

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### March Preachers:

March 2: Rev. Dr. Katherine C. Jackson, P. Johnson Announcer

**March 9: Rev. Marvin Daniel; S. Hunter, Announcer**

March 16: Rev. Marvin Daniel; L. Johnson, Announcer

March 23: Rev. Marvin Daniel; S. Shockley, Announcer

March 30: Rev. Marvin Daniel; R. Scott, Announcer

**Chimes:** Wayne Powers / **Acolyte:** Rose Scott

**Easter Lilies** – Orders for Easter Lilies may be placed using order form enclosed in Sunday bulletins from March 9 – April 6. Cost: \$16. (Delivery fee is included.) Please make check payable to "Gregory Memorial Church" and leave it in the collection plate. *Thank you!*

**Lenten Service & Luncheon for Thursday, March 27: Gregory Memorial PC.** Service by Rev. Dr. Katherine C. Jackson; Music by Gail Hare; Luncheon by Faith Committee. Service starts at 12 noon, followed by lunch at 12:30 p.m. *Invite your neighbor!*

**Bus Trip to Lancaster, PA – Tues. thru Wed., June 24-25;** sponsored by Woodlawn PC to Sight & Sound Theater production of "Noah"; Call GMPC office for details (804) 732-1081. Tickets include transportation, show, lodging and breakfast. Does not include travel meals and dinner.

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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)

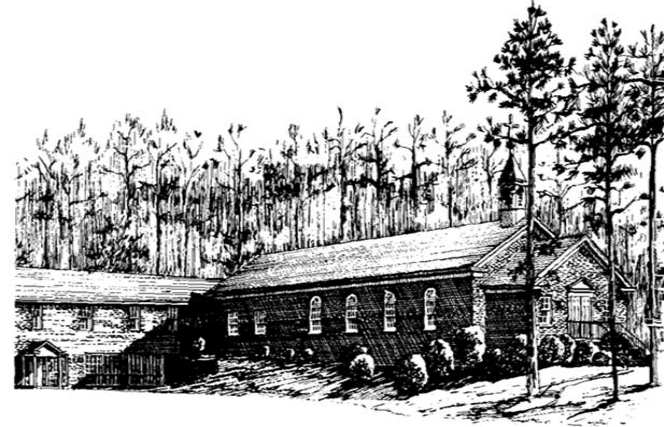
Blake Bishop (2027); Susan Shockley (2027); Jonathan Mendoza (2027)

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*

**"1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT"**

**MARCH 9, 2025**

**11:00 a.m.**

# GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**“1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT”**

**MARCH 9, 2025**

**11:00 a.m.**

**PRELUDE** Sandra Perkins, Organist  
Gail Hare, Pianist

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR** Wayne Powers  
**ACOLYTE** Rose Scott

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS/  
SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS** Sandy Hunter

**PASSING OF THE PEACE** Rev. Marvin Daniel

## **CALL TO WORSHIP [Pastor leads; based on Psalm 91]**

One: Where is our home?

**All:** Our home is in the shelter and shadow of God.

One: How can this be our refuge?

**All:** Because God’s angels will guard your house and those in it from evil and threat.

One: How can we flourish?

**All:** Staying close to God’s ways will bring our lives to abundance.

One: Let us worship God.

## **\*OPENING HYMN # 475 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”**

## **CALL TO CONFESSION [Pastor leads; based on Romans 10]**

One: Scripture says, “No one who believes in Christ will be put to shame.”

**All:** Therefore, we do not approach God with shame but with life-giving expectation grounded in our trust of God. For when we confess with our mouth and trust in our heart, we will find healing for ourselves and for the world.

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*\*Please stand, as able.*

# OUR PRAYERS & CONCERNS

First-responders, firefighters, search & rescue personnel, world-wide  
All persons and their pets affected by wildfires in California  
Our deployed U.S. service personnel & their families  
Those affected by weather disasters & gun violence  
All families affected by war & civil unrest in Africa & the Middle East  
Sovereign Country of Ukraine & its people  
Those 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)  
Larry Brown of Chesterfield, Larry Johnson’s friend (health issue)  
Emily Henry, Mary Holc’s sister (health issue)  
Paula McDaniel, Pam Elder’s sister (health issue)  
Renee’ Renier, Diana Flaherty’s long-time friend (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)  
Alex Courtney of Florence, SC, business associate of Dianna L. Flaherty,  
Mary Lykins’ daughter  
Dennis Allen (health issue)  
Corey Whelan, Pat Hunter’s grandson (health issue)  
Judy Recher (health issue)  
Shirley MacNeill (Southside Reg. hosp., health issues)  
Sean Godwin, Bill & Cheryl Godwin’s grandson (health issue)  
Charlie Perkins (health issue)  
Evelyn Foster  
Michael Evans, former son-in-law of Nancy & A. W. Adams  
and son of Bobby & Sandra Tipton and Ray Evans  
Frank (“Butch”) Reiter, Jr. (health issue)  
Marcus O’Neill, husband of Wayne Powers’ niece, Ashley (health issue)  
Marguerite Bishop (health issue)

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**THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY MEMORIAL**

