

Greenwich Presbyterian Church

November 19, 2023

9:00am

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.

Gathering for Worship

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul

Worship His Holy name

Sing like never before, O my soul

I'll worship Your Holy name

Call to Worship

(from Revelation 5)

Leader: Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders.

People: *In a loud voice they sang: Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!*

Leader: Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing.

People: *To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!*

Hymn

"Revelation Song"

see panel

Morning Prayer

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ and Congregational Life

Offering

"We Will Feast in the House of Zion"

Blessing of the Children and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sermon

1st Peter 4:7-11

"Love One Another: *Love covers over a multitude of sins*" (p. 1891)

Hymn

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"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"

Affirmation of Faith - The Apostles' Creed (Unison)

*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

*All praise to the Father, from whom all things come.
And all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

Benediction

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## **Revelation Song**

*Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Holy, Holy, is He  
Sing a new song to Him who sits on  
Heaven's Mercy Seat*

*Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty  
Who was, and is, and is to come  
With all creation I sing  
Praise to the King of Kings  
You are my everything  
And I will adore You*

*Clothed in rainbows of living color  
Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder  
Blessing and honor, strength and  
Glory and power be  
To You the Only Wise King (Refrain)*

*Filled with wonder, awe-struck wonder  
At the mention of Your Name  
Jesus, Your Name is Power  
Breath, and Living Water  
Such a marvelous mystery (Refrain)*

### **Thanksgiving Service Thursday, November 23**

**10:00am**

Join us for our Community Thanksgiving Service in the Chapel as we gather for prayer, praise and thanks.

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

The family of Helen Basham, the family of Brian, Tim Everett, the family of Leta Fitzhugh, the family of Patti Grace, Tyler Fry, Bob Slaughter, Valerie, Tom Young.

### **For Continuing Care**

Dixie Baker, Yvonne Beatty, Donna Bloom, Sam Bunch, Diane Carroll, Artie Coffman, Sterling & Lorraine Cooper, Matt Davis, Judy Dickerson, Audrey Ann Edwards, Bob Edwards, Tim Everett, the Griffin family, Gerry & Abbie Grimes, Kay Hinegardner, Barbara Jackson, Judy Kifer, Cece Marshall, Kim Palfrey, Jim Pittman, Judit Platt, Lon Quinones, Marilyn Ricketts, Jay Ryan, Elsie Shrewsbury, Stephanie Stallard, Phil Swinford, Barbara Thomas, Richard & Alana Wallace, Pat Wengert, Cecily West, Darryl White, Becky Whitelock, Judy Young, Tom Young.

### **Praises**

Our Family Ministry staff and volunteers who give of themselves to lead our parents and students to a deeper walk with Jesus Christ.

### **Serving our Country**

Earl Arnold, Kieran Bateman, Brendan Binniker, Ryan Binniker, Justin Fang, Michelle Fleurat, MD, Ray Franze, Alex Frazier, Lee Loudermilk, JR McMillan, Stirling Martin, Luke Sturges, Carter Walchli, Jason West.

### **Greenwich Birthdays This Week**

Nov 22 Barbara Cook    Nov 23 Judy Colucci    Nov 23 Bob Slaughter  
Nov 22 Elsie Davis    Nov 23 Linda Frece    Nov 24 Blair Henson  
Nov 22 Kiki Wine    Nov 23 Mike Pullin    Nov 24 Adeline Moore

*To request prayer, send a message to [prayers@greenwichpres.org](mailto:prayers@greenwichpres.org)*

*To join our prayer team or learn more about how to pray, visit:*

*[www.greenwichpres.org/prayer](http://www.greenwichpres.org/prayer)*

## Advent & Christmas at Greenwich

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

Dec 10, Second Sunday of Advent -- *Worship (9:00a & 11:00a)*

Dec 17, Third Sunday of Advent – *Choir Led Worship (9:00a & 11:00a)*  
*Service of Remembrance (3:00p)*

Dec 24, Fourth Sunday of Advent & Christmas Eve  
*Worship (10:00a)*

### Christmas Eve Services

*Family Friendly Worship Service (5:00p)*

*Traditional Worship Service (7:00p)*

*Candlelight Service (11:00p)*

## Announcements

**Hanging of the Greens, Tuesday, November 28 (9:30-11:30am)** — Join us as we decorate our buildings and grounds for the Christmas Season! Contact Maria Duffus at [office@greenwichpres.org](mailto:office@greenwichpres.org) for more details.

**Benefit Concert for Farthest Corners, Sunday, December 3 (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).

**Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street, Sunday, December 10 (2:00pm)** – Greenwich Connector's invites all to join us for Fauquier Community Theatre's showing of *Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street*. We'll meet for a light lunch in the fellowship hall at 12:30pm, and then head over to the theatre at 1:15. Cost is \$20 per person and includes lunch and the show. Contact Maria Duffus at [office@greenwichpres.org](mailto:office@greenwichpres.org) for tickets. Deadline to let us know you'll be joining us is TODAY.

**Jingle Jam with the Fam, Wednesday, December 13 (6:00-8:00pm)** -- Join us in the fellowship hall for a fun filled, family-friendly evening that you won't soon forget! We'll be celebrating the holidays and learning about the true reason for our joy at Christmas as we gather for a meal, play games, sing songs, make crafts and enjoy an engaging, contemporary, program.

**Thursday Women's Bible Study, begins January 4 (9:30-11:30am)** – Join us for the next Precept Upon Precept Study: *Matthew*. We meet in the adult classrooms at Greenwich and a Zoom option is also available. Contact Debbie Gilbert at [jdgilbert99@gmail.com](mailto:jdgilbert99@gmail.com) or 703.402.5046 by December 10 to order a workbook (cost is \$15.75).

*New to Precept Bible Study?* This is a great time to start and get to know the other ladies taking the class! The *precept* inductive study method uses a workbook to guide us through homework each week. Our first class will be an introduction to the study method and Susanne Arbogast has volunteered to be a coach for new members. Please consider joining us as we start the new year!

## Ways to Give & Serve

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

**Family Shelter Christmas Party, Thursday, December 21:** Greenwich hosts an annual Christmas party for residents of the shelter in Warrenton and we need a few individuals and families with kids who'd like to attend and help make a memorable evening. If you're interested, please reach out to the office at [office@greenwichpres.org](mailto:office@greenwichpres.org).

**Mitten Tree:** During Advent, we invite you to decorate our mitten tree with new hats, gloves, scarves, and socks to be given to help families at the shelter stay warm this winter. The mitten tree will be in the children's wing entry beginning in December.

**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 to be included in the Christmas Eve bulletins. Donation forms will be in the lobby or online: <https://www.greenwichpres.org/events/>

**Meal Ministry:** Periodically help provide a meal for members of our church family in a time of need, such as births, deaths, surgeries, and funerals. Contact the church office to learn more about opportunities.