

February 5, 2023

The Mission of Greenwich Presbyterian Church

To share faith, hope, and love in Jesus Christ by a caring witness and service within the church and throughout the world.

Gathering

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be
World without end. Amen. Amen.*

Call to Worship

(from Ephesians 2)

Leader: For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith, and this not from yourselves,
People: *It is the gift of God, not by works, so that no one can boast.*
Leader: For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.
People: *To him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.*

Hymn – Alleluia, Sing to Jesus!

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*Alleluia, sing to Jesus! his the scepter, his the throne:
Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood.
Jesus, out of every nation, has redeemed us by his blood.
Alleluia! not as orphans we are left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us; faith believes nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him when the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget his promise, "I am with you evermore?"
Alleluia! heavenly High Priest, here on earth our help, our stay;
Alleluia! hear the sinful cry to you from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, hear our plea,
Where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.*

Morning Prayer

O loving God, to turn away from you is to fall, to turn toward you is to rise, and to stand before you is to abide forever. Grant us, dear God, in all our duties your help; in all our uncertainties your guidance; in all our dangers your protection; and in all our sorrows your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ and Congregational Life

Musical Offering

Children's Choir

Sermon

Matthew 18:21-35

The Lord's Prayer: *Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors* (p.1531)

Hymn – I Then Shall Live

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*I then shall live as one who's been forgiven;
I'll walk with joy to know my debts are paid.
I know my name is clear before my Father;
I am his child and I am not afraid.
So greatly pardoned, I'll forgive another;
The law of love I gladly will obey.

I then shall live as one who's learned compassion;
I've been so loved that I'll risk loving, too.
I know how fear builds walls instead of bridges;
I dare to see another's point of view.
And when relationships demand commitment,
Then I'll be there to care and follow through.

Your kingdom come around and through and in me,
Your power and glory, let them shine through me;
Your hallowed name, oh, may I bear with honor,
And may your living kingdom come in me.
The Bread of Life, oh, may I share with honor,
And may you feed a hungry world through me.*

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

Leader: Lift up your hearts
People: We lift them to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.
Leader: Send your Holy Spirit upon us now, we pray,
People: That these gifts from your creation may be to us the communion of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion of God's People

Prayer After Communion

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this Sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Response

*Now let us from this table rise, renewed in body, mind and soul
With Christ we die and rise again, his selfless love has made us whole.*

Benediction

February Scripture Memory Verse

*"But blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD,
whose confidence is in him." Jeremiah 17:7*

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

Bob & Judy Colucci, Matt Davis, Jackson Griffin, Joe Hakes, Barbara Hansen, Lori Horan, Pat Howell, Richard and Megan Jollon, Kristin, Mariah, Elane and Tom Olson, Richie Pancoast, Jay Ryan, Tom Young.

For Continuing Care

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

Praises

The faithful work of our church staff, as they serve in many seen and unseen ways each week.

Mission Partners

Juan & Veronica Linero, missionaries serving Iglesia Una Luz En El Camino (A Light On the Path) church in Mexico.

Serving our Country

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

Greenwich Birthdays This Week

Feb 5 Kathy Snow	Feb 6 Ann Winn	Feb 10 Jackson Griffin
Feb 5 Ashton White	Feb 7 Mary Mauck	Feb 10 Jackson Thorne
Feb 6 George Flanagan	Feb 8 Corky Mauller	Feb 11 Deb Clinard

Congregational Survey

Our parent denomination, the Presbyterian Church (USA), continues to express beliefs, priorities, and practices that leave the Session (Elders and Pastors) feeling like Greenwich doesn't fit anymore. Last October the Session met with our local denominational leader, Rev. John Molina-Moore, to discuss these concerns in an open and respectful way. John suggested we conduct a survey to see how widely the congregation shares the Session's concerns. A small team of Elders, supported by our Pastors, has developed a simple survey that will enable you to provide feedback to the Session as we consider how best to lead Greenwich into the future.

To make the process as accessible as possible, we offer you three options for completing the survey:

- 1. Complete and return by mail in the envelope provided, or in person to the church office or the box in the Sanctuary lobby.*
- 2. Complete the survey online at: greenwichpres.org/conversations/*
- 3. Pick up a survey in the lobby of the Sanctuary and return it to the box provided there.*

We are asking every member and regular attender to complete and return one (1) survey before February 28.

2022 Contribution Letters – Letters have been mailed. Questions? Contact our Finance Administrator, Joy Yates, at joyyates@greenwichpres.org.

Greenwich Art Gallery – Our newest show in the gallery is titled "Look What God Has Done." For over 200 years, Greenwich Church has been a part of the ebb and flow of the local community. Through all the changes over the years, God remains the one constant.

Parent's Night Out, Saturday, February 18th (5:30-8:30pm) -- Kids will enjoy games, a movie, popcorn and pizza while parents take the evening off for a date, project or much needed rest. Please register kids, grades Pre-K to 7th, on Realm. Cost is \$5/child. Teenage helpers, who can also sign up on Realm, eat free! If you are interested in helping with this event or have questions, email Lauren McMillan at Lmcmillan@greenwichpres.org