

Greenwich Presbyterian Church

March 9, 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.

The First Sunday in Lent

Gathering for Worship
"Jesus Loves Me"

Handbell Choir
Childers

Call to Worship

(from Psalm 65)

Leader: Praise awaits you, O God, in Zion; to you our vows will be fulfilled.

People: O you who hear prayer, to you all people will come.

Leader: When we were overwhelmed by sins, you forgave our transgressions.

People: Blessed are those you choose and bring near to live in your courts!

Hymn

252

"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

Prayer

God of mercy, you are full of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in mercy, and always ready to forgive. Grant us grace to renounce all evil and to cling to Christ, that in every way we may prove to be your loving children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ and Congregational Life

"My Hope is Built" (v.1 & 3)

405

Offering

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

Handbell Choir

Sherman

Blessing of the Children and The Lord's Prayer

The Ordination and Installation of Officers

see panel

Sermon

"Lenten Psalms: If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins..."

Psalm 130

Hymn

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

261

Affirmation of Faith

(from The Heidelberg Catechism)

Q. What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

A. That I belong —body and soul, in life and in death— not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

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

~~~~~

## The Ordination and Installation of Officers

Leader: There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same spirit who gives them.

People: *There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.*

Leader: God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

People: *To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.*

All: ***Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.***

Statement on Ordination and Installation

Presentation by the Session

Constitutional Questions to the Officers

Constitutional Questions to the Congregation

Do we the members of the church accept these sisters and brothers as deacons and elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? ***We do.***

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church? ***We do.***

Prayer

*Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your servants whom you called through baptism as your own. Grant them the same mind that was in Christ Jesus. Give them a spirit of truthfulness that they may show the compassion of Christ in the actions of daily living and rightly govern your people.*

*Give them the gifts of your Holy Spirit to build up the church, to strengthen the common life of your people, and to lead with compassion and vision. In the walk of faith and for the work of ministry give to your servants gladness and strength, discipline and hope, humility, humor, and courage, and above all, an abiding sense of your presence.*

*Sustain this congregation in ministry. Ground us in the gospel, secure our hope in Christ, strengthen our service to the outcast, and increase our love for one another that we may offer a compelling witness in the world to the good news of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Declaration of Ordination and Installation

"Here I Am, Lord" (v.1)

559

## Thank you to the Class of 2024 Elders and Deacons

Thank you to our Elders Mathias Fridgen, Steve Henson, George Kinsey and Rob Place and our Deacons Dave Davis, Schelly Harrison, Bill Jett and Tom

O'Neill – you have served the Greenwich church family with energy, intelligence, imagination and love. *"Well done, good and faithful servants!"*

*Matthew 25:23*

## Welcome to our New Elders and Deacons

Today we ordain and install a new class of elders and deacons who were elected at the November 10, 2024, congregational meeting:

### *Deacons*

Rennie Beckman, Mike Catlett, Clyde Kizer and Jill Sullivan

### *Elders*

John Boryschuk, Kathi Collins and Rob Place

*"May God be gracious to us and bless us..." Psalm 67*

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

Patti Bowman, Dave & Elsie Davis, Pat Egan, Emily Hernandez, Michael Jackson, the family of Judy Kifer, Paul Labazzetta, Ava Lindsey, Jane Lion, Jaan Loger, Marie, Jeff Mozingo, the family of Elsie Shrewsbury, the family of Peggy Swecker, Peter Thennes, Darryl White, Bob Williamson, 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, Jane Lion, Lew Mohr, Kim Palfrey, Jim Pittman, Lon Quinones, Marilyn Ricketts, Ronnie Skewes, Stephanie Stallard, Phil Swinford, Rollin van Broekhoven, Richard & Alana Wallace, Pat Wengert, Darryl White, Becky Whitelock, Bob Williamson, Judy Young.

### **Praises**

Our Sunday morning volunteers, who welcome friends and visitors to both services.

### **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, Jakob Wine, Joshua Wine.

# Happy Birthday!

Mar 9 Sam Linebaugh  
Mar 10 Daisy Wood  
Mar 11 Jessica Fridgen  
Mar 11 Sydney Harrison  
Mar 11 Barbara Womack

Mar 12 Graham Scott  
Mar 13 Ricky Athanasakis  
Mar 14 Beverly Christiana  
Mar 14 Felicity Mello  
Mar 15 Leroy Dice

## *Church Life*

**Pastor's Class Lenten Study – The Final Week, Sundays, beginning TODAY (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.

**GPC Easter Egg Hunts: Eggstravaganza Family Friendly Hunt: Saturday, April 12 (10:00am)** -- Ages 2-10yrs. Fellowship Hall. Candy Donations Welcomed! Items can be dropped off in the lobby on Sunday mornings. **Special Needs Egg Hunt:** Sensory-friendly egg hunt event for all ages. Saturday, April 12, at 12:00pm. Fellowship Hall. Contact: Lauren at LMcmillan@greenwichpres.org

**Save the Date! Greenwich Men's Retreat: "No Retreat" Weekend at Greenwich, April 25-26. More information coming soon!**

**Women Flying Solo, May 4** –Join us at the Fauquier Community Theatre for "Jersey Boys." The musical chronicles the rise, success, and breakup of the 1960's group The Four Season. We'll have lunch in the adult classrooms following the 11:00 worship service and then head over to the theatre. Please contact Diane Carroll at docdan90@aol.com by March 16 to purchase a ticket. Cost is \$20.

### **March Memory Verse**

*"Do to others as you would have them do to you."*

*Luke 6:31*

## *Mission Opportunity*

### **Farthest Corners Benefit Dinner**

**Saturday, April 5 @ The Inn at Vint Hill**

**Silent Auction - 5:30pm    Dinner - 6:30pm    Live Auction - 7:30pm**

Tickets \$50 per person

Ask about Business & Family Sponsorships!

Purchase tickets at [www.farthestcorners.org](http://www.farthestcorners.org) or  
on Sunday mornings in the lobby.

Childcare at the church is available during the event.

Contact Sue Ellen Kinser at [suzyadagio@gmail.com](mailto:suzyadagio@gmail.com) to register.

### **Weekly Financial Update**

#### **Generation to Generation Update - Giving thru 03/03/25**

G2G Campaign Goal = \$1,200,00

|                                            |           |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Total – G2G Gifts Received (55.1% of Goal) | \$661,057 |
| Mortgage – Principal payments              | \$379,058 |
| Mission – Future mission projects          | \$116,799 |
| Campus – Basement renovation               | \$165,200 |

Thank you for your continued generosity by giving to support our operational budget needs as well as our Generation to Generation capital campaign. Questions? Contact Phil Porter our Pastoral Administrator.