

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome Rev. Dr. Katherine C. Jackson to Gregory Memorial's pulpit today!

April Chimes, Acolyte & Preachers:

Chimes: Sandy Hunter / Acolyte: Donald Hunter

April 6 "Holy Communion": Rev. Dr. Katherine C. Jackson; M. Holc, Announcer

April 13 "Palm Sunday": Rev. John Scholer; D. Hunter, Announcer

April 17 "Maundy Thursday": Rev. Dr. Katherine C. Jackson; service at 7 p.m.

April 20, "Resurrection of the Lord"/"Easter Day": Rev. Marvin Daniel;
P. Johnson, Announcer

April 27 "2nd Sunday of Easter: Rev. Dr. C. E. Bagwell; S. Hunter, Announcer

Appreciation Luncheon – Today after worship service! Please join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall for the covered-dish Appreciation Luncheon planned by our Faith Committee to honor the special people who have shared their talents with us at Gregory Memorial over the past few years (in the pulpit, at the organ and piano, the office, and anywhere help has been needed!)

Lenten Service & Luncheon for Thursday, April 10: Bethlehem Congregational Church [10501 Pole Run Rd., Disputanta Disputanta]. Service starts at 12 noon, followed by lunch at 12:30 p.m.

"THESE DAYS" (Apr.-Jun.) – Copies of this publication are available in Narthex. Free to congregation. Pick up your copy today for some daily inspirational reading!

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Resource: "Affirmation of Faith," (Apostle's Creed) Book of Common Worship; © 1993 John Knox Press.; "Prayer of Confession", "Assurance of Pardon" by Thom Shuman; "Prayer of Dedication from Liturgy Alive website; "Payer for Illumination" from Homiletics Online; "Prayers of the People" by Rev. Mary Austin.

GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Pastor: Rev. Marvin Daniel

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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

"5TH SUNDAY IN LENT"

APRIL 6, 2025

11:00 a.m.

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11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Sandra Perkins, Organist
Gail Hare, Pianist

CHIMING OF THE HOUR Sandy Hunter
ACOLYTE Donald Hunter

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS/
SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS** Mary Holc

PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. Dr. Katherine C. Jackson

CALL TO WORSHIP [Inspired by Isaiah 43]

One: The Lord, the Almighty, he who makes a path through the sea, he who raises up and lays low the people of the earth.... The Lord says to us,

All: Do not remember or cling to the things of old. I am about to do a new thing among you. Will you perceive it?

One: The Lord, the Almighty declares, “I will make a way in the desert. I will give water to drink to my people, the people I have called and the people I have chosen.”

All: We come today to partake of you, O Lord. We come as your people. We come to perceive your work and to listen to your voice.

*** OPENING HYMN # 39 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”**

CALL TO CONFESSION [Pastor]

***Please stand, as able.**

OUR PRAYERS & CONCERNS

First-responders, firefighters, search & rescue personnel, world-wide
All persons and their pets affected by wildfires nation-wide
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; son of
Bobby & Sandra Tipton and Ray Evans (health issue)
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

	April 6	April 13
S	"5th Sunday in Lent" 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service by: Rev. Dr. K.C. Jackson 12p Appreciation Luncheon (Fellowship Hall) <i>Last day to order Easter Lilies!</i>	"Palm Sunday" Begin Holy Week 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service by: Rev. John Scholer
M	1p Worship Cmte 7	5:30-9p SA Crater OA 14 (Fellowship Hall, Kitchen)
T	11a Place Lilies order with florist 8	15
	1p Circle meeting @ GMPC	
W	Fellowship Hall Reserved 9	16
T	6a Clean Church 10 12p <u>Lenten Service</u> @ <u>Bethlehem Congregational</u> [10501 Pole Run Rd., Hines Rd. Disputanta] followed by lunch at 12:30p 6-8p GSA Tr 5000 (Fellowship Hall)	Maundy Thursday 17 6a Clean Church 2p Newsletter articles due (May) 6-8p SA Cub Pack Tr 910 (Fellowship Hall) 7p Finance Cmte 7p Maundy Thursday service at GMPC by Rev. Dr. J. C. Jackson
F	11	Good Friday 18 Easter Lilies delivery; time: TBA
S	8-9p PG Study Group AA 12 (Fellowship Hall, Kitchen)	Holy Saturday 19 8-9p PG Study Group AA (Fellowship Hall, Kitchen)

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	23	4	12	

M=Members V=Visitors

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [Unison; by Thom Shuman]

If we were to name all the gods we have before you, Rock of Redemption, we would be here a very long time. We elevate politicians into saviors, though they are as broken as we are. We misuse your name so much during the day, we have trouble speaking to you in prayer at night. We are so busy, we do not notice how creation witnesses to your goodness and grace. Forgive us, God our Hope. Help us to let go of what we value most, so we may open our emptiness, our hearts, our lives to the healing and loving presence of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

[Pause for a moment of silent confession]

*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON [In unison; by Thom Shuman]**

Persistently, patiently, lovingly, God pours out grace and joy into our lives, healing our brokenness, forgiving our sin. Loved, we are sent to love. Forgiven, we are freed to forgive. Graced, we can offer our gifts to everyone we meet. Thanks be to God. Amen.

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

*** PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION [In unison; posted on Homiletics Online]**

Holy God, sometimes your Word is not one we want to hear because it challenges us or makes us uncomfortable. Open our minds and our hearts to truly listen to your Word, to hear how you instruct us, like a parent, with love. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING [Holy Bible, NRSV Trans.]

New Testament: Philippians 3:4-14

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Claiming Your TRUE Heritage" Rev. Dr. Katherine C. Jackson

*** REFLECTIVE HYMN # 375 "Shall We Gather at the River?"**

*** 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]

OFFERING, OFFERTORY

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

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION [In unison; inspired by Philipians 3:4-14; from the Liturgy Alive website]**

Faithful God, we bring these gifts before you to celebrate how you have made with us, your chosen people, a new and everlasting covenant through the death and rising of your Son. Do not allow us to become proud of being the people you love but help us to be worthy of your trust and to give you a response of deep faith expressed in service. Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER [written by Rev. Mary Austin]

One: Lent's days are winding down, Merciful God, and we are no closer to having contrite hearts.

All: Our small complaints still loom large, and we don't hurry to show mercy, or rush to be kind.

One: The old habits of Fat Tuesday are still alluring, and we resist the emptiness of the desert that reveals you – the places where you make yourself known to us, where you wait in the quiet for us to be ready, still feel alien.

All: Yet, Loving God, we come to you, trying to lose our lives for the life you offer, seeking the wisdom of our brother Jesus, hoping to be blown open by the Spirit.

One: Bring us fully into your Lenten gifts, we pray, and accept the Lenten gifts we offer to you in the name of your son, we offer the prayer he taught his disciples to say: **"Our Father..."**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE Rev. Dr. Katherine C. Jackson
[Please refer to insert, "THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION"]

*** DEPARTING HYMN # 835 "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"**

*** CHARGE & BENEDICTION [Pastor]**

*** POSTLUDE**