

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

Annual Congregation Meeting of Gregory Memorial's congregation is today immediately after worship in the Sanctuary.

Next Sunday (Feb. 2): Worship service & Communion - Rev. Marvin Daniel.

Mark your calendars – "Souper Bowl Lunch"! Gregory's congregation has been invited to "Souper Bowl Lunch" at Rosewood Presbyterian Church (5500 Oaklawn Boulevard) on Sunday, Feb. 2, beginning at 12 p.m.

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GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Pastor: Rev. Marvin Daniel

Church Administrator: 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

"3RD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY"

JANUARY 26, 2025

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 Rev. Marvin Daniel

CALL TO WORSHIP [Pastor leads]

One: Jesus comes to proclaim good news to us all!

All: Jesus releases those who are captive, gives sight to the blind, helps the oppressed, and declares the year of the Lord’s favor!

One: May we go and do likewise, offering hope to a hurting world.

All: And may it all begin with our worship of God.

One: Let us worship our God.

***OPENING HYMN # 14 "For the Beauty of the Earth"**

CALL TO CONFESSION [Pastor]

In our day-to-day lives, we sin in a multitude of ways — by what we have done and what we have left undone. Confession allows us to unburden ourselves and lay before God our stark humanity. Let us offer our prayer, knowing that God is merciful and offers forgiveness to all who turn to God.

**Please stand, as able.*

OUR PRAYERS & CONCERNS

First-responders, firefighters, search & rescue personnel 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 26	FEBRUARY 2
S	"3RD Sunday after Epiphany" 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship service By: Rev. Marvin Daniel ➤ 5 Cents-a-Meal Offering 12p Annual Congregation Meeting for 2024 (in Sanctuary) Moderator: TBA	"4TH Sunday after Epiphany" 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship service & Holy Communion Service by: Rev. Marvin Daniel 12p "Souper Bowl Lunch" at Rosewood Presbyterian Ch. (5500 Oaklawn Blvd.)
M	27	3
T	28	4
W	29	5
T	6a Clean church 30	6a Clean church 6 6-8p BSA Cub Pack 910 (Fellowship Hall, Kitchen)
F	2p Cmte reports due in office 31	7
S	FEBRUARY 1	FEBRUARY 8
	8p PG Study Group AA meeting (Fellowship Hall, Kitchen)	10a-4p BSA Cub Pack 910 "Blue & Gold" Banquet (Fellowship Hall, Kitchen) 8p 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	21	6	12	
January 26, 2025				

M=Members V=Visitors
* cancelled (snow)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [In unison]

Gracious God, we are far from the people you have called us to be. We are mired in self-centeredness, seeing things only in terms of how they relate to us and our happiness. Turn our hearts, bent as they are towards ourselves, out to the world around us. Make us more concerned with others, with their welfare and happiness, leaving our own concerns to you, O God. Forgive us for our many mistakes and make us anew we pray. Amen.

[Pause for a moment of silent confession]

ASSURANCE OF PARDON [Pastor]

Hear the good news! God's promise to forgive is sure and everlasting. Know you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

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

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

Loving God, may your Spirit be with us each, showing us your Word and your Way. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING [Holy Bible, NRSV Trans.]

Old Testament: Nehemiah 8: 1-3; 5-6; 8-10 [p. 379-380]

Psalm 19 [p. 433] Reader: S. Shockley

New Testament: Luke 4:14-21 [p. 835]

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Filled with the Spirit"

Rev. Marvin Daniel

*** REFLECTIVE HYMN # 317 "In Christ There Is No East or West"**

*** 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]

All that we have, all that we are, is a gift from God. Let us in turn offer our gifts to God's work in the world. Let us give our offering.

OFFERING, OFFERTORY

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

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

Gracious God, whose love is so extravagant, we dedicate these gifts to you. May they go to share your love and care with the world. Amen.

FIVE CENTS-A-MEAL ("RED WAGON") OFFERING

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

One: O God, from the beginning of time humanity has cried out to you for help, guidance and care. You have graciously heard our prayers and worked your good will in the lives of the faithful. Hear us again,

All: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers.

One: Holy Father, We pray for the world around us that is both filled with incredible beauty and startling pain. We thank you for the blessings of this world — for family and friends, for work that fulfills and provides, and for the sure and certain knowledge of your presence and care.. Teach us each to care for the broken=hearted and to lift up those who suffer. Teach us to go again and again to the witness of Jesus and live into the persons he has taught us to be.

All: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers.

One: Holy Father, we pray for our churches: big and small, rural and urban. We pray for all churches who call on the name of Jesus Christ. May the body of Christ be strengthened in its witness and may we glorify you, O God. May we look more like our Savior and less like the broken world around us. May we be true to Christ alone.

All: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers.

One: Free us from distractions that deplete us and guide us away from you. Teach us to focus on helping others, trusting that you will provide for all we need. Let our hearts be freed to worship you with all that we are and all that we have. We pray for these things using the words that your Son, Jesus Christ, taught us, saying, "***Our father...***"

***DEPARTING HYMN # 772 "Live Into Hope"**

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION [Pastor]**

May you leave this place to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ, seeking to love and serve. And may the love of God the Father, grace of Jesus the Son, and fellowship of the Holy Spirit surround you now and always. Amen.

POSTLUDE

ACOLYTES

Good Morning, Gregory. Members

THE ACOLYTES ARE BACK!!!

Starting Sunday, February 2nd, 2025, acolytes will be starting again. Since we do not have any children, members of the congregation will be performing this. Each Sunday, during the prelude, a congregation member will light the candles (bringing in God's light to the service), and during the postlude, the acolyte will extinguish the candles and carry God's light to the world. Once the acolyte is in the foyer, everyone can leave their seats. If you want to help, please let Rose or Mary know.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

The chiming of the hour will return to our church service. This has been absent for a long time, and I am eager to start again. Starting February 2ND, 2025, we will start chiming of the hour. This will be after the prelude and before the welcome/announcements. If you are willing to help with this important part of our service, let Mary or Rose know.