

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome Rev. John Scholer 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, "Easter Day": Rev. Marvin Daniel; P. Johnson, Announcer

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

Maundy Thursday Service – April 17 at 7 p.m.: Rev. Dr. Katherine C. Jackson;
Music: Gail Hare.

Easter Sunrise Service – April 20 at 7 a.m. Easter morning; Rev. Marvin Daniel.
Breakfast follows, in the Fellowship Hall.

"One Great Hour of Sharing" Special Offering – For your information, a brochure with details on how the "One Great Hour of Sharing" Offering will be used. The Special Offering will be received on Easter Sunday (April 20).

"Small-Church" Gathering – Wed., April 23 from 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at 2nd Presbyterian Church [419 W. Washington St. in Petersburg]. Representatives from area Presbyterian churches {Clerk, Commissioned minister, interested congregation members), are encouraged to will gather for a "meet & greet" with Presbytery of the James' new Presbyter, Dr. Kerry Foster, to discuss how re-tooling of Presbytery goals will affect area churches.

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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))

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

"PALM SUNDAY"

APRIL 13, 2025

11:00 a.m.

GREGORY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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APRIL 13, 2025

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** Donald Hunter

PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. John Scholer

CALL TO WORSHIP [from Psalm 118]

One: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

All: God’s steadfast love endures forever!

One: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

All: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

One: Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!

All: Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

One: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

All: God’s steadfast love endures forever! Let us worship God.

* **OPENING HYMN # 269** “Lead On, O King Eternal”

CALL TO CONFESSION [Pastor]

We cannot escape the sin and brokenness in our world or in our hearts.
But in Jesus Christ, God comes and meets us in our brokenness and makes
us whole again. Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin together:

*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
Marcus O’Neill, husband of Wayne Powers’ niece, Ashley
(health issue)
Michael Evans, former son-in-law of Nancy & A. W. Adams; son of
Bobby & Sandra Tipton and Ray Evans (health issue)

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THESE TWO WEEKS AT GREGORY MEMORIAL

	April 13	April 20
S	"Palm Sunday" Begin Holy Week 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service by Rev. John Scholer	"Resurrection of the Lord"/ "Easter Day" 7a Sunrise Service followed by breakfast in Fellowship Hall 9:30a Sunday School 11a Worship Service by Rev. Marvin Daniel ➤ "One Great Hour of Sharing" Offering
M	5:30-9p SA Crater OA (Fellowship Hall, Kitchen) 14	21
T	15	22
W	16	10:30a - 12p "Small-Church" Gathering 2 nd Presbyterian Church 419 W. Washington St. in Petersburg 23
T	Maundy Thursday 6a Clean Church 17 2p Newsletter articles due (May) 6-8p SA Cub Pack 910 (Fellowship Hall) 7p Finance Cmte 7p Maundy Thursday service at GMPC by Rev. Dr. K. C. Jackson	6a Clean Church 24 2p Newsletter out
F	Good Friday 18 Easter Lilies delivery; time: TBA	25
S	Holy Saturday 19 8-9p PG Study Group AA (Fellowship Hall, Kitchen)	8-9p PG Study Group AA (Fellowship Hall, Kitchen) 26

Attendance	Worship	Service	Sunday	School
	M	V	M	V
April 6, 2025	31	13	13	
April 13, 2025				
April 20, 2025				
April 27, 2025				

M=Members V=Visitors

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [In unison]

Have mercy on us, O God, for we are broken vessels. You call us to follow you, but we deny, abandon and betray. You call us to pursue justice and righteousness, but we stick to the status quo. You invite us into the hope of your Spirit, but we make despair our daily bread. You lead us to the cross, but in our discomfort, we try to skip to the empty tomb. Transform us, O God. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon all our brokenness, that your grace may fill in the cracks of our broken places and make us whole. Amen.

[Pause for a moment of silent confession]

*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON [Responsive]**

One: The one who rode into Jerusalem to cheering crowds knew that the cross awaited. In this way, we might know the great love of God for us. Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, has defeated sin forever.

All: **Hear and believe this good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

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

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

Illuminating God, shine your light through the darkness of this world into every corner of our hearts. As we read the many words of Scripture, may we recognize the presence of your one true Word, Jesus Christ, who bears your love into the world. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING [Holy Bible, NRSV Trans.]

Old Testament: 1 Kings 1:28-40 [p. 264]

New Testament: Matthew 21:1-11. [p. 802]

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Palm Sunday: Choosing Sides" Rev. John Scholer

*** REFLECTIVE HYMN # 198 "Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!"**

*** 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]

Jesus tells us it is more blessed to give than to receive. May we who have received so much from the Lord give back as we receive the morning offering.

OFFERING, OFFERTORY

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

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

God, giver of all good gifts, we thank you for all that you have graciously poured out on us. As we begin Holy Week and walk the final steps to the cross, we give you thanks for the greatest of all gifts — the gift of yourself to your people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

One: Crucified God, we lift our prayers to you this morning. We praise You for the beauty of your creation as seasons change and flowers burst from the soil, heralds of the coming of spring. We thank you for the gift of your church and for the congregations with whom we worship and serve. Thank you for giving us to one another as companions, to bear with each other through joys and sorrows.

All: Even when life is difficult, O God, we praise you for the slivers of good news, hope, and joy that break into our darkness like rays of light in a dark room.

One: Sovereign Spirit, we pray for the many nations and peoples of your world. Breathe your goodness and wisdom into the halls of power, where leaders make decisions that affect the lives of others. Lead them toward compassion, justice and peace. And when they will not follow your way, overturn those tables with raging fire of justice and love for all your people.

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

One: Lord Jesus Christ, as we walk with you toward the cross this Holy Week, we remember the crosses of our world, all the places where your body continues to be broken. We pray for those who are sick or going through medical treatments. We pray for people who are hungry, homeless and poor. We pray for your children languishing in prisons and detention centers and for all who live in fear.

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

One: Great God whose love overcame death on a cross, overcome injustice and despair in our world today. All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who taught us to pray, saying: "**Our Father...**"

*** DEPARTING HYMN # 313 "Lord, Make Us More Holy"**

*** CHARGE & BENEDICTION [Pastor]**

Friends, when you leave this place, you will go into places that know hopelessness and encounter people who are not strangers to despair. Go forth and walk with them, trusting in the power of God to bring good news out of desolation and life out of death on a cross. And as you go, may the grace of Christ, the love of God, and the binding power of the Holy Spirit, encircle you all this Holy Week long until we meet again in the dark of morning at the entrance to a tomb. Amen.

*** POSTLUDE**