Greenwich Presbyterian Church February 23, 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

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen! Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen! Let all with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice; Praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Call to Worship

(from Psalm 145)

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Leader: I will extol the Lord at all times; his praise will always be on my lips.

People: Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together.

- Leader: I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears.
- People: Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed are those who take refuge in him.

Hymn

"Jesus Shall Reign"

Morning Prayer

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your Word and obey it, that we may become instruments of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ and Congregational Life

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" (v.1)

Offering

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" (v.2-4)

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Blessing of the Children and The Lord's Prayer

Sermon

Ephesians 2:11-22 "The Great Ends of the Church: Exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven"

Hymn

"Rejoice, the Lord is King!"

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

Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise Him, all creatures here below Praise Him above, ye heavenly host Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Benediction

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The elders invite you to join them in a season of prayer using the Daily Prayer Guide for Greenwich.

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

Elsie Davis, Pat Egan, Emily Hernandez, Ern Johnson, Dean & Donna Kidd, Paul Labazzetta, the family of Ted Lindblad, Ava Lindsey, Jane Lion, Jaan Loger, the family of Glenn Lovin, Ada McGlothlin, the family of Lori Mills, Nolan, the family of Elsie Shrewsbury, Jim & Lynn Simms, the family of Dawna Sturges, Peter Thennes, Wyatt Turlik, 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, 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

The music ministry of our church, led by Lon Quinones and Debbie Gilbert. And the faithfulness of Mary Beran and Margaret Mayhugh.

Serving our Country

Kieran Bateman, Brendan Binniker, Ryan Binniker, Justin Fang, Michelle Fleurat, MD, Ray Franze, Alex Frazier, Gavin Heck, 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 23 David Foulke Feb 23 Jane Lion Feb 24 Conner Spittle Feb 26 Joyce Barber Feb 26 Sawyer Beckman

Feb 26 Karen Everts Feb 26 Fallon Henson Feb 26 Winnie Reedy Feb 26 Terri Snoots Feb 27 Thad Pinney Feb 27 Mike Ryan Feb 29 Ron Zavattieri Mar 1 Steve Himes Mar 1 Donna Mahoney Mar 1 Mark Thomas

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

Pastor's Class Lenten Study – The Final Week Sundays, beginning March 9 (10:15-10:45am)

The final week of Jesus' life was the most pivotal moment in human history. Every event was filled with divine purpose, from his triumphant entry into Jerusalem to his agonizing death on the cross and His glorious resurrection. But what really happened during those final days, and why does it matter to us today? In this class, we will walk through Jesus' last week step by step, uncovering each moment's deep spiritual, historical, and theological significance. Get ready to see Passion Week like never before—because its impact isn't just history; it's a call to transformation today.

Welcome to Greenwich

We pray that you will be encouraged and strengthened in the faith as we worship the Lord together today. As you get to know us, we hope you'll find Greenwich to be a Christ-centered place of worship, growth, family, and mission. As a member of *The Fellowship of Presbyterians*, we are committed to the historic Biblical understanding of Christian faith as we "build flourishing churches that make disciples of Jesus Christ."

> www.greenwichpres.org office@greenwichpres.org Pastor Don Meeks Associate Pastor Eric Beckman

Get Connected

If you are interested in getting involved in our ministries or would like to learn more about membership in the Greenwich church family, please contact the office or explore our membership page with information, videos, & next steps. www.greenwichpres.org/membership



Church Potluck, Sunday, March 2 (5:00pm) – Join us for our monthly dinner in the Fellowship Hall! Bring a main dish, a side dish or dessert to share with the church family.

Legacy Lunch & Learn: *Navigating Cognitive Decline*, March 6 Charlene Beckett will cover strategies for better communication and empowering daily life for caretakers struggling with dementia. 12pm – Lunch in the Fellowship Hall hosted by St Michael's Anglican 1pm – Seminar in the sanctuary classrooms with Charlene Beckett

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 Positions – We are grateful for Cindy McCain & Tracy Anderson, who are both finishing their outstanding ministry caring for kids & families in our preschool this May. As a result, we are actively seeking two experienced, Christian professionals for the Preschool Director and a Teacher position. To learn more, contact Eric Beckman, <u>ebeckman@greenwichpres.org</u>.

Women Flying Solo, May 4 (12:15-4:00pm) – Join us for a lunch at Greenwich and a performance at the Fauquier Community Theatre: "Jersey Boys." Tickets are \$20. (Limited # of tickets available.) RSVP to Diane Carroll by March 16 - <u>docdan90@aol.com</u> or 571.334.1538.

The Basement Academy

The Basement Academy is a daily (M-F) video/podcast study led by Pastor Don Meeks. Videos are posted to the church website and on the Greenwich Facebook page each weekday morning. Audio podcasts can be found on Spotify and Apple Podcasts – search Basement Academy.

Current Series:

Themes from First Corinthians

"Introduction to ECO" (A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians)

Sundays, TODAY 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 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

Ash Wednesday Service March 5 7:00pm

Join us in the Chapel as we gather with our friends at St. Michael's Anglican to begin our Lenten journey.

"Even now," declares the LORD, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning." Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love..." Joel 2:12-13

Mission Update: China Outreach Ministries

www.chinaoutreach.org

China Outreach Ministries extends God's love and truth to visiting students and scholars at American universities. Our mission partner Rev. Dan Su has been the president of COM since 2017, equipping ministries at over 60 colleges and universities where COM staff and volunteers build relationships through hospitality, practical service, and friendship. As many students become followers of Jesus, the teams walk alongside them, equipping them to live out their faith in their families, communities, and professions. Together, we are giving Christ to China's future leaders, helping them become godly leaders for Christ who share their faith with others.

You're Invited! Spring Fling Dinner March 28 (6:45pm) Fairview Park Marriott (Falls Church) Contact the church office at <u>office@greenwichpres.org</u> for details.

Generosity Update Operating Budget - As of January 31, 2025

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January Income	\$	68,543
January Expenses	\$	101,962
January Net (income - expenses)	\$	(33,419)

Operating Fund Beginning Balance (1/1/25)	\$ 150,000
YTD Budget Net (income - expenses)	\$ (33,419)
Operating Fund Balance (1/31/25)	\$ 116,581

Thank you for your generosity and continued faithfulness in giving! Please use the green envelopes in the pews 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

Farthest Corners Benefit Dinner

Saturday, April 5 @ The Inn at Vint Hill

Sponsorships are available!

\$5,000 - 10 tickets & 3' x 6' banner displayed at the event
\$2,500 - 6 tickets & a 2' x 5' banner displayed at the event
\$1,000 - 4 tickets & a 2' x 3' poster displayed at the event
\$500 - 2 tickets

All sponsorship levels include your business or family name listed in the program and social media recognition. For more information, contact Sue Ellen Kinser @ suzyadagio@gmail.com.