*OPENING HYMN # 275 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"**

## **CALL TO CONFESSION [Pastor]**

Let us humbly approach God's throne of grace to confess our sins and present ourselves honestly before our Savior.

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*\*Please stand, as able.*

# OUR PRAYERS & CONCERNS

First-responders, world-wide  
Individuals & families injured & displaced in fire-ravaged California communities  
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 19	JANUARY 26
S	<b>"2<sup>ND</sup> Sunday after Epiphany"</b>  <b>9:30a</b> Sunday School  <b>11a</b> Worship service By: Rev. Marvin Daniel  <b>12p</b> Stated Session Meeting Moderator: Rev. Charles Philips	<b>"3<sup>RD</sup> Sunday after Epiphany"</b>  <b>9:30a</b> Sunday School  <b>11a</b> Worship service By: Rev. Marvin Daniel  ➤ 5 Cents-a-Meal Offering  <b>12p</b> Annual Congregation Meeting for 2024 (in Sanctuary) Moderator: TBA
M	<b>ML King Birthday</b> 20	27
T	<b>1p</b> Circle meeting @ home of Janet Shockley 404 Cobblestone Drive in Hopewell 21	28
W	22	29
T	<b>6a</b> Clean church 23  <b>2p</b> Newsletter (Feb) out	<b>6a</b> Clean church 30
F	24	<b>2p</b> Cmte reports due in office 31
S	<b>8p</b> PG Study Group AA meeting (Fellowship Hall, Kitchen) 25	<b>FEBRUARY</b> 1  <b>8p</b> PG Study Group AA meeting (Fellowship Hall, Kitchen)

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

\* cancelled (snow)

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION [In unison; based on 1 Corinthians 12:1-11]**

You have blessed us with a variety of gifts, Holy God, but we are reluctant to share. We hoard what is most valuable and make excuses for ourselves when called to share. The Spirit has blessed each of us uniquely, but we hide our light under a bushel and fail to rise to our potential. God, forgive us and embolden us. Help us to claim our gifts and put them to good use. Amen.

*[Pause for a moment of silent confession]*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON [In unison]**

Our God is a loving God, full of mercy. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Believe in this forgiveness, be at peace, and respond in grateful service. Amen.

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

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

Holy God, we need the guidance of your Word. Help us be honest with ourselves and with you in this sacred moment of proclamation. Amen.

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

Old Testament: Isaiah 65:1-5 [p. 606-607]

Psalm: 36: 5-10 [p. 443]

Reader: L. Johnson

New Testament: John 2:1-11 [p. 863]

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

"Save the Best for Last"

Rev. Marvin Daniel

**\* REFLECTIVE HYMN # 649 "Amazing Grace" V. 1, 2, 3, & 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]**

Our God blesses us with extravagance and abundance. Grateful for all we have been given, 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]**

Just as Jesus turned gallons of water into wine, we too know God's extravagant blessings. Take these gifts we give today and bless them, Holy God, that others may know your abundance and live whole and healthy lives. Amen.

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

One: Holy Father, our refuge and strength, shelter us from life's storms, from hopelessness and despair, from heartache and loss. Strengthen us to withstand the worry, the exhausting but necessary work, the temptations to stray from you toward idols who only offer fleeting comfort. Hold us close, like the mother hen who covers her chicks under her wing, so we can know we are yours, feel your steady presence, and know your peace. Lord, in your mercy ...

**All: hear our prayers.**

One: Holy Father, we ask that you hear the cries of those who have suffered unimaginable loss of loved ones, those left homeless by the ravages of relentless wind-swept wildfires in California. Bring them comfort and healing, ease their grief and despair. Give them courage to face an uncertain future. Lord, we pray for your merciful protection and guidance for their first-responders and caregivers, that they themselves may stay safe while saving others. We pray for your guidance and wisdom for those tasked with finding ways to restore their destroyed communities to hope-filled normalcy. Lord, in your mercy ...

**All: hear our prayers.**

One: Holy Father, you are in our midst, yet around us nations are in an uproar. Help us to know your presence among us, God. Comfort and guide us in this tumultuous and painful world. May our leaders walk humbly and practice faithful discernment, surrounding themselves with honest truth-tellers who will hold them to your ethic of love and justice. Lord, in your mercy ...

**All: hear our prayers.**

One: Holy Father, help us find ways to rest, restore and renew ourselves. Help us find ways to rest in your presence, to behold and enjoy you. We cannot continue without the rest you provide. Help us learn to embrace stillness as your great gift. Lord, in your mercy ...

**All: hear our prayer.**

One: United as the Body of Christ we lift these prayers up to you, Savior God. Hear us now, as we pray the prayer Christ taught us by saying together, "**Our Father....**"

**\*DEPARTING HYMN # 268 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"**

**\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION [Pastor]**

God's grace is extravagant and abundant, Know this grace in your Life. Share this grace with others. May God the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, bless you this day and forevermore. Amen.

**POSTLUDE**