	March 9	March 16
S	<b>"1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent"</b> <b>9:30a</b> Sunday School <b>11a</b> Worship Service Service by: Rev. Rev. Marvin Daniel <b>Order Easter Lilies: Mar. 9-Apr. 6</b>	<b>"2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent"</b> <b>9:30a</b> Sunday School <b>11a</b> Worship Service Service by: Rev. Marvin Daniel <b>Order Easter Lilies: Mar. 9-Apr. 6</b>
M	<b>5:30-9p</b> SA Crater OA (Fellowship Hall, Kitchen) 10 <b>7p</b> Finance Cmte	<b>St. Patrick's Day</b> 17
T	<b>1p</b> Circle meeting @ GMPC 11	18
W	12	19
T	<b>6a</b> Clean Church 13 <b>12p</b> <u>Lenten Service</u> <u>@ Church of the Sacred Heart</u> [9300 Community Lane, So. Prince George] followed by lunch at 12:30p <b>2p</b> Newsletter articles due in office <b>7-9p</b> GSA Tr 5000 (Fellowship Hall)	<b>6a</b> Clean Church 20 <b>12p</b> <u>Lenten Service</u> <u>@ Gary's UMC</u> [13501 Sunnybrook Rd., So. Prince George] followed by lunch at 12:30p <b>2p</b> Newsletter out <b>6-8p</b> SA Cub Pack 910 (Fellowship Hall) <b>7p</b> Faith Cmte (@ GMPC)
F	14	21
S	<b>8-9p</b> PG Study Group AA (Fellowship Hall, Kitchen) 15	<b>8-9p</b> PG Study Group AA (Fellowship Hall, Kitchen) 22

Attendance	Worship	Service	Sunday	School
	M	V	M	V
Mar. 2, 2025	26	9	8	
Mar. 9, 2025				
Mar. 16, 2025				
Mar. 23, 2025				
Mar. 30, 2025				

M=Members V=Visitors

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION [In unison]**

God of wide circles, we too often revert to our fear-filled instinct to cut off those unfamiliar and distant. May we evaluate others based on your heart. In Romans, you remind us when we lean into your kingdom agenda, our worldview is expanded to focus on our common humanity. May we embrace your created diversity and include all in our cherished life's work.

*[Pause for a moment of silent confession]*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON [In unison; based on Romans 10]**

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. Having called upon the wide arms of our gracious God, know that you are forgiven. With joy, may we amplify God's grace into the whole world. Amen.

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

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

Author and source of our lives and of our redeemer, Jesus Christ, we know what is written can be used for evil or for good. Open our hearts to your Spirit that the words read and proclaimed would go beyond ink, paper, digital images and sound. Despite the imperfect mediums, may this Scripture be the spiritual imparting of your deepest desires for the world into our hearts.

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

Old Testament: Psalm 22 [p. 434-435]  
 Psalm 23 [p. 435-436] Reader: S. Hunter  
 Psalm 24 [p. 436-437]

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** "The Cross, the Crook and the Crown" Rev. Marvin Daniel

**\*REFLECTIVE HYMN # 435 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"**

**\* 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]**

In our deliverance and abundance, we are asked to use the first fruits of our labor to build the kin-dom. Let us be prayerful about how we may give our bounty to our benevolent God.

**OFFERING, OFFERTORY**

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

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION [In unison; based on Deuteronomy 26:10-11]**

Now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me. I bow before you and shall celebrate with immigrants and strangers in our community the bounty of all you have given to me and my household.

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

One: Almighty God, as we arrive at this season of penitence, we do not forget Easter. As we name our fears, our shortcomings, and the world's brokenness, we remember that you have already won the victory over sin and death. We enter the mindfulness exercise of Lent to remember our charge to care for a challenged world.

**All: Holy Father, as Easter people, we do this with the confidence in the outcome of our cares and our work as your people.**

One: We remember those in other countries who suffer due to exploitation and abuse; stir our hearts to advocate for their rights and to work towards a world where all are treated with dignity. Strengthen all leaders in our world to act with integrity, to resist corruption and to uphold the principles of democracy. May they lead with humility, always seeking welfare of the people they serve.

**All: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.**

One: We pray for our national leaders, for their individual lives and families. Grant them wisdom to use their resources and power for the common good, to uplift the marginalized and to promote justice and equity. May they resist the temptation to seek power for its own sake and instead serve as stewards of your blessings.

**All: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.**

One: We pray for Rev. Jihyun Oh, Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) General Assembly and executive director of the Interim Unified Agency, and all our denomination's national staff during this period of restructuring. May we be friends to them, our colleagues in ministry, and work with them during this time of uncertainty both within and outside the church.

**All: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.**

One: May we hear your voice during these trying times O God, and follow with joy your ways of justice, peace and love for all. Hear us now, as we pray the prayer Christ taught us by saying together, **"Our Father..."**

**\*DEPARTING HYMN # 442 "Just as I Am, without One Plea"**

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

May you center yourselves in God's ways and God's identity, seeing the faces of all, with the eyes of our Creator. May you know your welfare is entwined with that of your neighbor, the stranger you fear and the enemy you have named in your heart. And may you walk humbly from this place to live life fully and generously everywhere you go and in all you do. Amen.

**\*POSTLUDE**