

## Greenwich Presbyterian Church

November 21, 2021

*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to all who will come - this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

### Prelude

### 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 Praise You, O God

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*We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;*

*In grateful devotion our tribute we bring;*

*We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;*

*We bless your holy name: glad praises we sing.*

*We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers;*

*Through life's storm and tempest our guide you have been;*

*When perils o'er take us, you never forsake us,*

*And with your help, O Lord, our battles we win.*

*With voices united our praises we offer,*

*Our songs of thanksgiving to you we now raise;*

*Your strong arm will guide us, our God is beside us,*

*To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!*

### Morning Prayer

*Almighty and merciful God, from whom comes all that is good, we praise you for all your mercies: for your goodness that has created us, your grace that has sustained us, your wisdom that has challenged us, your patience that has borne with us, and your love that has redeemed us. Help us to love you and to be thankful for all your gifts, by serving you and delighting to do your will. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

## Sharing the Peace of Christ and Congregational Life

### Blessing of the Children and The Lord's Prayer

### Musical Offering (11:00)

*"A Harvest of Thanksgiving"*

Chancel Choir  
Thornhill

### Sermon

*"I Always Thank My God..."*

Philemon 1:4-7

### Hymn – Great is Thy Faithfulness

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*Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,*

*There is no shadow of turning with thee;*

*Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;*

*As thou has been thou forever will be.*

*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!*

*Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,*

*Sun, moon and stars in their courses above*

*Join with all nature in manifold witness*

*To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. (Refrain)*

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,*

*Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;*

*Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,*

*Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Refrain)*

### 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 – Now Thank We All Our God

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given  
The Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven  
The one eternal God whom earth and heaven adore;  
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

## Benediction

We welcome the following musicians to our 11:00 service this morning:  
Heather Austin-Stone (violin), Mark Beran (percussion), Joe Duffus (percussion),  
Teresa Gordon (violin), Colson Meeks (percussion).

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

The family of Bobby Armstrong, Denise D'Auria, Dixie Baker, Mark Bohm, Todd Curtis, Roberta Dean, Kay Hinegardner, Paul Labazzetta, Frank Lynn, Harriet Smith, Jim Thompson, Angela Toal, Randy White, Bob Wilkens, Bob Zorcik, the Greenwich youth group on retreat this weekend at Caroline Furnace camp.

## For Continuing Care

Carol Baer, Edith Bailey, Dixie Baker, Sam Bunch, Diane Carroll, Artie Coffman, Bob Colucci, Audrey Ann Edwards, Tim Everett, Diana Feldman, Abbie Grimes, Pat Howell, Barbara Jackson, Tom Knoll, Pam Lynn, Susan Markham, Toni Mitchell, Kim Palfrey, Judit Platt, Lon Quinones, Elsie Shrewsbury, Scott Smith, Stephanie Stallard, Phil Swinford, Alma Webster, Jennifer Wengert, Cecily West, Becky Whitelock, Ann Winn, Carl Yates.

## Praises

The birth of Gabriel Sage Molina, son of Carlos & Lindsey Molina, and grandson of Tim & Angela Norman.

## Mission Partners

Young Life, sharing the good news with local high school and middle school students in the area.

## Serving our Country

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

## Greenwich Birthdays This Week

Nov 22 Barbara Cook	Nov 23 Judy Colucci	Nov 24 Blair Henson
Nov 22 Elsie Davis	Nov 23 Mike Pullin	Nov 25 Cara Smayda
Nov 22 Kiki Wine	Nov 23 Bob Slaughter	

## Thanksgiving Service

Thursday, November 25 (10:00am) in the Chapel

Join us for our Community Thanksgiving Service as we gather for a time of praise, prayer and thanksgiving.

## Announcements

**Holiday Concert & Benefit for Farthest Corners, December 5 (3:00pm)** – The Woodbridge Flute Choir invites you to join us in the sanctuary for this free holiday concert. An offering will be taken to benefit Farthest Corners. For more information, visit [www.woodbridgeflutechoir.org](http://www.woodbridgeflutechoir.org).

**Second Saturday Gathering, December 11 (1:00-3:00p)** --- Join us in the Sunday School rooms and Lobby in the new building, as we enjoy delicious food, play games, and enjoy Mike Simms' performing. Please RSVP to [office@greenwichpres.org](mailto:office@greenwichpres.org). Questions? Contact Cindy Henson at [cynthiabhenson@gmail.com](mailto:cynthiabhenson@gmail.com) or Valerie Hermes at [valmar04@comcast.net](mailto:valmar04@comcast.net).

**Thursday Morning Women's Study, Begins January 6 (9:30-11:00am)** – Join us for this eight-week study of *1<sup>st</sup> Samuel – God's Search for a Man After His Own Heart*. Led by Debbie Gilbert and Diana Van Broekhoven, a Zoom option is also provided. Contact Debbie at [jdgilbert99@gmail.com](mailto:jdgilbert99@gmail.com) or 703.402.5046 by December 5 so a workbook can be ordered for you. Cost: \$18.

## Ways to Give & Serve

[greenwichpres.org/serve/](http://greenwichpres.org/serve/)

**Angel Tree for Refugee Families:** This Christmas, we are partnering with *Nokesville Church of the Brethren* to sponsor children from our Afghan refugee families. Beginning next Sunday, there will be a Christmas tree in the lobby with wish tag ornaments. Please take one or more names and return your gifts (with the wish tag attached!) under the tree by Dec 13. All gifts (including gift cards) should be unwrapped and with a gift receipt attached.

**Holiday Food Drive:** We are collecting **20 ounce cans of berry pie filling and/or crushed pineapple** to help F.I.S.H of Warrenton with their Christmas baskets. Donations accepted Sundays & weekdays in the church office.

## Blessings to Our New Officers

At last week's congregational meeting we elected the following to service as Elders and Deacons in the coming year:

Elders – Karen Carruthers, Steve Henson, George Kinsey and Rob Place  
Deacons – Tom Boyer, Dave Davis, Schelly Harrison, Mindi O'Connor and Tom O'Neill