

# Greenwich Presbyterian Church

April 13, 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.*

## Palm Sunday

### Gathering for Worship

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” – v.3

### Call to Worship

(from Psalm 118)

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

People: *Hosanna in the highest!*

Leader: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: *Hosanna in the highest!*

Leader: The Lord is God and he has made his light shine on us.

People: *Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his love endures forever.*

### Hymn

“All Glory, Laud and Honor”

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### Morning Prayer

*Merciful God, as we enter this Holy Week we remember that the same crowd that greeted Jesus with palm branches and praises, soon rejected him and cried “crucify.” Help us to lay at your feet all that we have and all that we are, trusting you to forgive what is sinful, to heal what is broken, to welcome our praises, and to receive us as your own. Amen.*

### Sharing the Peace of Christ and Congregational Life

“Lamb of God” (v.1)

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### Offering

“Lamb of God” (v.2-3)

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### Blessing of the Children and The Lord’s Prayer

### Sermon

Psalm 118

“Lenten Psalms: *The stone the builders rejected*”

### Hymn

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

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### 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

*Were the whole realm of nature mine*

*That were an offering far too small*

*Love so amazing so divine*

*Demands my soul, my life, my all*

### Benediction

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

Patti Bowman, Dave & Elsie Davis, Pat Egan, Emily Hernandez, Paul Labazzetta, Ava Lindsey, Jane Lion, Jaan Loger, Marie, Jeff Mozingo, Ronnie Skewes, 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**

Yesterday’s Easter Egg Hunt. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with this event!

**Serving our Country**

Jackson Arnold, 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.

*Happy Birthday!*

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| Apr 13 Tom Adams        | Apr 15 Robin Porch  |
| Apr 13 Gabe Lee         | Apr 16 Andy Zwirko  |
| Apr 13 Tyler Tobolewski | Apr 18 Mike Kroskie |
| Apr 14 Aprill Place     | Apr 18 Judy Tweel   |
| Apr 15 Lynn McNeill     | Apr 19 Laura Spota  |

**Holy Week Worship Schedule**

**Maundy Thursday** (April 17)  
7:00pm (Chapel)

**Good Friday** (April 18)  
7:30pm (Chapel)

**Easter** (April 20)  
Sunrise Service - 7:00am (Patio)  
*(you are invited to bring a lawn chair)*

*Grab & Go Breakfast to Follow*  
Worship Services - 9:00 & 11:00am

*Parking for Easter Sunday – As Easter is often crowded, you are encouraged to come early. Since our parking lot fills up quickly, we invite as many as are able to park in the lot on Vint Hill Road. Please, also note that we will not be holding Sunday School on Easter, so that families can worship together.*

**Announcements**

**All-Church Hymn Sing, Sunday, April 27 (6:00pm)** – Join us as we gather in the chapel for a hymn sing and to thank Mark & Mary Beran for their many years of service to Greenwich. Immediately following, we’ll have light refreshments in the Fellowship Hall.

**Mentally Healthy Faith Women’s Study, begins April 29 (9:30-11am)**  
Our next weekly study will be “The Importance of Healthy Boundaries.” Using videos by Christian psychologist Dr. Henry Cloud, this series covers what boundaries are, why we need them, and what happens when our boundaries are too rigid or too shaky. Open to all women. Childcare is provided. To sign up, contact Becky Beane at [beanerebecca7@gmail.com](mailto:beanerebecca7@gmail.com).

**Congregational Nominating Committee** -- Each year the congregation (in partnership with the Congregational Nominating Committee) enjoys the privilege of electing a new class of church leaders from the membership. Potential nominees for deacon and elder may be recommended using the forms located on the tables in the lobby, or by email to [CNC@greenwichpres.org](mailto:CNC@greenwichpres.org)

**9:00 Piano Accompanist Needed** -- With Mary Beran's departure upon us (May 11) we are searching for a new piano accompanist for our 9:00am worship service. This is a paid, part time position. We are looking for someone with excellent piano skills who is available to play Sundays for our early service, and occasionally for our 11:00am service and other special events. If you or someone you know is interested in more information, please contact our Pastoral Administrator, Phil Porter by emailing [campus@greenwichpres.org](mailto:campus@greenwichpres.org).

**Greenwich Gallery Spring Art Show** – For our next show, we will be featuring the artists here at Greenwich. If you have a piece to show, contact Glenn Howell by May 1 at [glennatgohowell@gmail.com](mailto:glennatgohowell@gmail.com).

**Easter Memorials** – This Easter, you can honor or remember someone special by making a donation to our Deacon's Fund. Forms are in the lobby or on our website. The deadline is Thursday, April 17 and memorials will be shared in the bulletins on Easter.

**Membership at Greenwich** – Interested in learning more about membership? Please drop an email to [office@greenwichpres.org](mailto:office@greenwichpres.org) and visit [greenwichpres.org/membership](http://greenwichpres.org/membership) for more information.

### **A Daily Walk Through Holy Week**

Our own Karen Carruthers is the author of this newly published book, which follows Jesus through the last week of His life, examining His teachings and the persons He encountered. As you read this book, you'll discover that Jesus' teachings are timeless and invaluable for all to choose to follow Him and live as a disciple. Copies of the book can be found on the tables in the lobby.

## **Mission Opportunities**

### **Blessing Bags**

Each year, several of our women's groups provide gift bags for those experiencing homelessness and other crises, distributed by local shelters and law enforcement. Each *Blessing Bag* contains hygiene products, gift cards, seasonal clothing, and a gospel of John. We are currently collecting the following items for these bags: *toothbrushes & covers, lip balm, washcloths, men's crew socks, bar soap boxes, and full-size men and women's deodorant*. Donations can be dropped in the collection bins along with our normal food collections in the lobby or outside the church office.

### **Farthest Corners Earthquake Relief**

Thank you to everyone who participated in our benefit dinner for Farthest Corners last week; we raised over \$28,000 for this important ministry. Please continue to pray for the people of Burma and our missionaries as they respond to the devastating earthquake. The House family is safe and are coordinating immediate assistance for food and shelter. There is an urgent need for mission funding to provide temporary bamboo shelters and repair homes before the rainy season begins in May. To learn more or contribute visit: <https://farthestcorners.org/>

### **Generation to Generation (G2G) Update – thru 4/6/25**

G2G Campaign Goal = \$1,200,000

<b>TOTAL</b> – G2G Gifts Received (56.5% of Goal)	<b>\$677,973</b>
<b>Mortgage</b> – Designated as extra principal payments	\$390,909
<b>Mission</b> – Designated for future mission projects	\$121,664
<b>Campus</b> – Designated for campus upgrades	\$165,400

Thank you for your continued generosity in giving to our operational budget in addition to our Generation to Generation capital campaign. Please use the white G2G envelopes in the pews for your campaign gifts. The green envelopes are for your regular tithes and offerings. You may also give to both online. Questions? Please contact Phil Porter our Pastoral Administrator.