



Greenwich Presbyterian Church

February 2, 2025

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

“Joyous Jubilee”

Handbell Choir

Call to Worship

(from Psalm 95)

Leader: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

People: *Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.*

Leader: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;

People: *For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.*

Hymn

“Come, Let Us Praise the Lord”

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Prayer

Almighty God, you have filled us with the light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of faith shine in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ and Congregational Life

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name” (v.1 & 4)

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Offering

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Handbell Choir

Blessing of the Children and The Lord’s Prayer

Sermon

Revelation 4:1-5:14

“The Great Ends of the Church: Maintenance of divine worship”

Hymn

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

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Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. 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: We join our voices with the heavenly choirs and with the faithful in every time in place, who forever sing the glory of your name:

People: *Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

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

*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.*

Benediction

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February Memory Verse

*“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and
with all your soul and with all your mind and
with all your strength”*

Mark 12:30

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

Leigh Anne, Sandy Carney, Jack Carroll, Ronnie Cooper, Lisa Crafton, Elsie Davis, Pat Egan, Emily Hernandez, Ern Johnson, Paul Labazzetta, Jaan Loger, Glenn Lovin, Ada McGlothlin, Lori Mills, Leigh Anne Monk, Jacob Pinney, Janet Ruby, Nancy Smith, Glenn Telford, Diana van Broekhoven, the family of Sammy Webb, Darryl White, Ford Whitt, Judy Young.

For Continuing Care

Dixie Baker, Donna Bloom, Diane Carroll, Greg Cook, Sterling & Lorraine Cooper, Judy Dickerson, Audrey Ann Edwards, Tim Everett, Kay Hinegardner, Michael Jackson, Judy Kifer, Jane Lion, Lew Mohr, Kim Palfrey, Jim Pittman, Lon Quinones, Marilyn Ricketts, Elsie Shrewsbury, Ronnie Skewes, Tom Smarsh, Stephanie Stallard, Peggy Swecker, Phil Swinford, Rollin van Broekhoven, Richard & Alana Wallace, Pat Wengert, Cecily West, Darryl White, Becky Whitelock, Bob Williamson, Judy Young.

Praises

Our SAFE team for their faithful ministry in keeping our church family safe on Sunday mornings.

Serving our Country

Kieran Bateman, Brendan Binniker, Ryan Binniker, Justin Fang, Michelle Fleurat, MD, Ray Franze, Alex Frazier, Alesia Hilton, Ashton Hilton, Hayden Hilton, Lee Loudermilk, JR McMillan, Stirling Martin, Tyler Spittle, Luke Sturges, Carter Walchli, Jason West, Jakob Wine, Joshua Wine.

Greenwich Birthdays This Week

Feb 2 Jayden Fridgen	Feb 3 Vera Williams	Feb 4 Jay Thomas
Feb 2 Terry Mauller	Feb 4 Cali Blaser	Feb 6 George Flanagan
Feb 3 Lee Arnold	Feb 4 Darin Snoots	Feb 7 Mikey Athanasakis
Feb 3 Pat Wengert		

“Introduction to ECO”

(A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians)

Sundays, February 2, 9, 16, 23 and March 2

10:00-10:45am in the Sanctuary

As we continue discerning our future together we are excited to hold a series of forums introducing you more fully to the presbyterian denomination known as ECO. We urge you to make time to attend (or watch) these very important gatherings. Childcare will be available.

Tentative schedule:

- Feb 2 – Introduction and report from ECO National Gathering
- Feb 9 – ECO distinctives and polity
- Feb 16 – ECO beliefs and the “essential tenets”
- Feb 23 – FAQ and timeline
- Mar 2 – Q/A and prayer

“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace...” Colossians 3:15

Church Potluck

Sunday, February 2, 5:00pm

Join us for our monthly dinner in the Fellowship Hall! Chicken will be provided. Bring a main dish, a side dish or dessert to share with the church family.

