

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 – The last day to order your Easter Lilies is Sunday, April 6! Order using enclosed form. Cost: \$16. (Delivery fee to church is included.) Please make check payable to "Gregory Memorial Church" & leave it in the collection plate.

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!*

Delivery of "Meals to Members" by Faith Committee begins after GMPC Lenten Lunch.

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)

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

"2ND SUNDAY IN LENT"

MARCH 16, 2025

11:00 a.m.

GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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MARCH 16, 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** Larry Johnson

PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. Marvin Daniel

CALL TO WORSHIP [Pastor leads; Psalm 27:1]

One: The Lord is my light and my salvation;

All: Whom shall I fear?

One: The Lord is the stronghold of my life;

All: Of whom shall I be afraid?

One: Come, seek God in this time of worship.

*** OPENING HYMN # 438 “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”**

CALL TO CONFESSION [Pastor]

When we cry to God in prayer and confession, God hears. Let us approach God’s throne of grace with confidence and faith.

**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
Families, persons, communities affected by weather disasters
& gun violence

All families affected by war & civil unrest in 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 (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 16	March 23
S	"2nd Sunday in Lent" 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service Service by: Rev. Marvin Daniel Order Easter Lilies by Apr. 6	"3rd Sunday in Lent" 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service ➤ 5 Cents-a-Meal Offering Service by: Rev. Marvin Daniel Order Easter Lilies by Apr. 6
M	St. Patrick's Day 17	24
T	18	25
W	19	5:30-9p SA Tr 900 Quarterly Mtg (Fellowship Hall, Kitchen) 26
T	20	27
	6a Clean Church 12p Lenten Service @ Gary's UMC [13501 Sunnybrook Rd., So. Prince George] followed by lunch at 12:30p 2p Newsletter out 6-8p SA Cub Pack 910 (Fellowship Hall) 7p Faith Cmte (@ GMPC)	6a Clean Church 12p Lenten Service @ Gregory Memorial PC [6300 Courthouse Rd., Prince George] followed by lunch at 12:30p Faith Cmte: Delivery of "Meals to Members" will begin after GMPC Lenten Lunch.
F	21	28
S	8-9p PG Study Group AA (Fellowship Hall, Kitchen) 22	8-9p PG Study Group AA (Fellowship Hall, Kitchen) 29

Attendance	Worship		Service		Sunday		School	
	M	V	M	V	M	V	M	V
March 2, 2025	26	9	8					
March 9, 2025	21	4	10					
March 16, 2025								
March 23, 2025								
March 30, 2025								

M=Members V=Visitors * Scout Sunday

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [In unison]

Eternal God, as enemies circle and fear grows large, the distance between us feels like absence and we come to believe you are hidden and concealed. Forgive our doubt. Forgive our lack of spiritual seeking. Forgive us when we make our faith all about what you might do for us rather than how we might serve you and work at right relationship with you. Amen.

[Pause for a moment of silent confession]

ASSURANCE OF PARDON [In unison]

God does not forsake us in times of trial. Our God is a gracious God, abounding in steadfast love. Know that in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION [In unison]

Merciful God, open us to your Word and your way. Help us to seek you, your truth, and the message you intend for us today. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING [Holy Bible, NRSV Trans.]

Genesis 15:1-12; 17, 18 [p. 10-11]

Luke 13: 31-35 [p.849]

Psalm 27 [p.437-438]

Reader: L. Johnson

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Whom Shall I Fear?"

Rev. Marvin Daniel

*** REFLECTIVE HYMN # 41 "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!"**

*** 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.

*** HYMN OF DEDICATION # 698 "Take, O Take Me as I am" [Sing twice]**

CALL FOR OFFERING [Pastor]

God calls us to lives of grateful generosity. Let us praise the giver of all good gifts through our offering today.

OFFERING, OFFERTORY

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

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

God of grace, you provide for us in amazing ways. May our offerings provide for others and be used to further Christ's ministry and mission. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

One: God our Creator, you made us for community and communion. You call us to the path of love and justice. You entrust us with gifts and talents and a planet that resources and provides. Yet, we live in a world torn by greed and violence. So, we pray for peace. Our nation, communities, and homes are tense with conflict and division. So, we pray for mutual respect and an ear for understanding. Our souls are stressed, stretched thin by responsibilities, exhausted by conflict, disappointed to not be heard or seen or understood. So, we pray for sabbath, for rest and refreshment, for friends and neighbors who can and will understand.

All: God of comfort, stand with us in these distressing times so we may recall your promise that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, shall separate us from your love through Jesus Christ our Lord.

One: Merciful God, as war rages and bombs fall and innocent lives are destroyed, we pray for those who long for safety and freedom. Prince of Peace, intervene on behalf of your people; change swords into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks. Diffuse our bombs, missiles and nuclear warheads.

All: Holy Father, turn our hearts to your way of righteousness, stockpiling goodwill and diplomatic relationships so we can wage love rather than war.

One: Compassionate God, you bear the pain of the world. Bless those who are sick, suffering and struggling. May we turn to you for help and healing, instead of the shallow comforts and superficial sources the world is so keen to sell us. Be the rock to which we cling, strengthening and steadying us when we are at risk of falling.

All: Loving God, open us to your presence, especially when we are distracted, and you feel hard to find.

One: Eternal God, as we work and wait for your renewed creation, hear these prayers of your people. Now, we lift up the prayer Christ taught us by praying together these words, "**Our Father ...**"

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

*** CHARGE & BLESSING [Pastor; Psalm 27:14]**

Wait for the Lord. Be strong. Let your heart take courage. May the grace, hope, peace and love of God our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with you now and always. Amen.

*** POSTLUDE**