

**November 27, 2022**

*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.*

***The First Sunday of Advent***

**Gathering**

*"Echo Carol/Once in Royal David's City"*

Woodbridge Flute Quartet

Reichenbach

**Call to Worship**

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world; those who follow me will not walk in darkness but have the light of life."

People: *The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.*

Leader: Come, Lord Jesus, our light and our salvation

People: *Let us walk in the light of the Lord.*

**Hymn – Prepare the Way, O Zion**

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*Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near!*

*Let every hill and valley a level way appear.*

*Greet One who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story.*

*Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name.*

*He brings God's rule, O Zion; he comes from heaven above.*

*His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth, and love.*

*Lift high your praise resounding, for grace and joy abounding.*

*O, blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name.*

*Fling wide your gates, O Zion; your Savior's rule embrace.*

*His tidings of salvation proclaim in every place.*

*All lands will bow before him, their voices will adore him.*

*O, blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name.*

**Morning Prayer**

*Faithful God, you call us once again to celebrate the coming of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. In this advent season, remove those things that hinder our love for you, that when he comes again, he may find us waiting in awe and wonder for him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

**Sharing the Peace of Christ and Congregational Life**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

**Blessing of the Children and the Lord's Prayer**

**Musical Offering**

*"Still, Still, Still"*

Woodbridge Flute Quartet

McMichael

**Advent Reflection**

*"Do Not be Afraid...Zechariah"*

Luke 1:5-25

(p.1590)

**Hymn – Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**

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*Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free*

*From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee*

*Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art*

*Dear Desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart*

*Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king*

*Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring*

*By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone*

*By thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne*

**The Nicene Creed**

*We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;*

*And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.*

*And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And we believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

**Response**

*O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him*

*O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*"Rorate"*

Woodbridge Flute Quartet

Heitzer

*We welcome members from the Woodbridge Flute Choir this morning:*

*Debbie Gilbert (C flute), Ginger Melby (C flute),  
Julie McDonald (alto flute), Jim Waterman (bass flute).*

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

Jim Boyd, the family of Edith Bailey, Dave Edwards, Ricky Medina, Patty Skewes, Dorothy Sutphin, Terrence, Dayten Thomas.

**For Continuing Care**

Dixie Baker, Yvonne Beatty, John Bloom, Sam Bunch, Diane Carroll, Artie Coffman, Bob Colucci, Audrey Ann Edwards, Tim Everett, Glenn & Abbie Grimes, Kay Hinegardner, Pat Howell, Barbara Jackson, Judy Kifer, Paul Labazzetta, Cece Marshall, Kim Palfrey, Jim Pittman, Judit Platt, Lon Quinones, Elsie Shrewsbury, Scott Smith, Stephanie Stallard, Phil Swinford, Angela Toal, Richard & Alana Wallace, Cecily West, Darryl White, Becky Whitelock.

**Praises**

We celebrate with Heckathorn family in the marriage of Scott Heckathorn and Camilla Brizzi last weekend in Purcellville, VA; Bob & Darlene Williamson's celebration for answered prayer.

**Serving our Country**

Earl Arnold, Kieran Bateman, Brendan Binniker, Ryan Binniker, Jordan Champion, Michelle Fleurat, MD, Ray Franze, Alex Frazier, Austin Johnson, Lee Loudermilk, Henry McMichael, James McMillan, Carter Walchli, Jason West, Jacob Yates.

**Greenwich Birthdays This Week**

Nov 28 Michelle Britton	Nov 29 John Spittle	Dec 1 Rayner Mittong
Nov 28 Dean Dickerson	Nov 30 Michael Beckett	Dec 2 Jackson Arnold
Nov 28 Scott Fisher	Nov 30 Renee Blackwell	Dec 3 Paul House
Nov 28 Jackson Stubbs	Dec 1 Kenley Brinkley	Dec 3 Jaan Loger
Nov 29 Ed Johnson	Dec 1 Daniel Duffus	Dec 3 Duane Mohr
Nov 29 Jeremy Spittle		

**Holiday Concert & Benefit for Farthest Corners, Sunday, December 4**

**(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 info, visit [www.woodbridgeflutechoir.org](http://www.woodbridgeflutechoir.org).

**Jingle Jam with the Fam “The Big Give,” Sunday, December 11 (4:00-**

**6:00pm)** – Join us in the sanctuary for a fun filled, family-friendly afternoon that you won't soon forget! We'll be celebrating the holidays and learning about the true reason for our joy at Christmas!

**Fauquier Family Shelter Christmas Dinner, Thursday, December 15 (5:00-**

**8:00p)** – This year the Warrenton Presbyterian Church has been generous in allowing us to use their space to host our annual dinner for the families at the shelter. If you're interested in being on the planning team, please reach out to the office at [office@greenwichpres.org](mailto:office@greenwichpres.org), and look for more information soon.

**Mitten Tree** – We invite you to bring new hats, mittens, scarves and socks to be given to our local mission partners to help families in need stay warm this winter. The mitten tree is in the entrance by the children's wing.

**2022 Financial Stewardship: Finishing Strong**

Thanks to the many hands and hearts that have given generously to support the ministry and mission of the church in this challenging year!

**Year-to-Date** (through October 31)

\$906,970 = Total income

\$978,317 = Total expenses

(\$71,347) = Current deficit

**Year-End Contributions** – December 25<sup>th</sup> is the final Sunday for offerings in 2022. Additionally, contributions will be accepted at the church office through 11:00am on Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup> (or online through midnight). Thank you!

If you have any questions please contact our Finance Administrator, Joy Yates ([joyyates@greenwichpres.org](mailto:joyyates@greenwichpres.org)) or 703-754-7933.

**Advent & Christmas at Greenwich**

Nov 27, First Sunday of Advent -- *Worship (9:00a & 11:00a)*

Dec 4, Second Sunday of Advent -- *Worship (9:00a & 11:00a)*  
*Woodbridge Flute Choir Concert (3:00p)*

Dec 11, Third Sunday of Advent -- *Worship (9:00a & 11:00a)*  
*Jingle Jam with the Fam (4:00p)*

Dec 18, Fourth Sunday of Advent – *Choir Led Worship (9:00a & 11:00a)*  
*Service of Remembrance (3:00p)*

Christmas Eve -- *Worship ( 5:00p, 7:00p & 11:00p)*

Christmas Day -- *Worship (10:00a)*