

Greenwich Presbyterian Church

November 22, 2020

Call to Worship

(from Philippians 4)

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

People: *Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.*

Leader: And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

People: *To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

Hymn – We Gather Together

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;

He chastens and hastens his will to make known;

The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.

Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,

Ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;

So from the beginning the fight we were winning;

Thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glory be thine!

We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,

And pray that thou still our defender wilt be.

Let thy congregation escape tribulation;

Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

Morning Prayer

Everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being: You have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Give us purity of heart and strength of purpose, that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, no weakness keep us from doing it; that in your light we may see light clearly, and in your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ and Congregational Life

The peace of the Lord be with you...and also with you.

Musical Offering – Give Thanks and Praise

Handel

Judy Raze and Sue Ellen Kinsler

Children's Blessing / Scripture / Reflection

Matthew 11:25-30

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened..."

Hymn – Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

*Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.*

God our Maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied;

come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field, fruit as praise to God we yield;

wheat and tares together sown are to joy or sorrow grown;

first the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear;

Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

Even so, Lord, quickly come, bring thy final harvest home;

gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,

there, forever purified, in thy presence to abide;

come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.

Apostles' 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.

Response – Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Benediction

Thank you to Mary Beran and Margaret Mayhugh (accompaniment),
 Sue Ellen Kinser and Judy Raze (duet),
 and Mark Beran (technical support)

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**Please be in prayer this week for our church family & friends**

Nanette Bell, Jan Deshayes, Lee Glover, the family of Harold House, Pat Howell, Ryan Madrishin, June Smith, Don Taylor, Joey Wagner, Jane Wood.

**For Continuing Care**

Angie Arnold, Edith Bailey, Dave Bannan, Dixie Baker, Sam Bunch, Diane Carroll, Mary Ann Cockerille, Artie Coffman, Audrey Ann Edwards, Tim Everett, Linda Griffin, Susan Hellerman, Lori Horan, Barbara Jackson, Tom Knoll, Susanne Lewis, Pam Lynn, Jacquie Meeks, Christine Mills, Toni Mitchell, Omar, Kim Palfrey, Judit Platt, Lon Quinones, Jasper Russell, Elsie Shrewsbury, Greg Stanley, Phil Swinford, Sherry Trasher, Caspar Velasco, Rachelle Villagomez, Jennifer Wengert, Cecily West, Becky Whitelock, Carl Yates.

**Praises**

For our brothers and sisters at other local churches in the Greenwich Community at Little Zion Baptist & Oak Dale Baptist. We cannot gather this year for our Thanksgiving service but praise God for our unity in Christ!

**Serving our Country**

Earl Arnold, Kieran Bateman, Brendan Binniker, James Binniker, Jordan Champion, Ray Franze, Alex Frazier, Austin Johnson, Logan King, Lee Loudermilk, Russell McMillan, Adam Smith, Carter Walchli, Jason West, Jacob Yates.

**Greenwich Birthdays This Week**

|                     |                      |                         |
|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Nov 22 Barbara Cook | Nov 24 Blair Henson  | Nov 28 Dean Dickerson   |
| Nov 23 Elsie Davis  | Nov 24 Adeline Moore | Nov 28 Michelle Griffin |
| Nov 23 Judy Colucci | Nov 25 Cara Smayda   | Nov 28 Jackson Stubbs   |
| Nov 23 Mike Pullin  |                      |                         |

| <b>Financial Summary</b> (YTD thru 10/31/20) |                    |                                 |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| <u>YTD Income</u>                            | <u>YTD Expense</u> | <u>YTD Income - Expense</u>     |
| \$939,953                                    | \$852,772          | \$87,181                        |
| <u>Sunday Offering (11/15/20)</u>            |                    | <u>Building Fund (11/15/20)</u> |
| \$13,276                                     |                    | \$1,235                         |

**Drive-By Food Drive & Shoebox Collection**

**TODAY, 12:00p-2:00p**

Today is collection day for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes! We are also continuing to collect supplies and food for our shelters. Particular requests this month include: *Paper Towels, cleaning wipes, cleaning solution with bleach, White, Yellow or Spice Cake Mix, Brownie Mix, Pancake Syrup, Black Eyed Peas*

Other Suggested Items: *Cereal (low sugar), Pasta Sauce & Noodles, Canned Vegetables & Beans, Boxed Mac & Cheese, Canned Chicken & Tuna, Soups, Cooking Oil, Canned & Pre-Packaged Fruit*

**Refugee Donations** – One of our refugee families is moving and we are looking for some specific home furnishings! Please contact Jeanne Edwards, [majiedw1@comcast.net](mailto:majiedw1@comcast.net), if you have any of these items to donate: *dining table & 6 chairs, sewing machine, dishware, and kitchen pots & pans.*

**Women’s Ministry Event, Sunday, December 6 (12:30pm)** – Join us for a delicious catered lunch at Windy Knoll Farm. This will be a great opportunity to connect during the Advent season. Cost is only \$15 and reservations are required as seating is limited. More details to follow. For more info, contact Lucille Marciano at [lmarciano@greenwichprs.org](mailto:lmarciano@greenwichprs.org) or 704.453.9221. Please remember if the Governor tightens restrictions due to Covid, we may have to adjust the event.

**Mission Opportunities During Advent  
 Fauquier Family Shelter**

We are once again be donating mittens, hats and gloves to the residents at the Fauquier Family Shelter and purchasing each resident a new winter coat! If you’d like to participate, we invite you to make a donation to our Mission Fund – designate *Fauquier Family Shelter* in the memo line.

**Christmas Memorials**

This advent season, you can honor or remember someone special through a donation to our Deacon’s Fund. The cost is \$20 per memorial and names will be included in the Christmas Eve bulletin & on our website. Forms can be found on our website – [www.greenwichpres.org](http://www.greenwichpres.org).

**Holiday Meals**

If you would like information about how your family or group could help with meal preparation for local shelters over the holidays, please contact Eric Beckman, [ebeckman@greenwichpres.org](mailto:ebeckman@greenwichpres.org).