Financial Peace University, Mondays, Feb 3-March 31 (6:30-9pm) –

Over 9 weeks, you’ll develop a plan to pay off debt once and for all, invest wisely, and live out what the Bible teaches about money. Sponsored by our young adult fellowship, dinner is included each week and childcare is available. To register, contact the church office or at greenwich.churchcenter.com

Friday Women’s Bible Study, begins February 7 (10:00-11:30a) – Join us for “*The Power to Change*,” as we learn to understand the work of the Holy Spirit in our life and the daily act of surrendering to God who continues to mold and shape us. Childcare is available. Contact the church office (office@greenwichpres.org) to sign up.

Parent’s Night Out, Friday, February 14 (5:00-8:00pm) -- Kids will enjoy games, a movie, and pizza while parents take the evening off for a date, project or much needed rest. Please register kids, grades Pre-K to 5th, on Church Center. Cost is \$10/child (max of \$40 per family). For more info, contact Lauren at Lmcmillan@greenwichpres.org

Thursday Women’s Bible Study, begins March 13 (9:30-11:30am) – Join us for our next Precept Upon Precept study: *Job - When the Pain is Great*. We meet in the adult classrooms, with a Zoom option also provided. Contact Debbie Gilbert at jdgilbert99@gmail.com or at 703-402-5046 by February 9. Cost: \$21.99 payable at the first class.

2025 Women’s Retreat “Follow the Flame- Following God’s Guiding and Direction in Our Lives ” March 21-23 – Join us at the Massanetta Springs Conference Center in Harrisonburg. Our speaker this year is Rebecca Burtram. Sign up in the lobby in between services or on Church Center. Deadline to register is March 2. For more information, contact Leyla Scott at LScott@wdpa.com.

Greenwich Preschool – Registration for church families and prior student families for the 2025-2026 school year will begin tomorrow. We offer classes for children ages 3-5. For more information contact Tracy Anderson at preschool@greenwichpres.org or 703.754.7933.

Mission Update

Family Shelter Services helps over 400 people annually with emergency shelter and a transitional housing program for families. Their programs provide struggling individuals and families with crucial life skills related to budgeting, employment, nutrition, and parenting. The caring staff and volunteers maintain a safe environment and a path to dignity, responsibility and hope.

familyshelterservices.org

Comfort Drive: This winter, we are helping to provide *new pillows and bath towels* to residents. These items offer comfort and dignity during a difficult season. Items can be dropped off along with food donations in the lobby on Sundays or the church office during the week.

Subs for Super Bowl Sunday!

Support our 2025 Youth Mission Trips this summer by placing an order for sub sandwiches. Order forms are available on the tables in the lobby or email the church at office@greenwichpres.org to place your order. Deadline to order is Thursday, February 6.

Generosity Update - 2024 Year-End Report

Operating Budget - As of December 31, 2024

December Income	\$ 198,533
December Expenses	\$ 161,558
December Net (income - expenses)	\$ 36,975
YTD Income	\$ 1,449,103
YTD Expenses	\$ 1,420,755
Year-End Net (income - expenses)	\$ 28,348

Generation to Generation (G2G) Update - Giving through 01/27/25

G2G Campaign Goal = \$ 1,200,000

Total - G2G Gifts received (51.6% of Goal)	\$ 619,142
Mortgage - Gifts designated as principal payments	\$ 354,681
Mission - Gifts designated for future mission projects	\$ 104,261
Campus - Gifts designated for basement renovation	\$ 160,200

Thank you for your generosity in 2024! The Lord poured out His blessings on our church through His people. Our goal and prayer this year has been that as a church we would be Healthy, Resourced, and Ready for all that God has planned for us in 2025. What a joy it is to join the Lord in His work to see His "Kingdom come and will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

Please use the green envelopes to give your regular offerings and the white envelopes to make your Generation to Generation gifts. You may also give to both online. Questions? Please contact Phil Porter our Pastoral Administrator.