

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

Next Sunday, April 6 "Holy Communion": Rev. Dr. Katherine C. Jackson

April Chimes: Sandy Hunter / Acolyte: Donald Hunter

Easter Lilies – Today is the last day to order your Easter Lilies! 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 – Congregation is asked to bring a side-dish. Chicken and dessert will be provided.

Appreciation Luncheon – Next Sunday, April 6. Please plan to join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship service next Sunday as we express our appreciation to the special people who have shared their many talents from our pulpit, on the organ and piano, in the office, and everywhere else their help was needed. The Faith Committee has planned a covered-dish luncheon to celebrate these people, our friends who have given us so much, and say **"Thank You!"**

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GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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

"4TH SUNDAY IN LENT"

MARCH 30, 2025

11:00 a.m.

GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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MARCH 30, 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** Rose Scott

PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. Marvin Daniel

CALL TO WORSHIP [Pastor leads; inspired by Psalm 32]

One: In times of trouble, in days of fear,

All: Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

One: When we are lost and lonely, not sure of our place,

All: Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

One: When we struggle to believe God’s promise of redemption,

All: Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

One: Together we look to God to teach us the way we should go.

All: Steadfast love surrounds us, as together we place our trust in the Lord.

* **OPENING HYMN # 463 “How Firm a Foundation”**

CALL TO CONFESSION [Pastor]

Scripture promises us that no matter how far we stray from God’s ways, when we make the decision to return to God, God runs to greet us with open arms. Trusting in the never-failing mercy of the Lord, let us turn to God together by confessing our sins.

* *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
Marcus O’Neill, husband of Wayne Powers’ niece, Ashley (health issue)
Marguerite Bishop (health issue)
Family/friends of Frank (“Butch”) Reiter, Jr. (d. 3/25)

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THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY MEMORIAL

S	<p>March 30</p> <p>"4th Sunday in Lent"</p> <p>9:30a Sunday School</p> <p>11a Worship Service ➤ Local Emerg. Aid Offering by Rev. Marvin Daniel</p> <p>Order Easter Lilies by Apr. 6.</p>	<p>April 6</p> <p>"5th Sunday in Lent"</p> <p>9:30a Sunday School</p> <p>11a Worship Service w/Holy Communion by Rev. Dr. K.C. Jackson</p> <p>12p Appreciation Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>Last day to order Easter Lilies</p>		
	M	31	7	
T	<p>April 1</p> <p>11a <u>Deadline to place Easter Lilies order w/florist</u></p> <p>1p Circle meeting @ GMPC</p>	8		
W	2	9		
T	<p>6a Clean Church</p> <p>12p <u>Lenten Service @ Newville UMC</u> [9014 Hines Rd., Disputanta] followed by lunch at 12:30p</p> <p>6-8p SA Cub Pack 910 (Fellowship Hall)</p>	3	<p>6a Clean Church</p> <p>12p <u>Lenten Service @ Bethlehem Congregational Church</u> [9014 Hines Rd., Disputanta] followed by lunch at 12:30p</p> <p>7-9p GSA Tr 5000 (Fellowship Hall)</p>	10
F	4	11		
S	<p>8-9p PG Study Group AA (Fellowship Hall, Kitchen)</p>	5	<p>8-9p PG Study Group AA (Fellowship Hall, Kitchen)</p>	12

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	21	7	9	
March 30, 2025				

M=Members V=Visitors

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [In unison; Book of Common Worship]

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Forgive those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. Amen

[Pause for a moment of silent confession]

ASSURANCE OF PARDON [Pastor leads; from Psalm 32]

One: Psalm 32 says: "Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered."

All: **Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, we are those happy people whose sins have been forgiven. Believe in the good news of the gospel and rejoice!**

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

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

Gracious God, your mercy is wide, but our understanding is limited. As we hear your Word read and proclaimed today, open our minds and our hearts, that your good news may reach the deepest places within us. Renew us in your forgiving love and enliven our imaginations to possibilities for sharing that love with others. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING [Holy Bible, NRSV Trans.]

Old Testament: Joshua 5: 9-12 [p. 171]
 Psalm 32 [p. 440] Reader: R. Scott
 New Testament: Luke 15: 1-3; 11b-32 [p. 850-851]

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

* **REFLECTIVE HYMN # 366 "Love Divine, All Love Excelling"**

* **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]

As people who have received the overflowing God's mercy, we respond with gratitude in our hearts and dedication of our lives to God's ways. Let us share what we have for the good of this community and the good of our neighbors.

OFFERING, OFFERTORY

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

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

Lord of all, we give you thanks for your unfailing love. All that we have and all that we are is a gift from you, and we return it to you now with thanks and praise. Take and bless what we offer here today, that it may be used to feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, liberate the oppressed, care for the suffering, and share the good news of your redeeming love with the world. In Christ's name we pray, amen.

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

One: Loving God, we give you thanks for your words of hope to us. In these days of chaos and fear, we cling to the possibilities of life with you: that redemption can spring forth from the most unlikely places.

All: Ground us in the truths of the Gospel, O God, that our hearts might be open and loving. Guard us from despair and grow within us strong and sustaining hope for the future of wellbeing you imagine for all creation.

One: Merciful God, you invite us not only to receive your grace, but to share it with others. Show us how to reflect your mercy in our individual lives, and in our life together.

All: Holy Father, commit us to ways of living together that provide all with what they need, rather than enriching some while others go without necessities of shelter and safety.

One: God of justice, we pray for our nation in turmoil. Turn the hearts of those in power toward those they have been elected to serve. Grant leaders at every level of government wisdom and discernment for the road ahead.

All: Bring order out of chaos, O God, and draw us together for the good of all people and the world you so love.

One: Healer of our every ill, we pray for those in our community who need our care. Comfort those who sit in the heavy fog of grief. Energize those weighed down by burdens of care. Bring healing to those who are sick and recovering. This we pray in Christ's name and as he taught us to say: "**Our Father ...**"

* **DEPARTING HYMN # 418 "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"**

* **CHARGE & BLESSING [Pastor; Book of Common Worship]**

Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold onto what is good; return no one evil for evil; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

* **POSTLUDE**