

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

March Chimes, Acolyte, Preachers & Announcers/Readers* (* if requested):

Chimes: Wayne Powers / Acolyte: Rose Scott

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 27, "Lenten Service & Luncheon": Rev. Dr. Katherine C. Jackson

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

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

Lenten Service & Luncheon for Thursday, March 27 at 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!*

Appreciation Luncheon – Sunday, April 6. Gregory Memorial has been blessed with many special people these past few years. People that have shared their talents at the pulpit, the organ, the piano, an office, or just anywhere help was needed. We could not have kept the church doors open without them. Therefore, the Faith Committee has planned a covered-dish luncheon to say "**Thank You**" to the people who have given so much. Please mark your calendar for Sunday, April 6, 2025!

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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Church Administrator: Nancy Adams (office@gregorymemorial.org)

Organist: Sandra Perkins Pianist: Gail Hare

Treasurer: Susan Shockley Financial Sec.: Sandy Hunter

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 IN LENT"

MARCH 23, 2025

11:00 a.m.

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PRELUDE Sandra Perkins, Organist
Gail Hare, Pianist

CHIMING OF THE HOUR Wayne Powers
ACOLYTE Rose Scott

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS/
SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS** Susan Shockley

PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. Marvin Daniel

CALL TO WORSHIP [Pastor leads; Psalm 63]

One: O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you;

All: My flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

One: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

All: Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

One: So I will bless you as long as I live;

All: I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

*** OPENING HYMN # 305 "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"**

CALL TO CONFESSION [Pastor; Isaiah 55: 6-7]

The prophet Isaiah instructs us to seek and to call upon the Lord. The prophet pleads with the wicked to forsake their way, with the unrighteous to forsake their thoughts. The prophet invites them to return to the Lord that he may have mercy on them and assures them that our God will abundantly pardon. Let us seek God, let us call upon the Lord, knowing that we will be received with mercy and abundant forgiveness.

*** 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 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 (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 23	March 30
S	"3rd Sunday in Lent" 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service ➤ 5 ¢ - a-Meal Offering Service by: Rev. Marvin Daniel Order Easter Lilies by Apr. 6.	"4th Sunday in Lent" 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service ➤ Local Emerg. Aid Offering Service by: Rev. Marvin Daniel Order Easter Lilies by Apr. 6.
M	24	31
T	25	APRIL 1
W	5:30-9p SA Tr 900 Quarterly Mtg (Fellowship Hall, Kitchen) 26	2
T	6a Clean Church 27 12p <u>Lenten Service</u> @ Gregory Memorial PC [6300 Courthouse Rd., Prince George] followed by lunch at 12:30p	6a Clean Church 3 12p <u>Lenten Service</u> @ Newville UMC [9014 Hines Rd., Disputanta] followed by lunch at 12:30p 6-8p SA Cub Pack 910 (Fellowship Hall)
F	28	4
S	8-9p PG Study Group AA (Fellowship Hall, Kitchen) 29	8-9p PG Study Group AA (Fellowship Hall, Kitchen) 5

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

M=Members V=Visitors * Scout Sunday

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [In unison; Luke 13]

Merciful God, we confess that we have been quick to judge others and slow to make changes in our own lives. We confess that we have focused on others' shortcomings instead reforming our own. Turn us, O Lord, from these ways that lead to perishing. Lead us, O Lord, in your ways that lead to abundant life.

[Pause for a moment of silent confession]

All: In Jesus' name, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON [In unison; Isaiah 55:8-9]

God speaks through the prophet Isaiah: my thoughts are not your thoughts nor are your ways my ways. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways. Let us find peace in God's ways of mercy and grace knowing that we are forgiven. Amen.

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

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

God of all times and places, be with us here and now. As we read from and reflect on Scripture, may your Holy Spirit move among us that we might hear your Word. In Jesus' name, Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING [Holy Bible, NRSV Trans.]

Old Testament: Isaiah 55:1-9 [p. 598]
 Psalm 63:1-8 [p. 458] Reader: S. Shockley
 New Testament: Matthew 26: 41 [p. 809]
 1 Corinthians 10:13 [p. 932]
 Matthew 18:7 [p. 799]

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "God is Our Strength" Rev. Marvin Daniel

*** REFLECTIVE HYMN # 661 "Why Should I Feel Discouraged"
 ("His Eye Is on the Sparrow")**

*** 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]

The Confession of 1967 reminds us that "Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage." God has given each of us and all of us a variety of gifts, and we are grateful. As an act of worship, let us commit to returning those gifts to God and God's service.

OFFERING, OFFERTORY

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

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

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

Gracious God, you give to us out of your abundance. For the material gifts and the spiritual gifts you give us, we thank you. We dedicate these gifts of time and talents and tithes to you and ask that you continue to lead us as we use these gifts to join your work in this community.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER [Pastor leads; 1 Cor. 10]

One: Lord, you are the mighty one; You created light; You send Your light around the world. You sent your son into the world of darkness as the one true light, the light that brings hope to all.

All: And yet we want to capture it like a firefly and keep it to ourselves so that only we have the good feelings and experience.

One: Imagine a nearby body of water... Imagine the breeze gaining strength... Picture the waves of the sea crashing on the shore... The apostle Paul writes to the Corinthians "that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all at the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ."

All: We give you thanks, O Lord, for your clouds and your waters, for leading your people, our ancestors, to your promised land.

One: Be with us as you were with those who came before us. Lead us, guide us, turn us from false idols, and transform us. Surround us with your peace amidst uncertainty, your comfort amidst our grief, your healing amidst our injuries and illness.

All: Lead us towards your promised kingdom, your new heaven and new earth, a world where all have enough food, all have enough drink, all are safe, and all are at peace.

One: We ask all this in the name of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ, who leads us, who cares for us, and who teaches us to pray, saying: "**Our Father ...**"

*** DEPARTING HYMN # 353 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"**

*** CHARGE & BENEDICTION [Pastor]**

God has moved in all our lives. God has gathered us together this day. And now, God sends us into the world to join God's ongoing work. May the same God who led our ancestors from oppression continue to lead you; May the same Holy Spirit whose ways are higher than ours continue to empower you; and may the light of Christ continue to shine through each of you until the day that we are all gathered together again. Go in peace.

*** POSTLUDE**