ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

February Preachers:

February 2 – "Holy Communion": Rev. Marvin Daniel, R. Scott, Announcer February 9:- "Scout Sunday": BSA Troop 900; Announcements & Service February 16: Rev. Nancy S. Clark; M. Holc, Announcer February 23: Thomas Campbell, Seminary student; D. Hunter, Announcer

This morning marks the return of Chiming of Hour and our Acolyte!

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

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GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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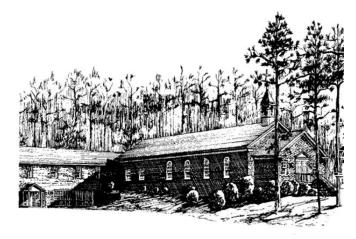
> <u>Session Members</u> (Term = 3 yrs.; * indicates a partial term)

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)

<u>Trustees</u> 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

4TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY"

FEBRUARY 2, 2025 11:00 a.m.

GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH		OUR PRAYERS & CONCERNS		
"4 ^{тн} SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY" FEBRUARY 2, 2025 11:00 a.m.		First-responders, firefighters, search & rescue personnel world-wide Individuals & families injured & displaced (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		
PRELUDE	Sandra Perkins, Organist Gail Hare, Pianist	Those in our community suffering from illness/loss/grief/hardship Amy Townson, Josh Ingram's sister Becky Scott Smith		
CHIMING OF THE HOUR	Rose Scott	Russell Heiser, Ingrid Phoenix's grandson (health issues) Butch Meade, Glenda Mayhew's brother Verne & Clara Smith Eddie Frankenstein		
SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS PASSING OF THE PEACE	Rev. Marvin Daniel	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)		
 CALL TO WORSHIP [Pastor leads; based on 1 Corinthians 13:4-8] One: Love is patient. Love is kind. All: Love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way. One: Love is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing. Love rejoices in the truth. All: Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. One: Let us worship the Lord who loves us without boundaries. *OPENING HYMN # 370 "This is My Father's World" CALL TO CONFESSION [Pastor; based on Psalm 71:1-6] The Lord is our hope and our trust, our refuge and our fortress. With confidence born out of faith in God's power to save and deliver us, let us 		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 is 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 Bobb & Sandra Tipton and Ray Evans (health issue) Frank ("Butch") Reiter, Jr. (health issue) Marcus O'Neill, husband of Wayne Powers' niece, Ashley (health issue)		
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*Please stand, as able.

THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY

	FEBRUARY 2 FEBRUARY 9						
	"4 TH Sunday after Epiphany"		"4 TH Sunday after Epiphany"				
			"Scout Sunday"				
	9:30a Sunday School						
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	11a Worship service						
_	& Holy Communion		11a Worship service				
S	Service by: Rev. Marvin Daniel		Service by: BSA Troop 900				
	12p "Souper" Bowl Lunch at		12p "Appreciation Reception"				
	Rosewood Presbyterian Ch.		hosted by Scouts of Troop 900				
	(5500 Oaklawn Blvd.)		for Gregory's congregation				
			(Fellowship Hall)				
Μ		3	5:30p-9p BSA Crater OA	10			
			(Fellowship Hall, Kitchen)				
Т		4	1p Circle (@ GMPC)	11			
W		5	7p Faith Cmte (@ GMPC)	12			
Т	6a Clean church	6	6a Clean church	13			
	6-8p BSA Cub Pack 910		7-9p GSA Tr 5000				
	(Fellowship Hall)		(Fellowship Hall)				
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F		7	St. Valentine's Day	14			
S	FEBRUARY	8	FEBRUARY	15			
	11a – 5p BSA Cub Pack 910		Do DO Studio Casura AA associ				
	Birthday Celebration of Scouting		8p PG Study Group AA meeting (Fellowship Hall, Kitchen)				
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	Fellowship Hall						
	8p PG Study Group AA meeting (Fellowship Hall, Kitchen)						
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Attendance	Worship	Service	Sunday	School
	М	V	М	V
January 5, 2025	21	5	9	
January 12, 2025*				
January 19, 2025	21	6	12	
January 26, 2025	23	5	10	

M=Members

V=Visitors * cancelled (snow)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [Pastor leads]

- One: Lord, we confess that we doubt your capacity to work through us. We hold on to fears that we are unworthy to speak your words, so we stay silent even as your Spirit pulls at our tongues. We struggle to fathom the wholeness of your claim over us, so we ignore the light of your love as it emerges in the dark places of our lives. We seek refuge in temporary towers, and are numb to the grasp of cruelty.
- All: Forgive us. Help us to trust you, to lean upon you, to speak your word to a weary world and accept the completeness of your loving claim on our lives.

[Pause for a moment of silent confession]

ASSURANCE OF PARDON [Pastor leads; based on 1 Corinthians 13:7]

- One: Hear the good news: Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. We know this love through Jesus Christ, and by this love, we know that we are forgiven!
- All: Thanks be to God! God has poured out love upon us, and we have received forgiveness for our sins. We can now live in peace! May mercy, peace and love be ours in abundance.

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

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION [In unison]

God of all days holy, as a groundhog emerges from its winter dwelling and assesses the light, may your Spirit emerge through our hearts to assess these readings. In hearing these words, regardless of the accuracy of our interpretation or the length of winter's frozen clutch, may we be transformed by your loving presence and reminded that we are your people. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING [Holy Bible, NRSV Trans.]

Old Testament:	Jeremiah 1:1-10	[p. 610]	
	Psalm: 71: 1-6	[p. 463]	Reader: R. Scott
New Testament:	1 Corinthians 11:22-32	[p. 933]	

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Transformative Truth"

Rev. Marvin Daniel

* REFLECTIVE HYMN # 503 "Lord, We Come at Your Own Invitation"

* 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; based on 1 Corinthians 13:7-8]

For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. All that is, all that was, and all there will be belongs to God. Let us now return to God in part what is God's in whole.

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION [In unison; based on Jeremiah 1:4-10]

Holy One, you are the giver of our lives. Take these gifts, offered from our labors, our commitments, and our collections of interest. Transform them into your love at work in this tired world that thirsts for your Word. Amen.

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

One: God, you are hope in hopeless situations, love amid loveless treatment, and presence in the deepest loneliness. Hear the desperate prayers of your people for this world, for our neighbors, and for ourselves as we call on you,

- All: God our sovereign, hear our prayer.
- One: A time to share the people's prayers using the call and response
- All: "God our sovereign, hear our prayer."
- One: Lord, you are the fulfilment of your Word. Hear our prayer this morning and do not turn your face from us in our time of need. We pray these things in your name, by your Spirit, and unified in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, who taught his followers to pray saying, *"Our Father..."*

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE Rev. Marvin Daniel [Please refer to insert, "THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION"]

*DEPARTING HYMN # 525 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION [Pastor leads]

One: Love God, Love yourself, Love your neighbor. Do not be afraid, for the Lord is with you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, and all God's people acclaim:

All: Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

POSTLUDE