

Greenwich Presbyterian Church

July 20, 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

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"Lord, Be Glorified" (v. 1 & 3)

Call to Worship

(from Psalm 103)

Leader: Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

People: Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

Leader: Who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,

People: Who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion.

Leader: Who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

People: Let us worship God!

*Hymn

see panel

"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"

Morning Prayer

God of mercy, grant that the Word you speak this day may take root in our hearts, and bear fruit to your honor and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ and Congregational Life

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" (v.1&2)

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Offering

"May the Mind of Christ, My Savior"

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Blessing of the Children and The Lord's Prayer

Sermon

Matthew 13:1-23

"The Sower"

Hymn

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"Take My Life and Let it Be"

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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### Worship Leadership

Preaching – Elder Coleman Rector

Worship – Director of Family Ministry Lauren McMillan

Accompanist – Mary Beran

## 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

By Matt Redman

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes

*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*

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find  
(Refrain)

And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore  
(Refrain)

### Summer Leadership

While our pastor, Don Meeks, is out on his summer sabbatical, in the event of emergencies, please contact our secretary, Maria, at 703.409.1233 or [office@greenwichpres.org](mailto:office@greenwichpres.org). Pastor Beckman – 703.209.7125 or Rev. Ruth Anne Sawyer – 703.755.5074 (who is sharing in visitation and pastoral care during this time) will be in contact with you.

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

Christian, Lorraine Cooper, Dave & Becky, Mike Edwards, Pat Egan, Buzzy Foster, the family of Nancy Garrett, Jackson Griffin, Riley Henson, Jane Lion, Bill Porterfield, Kathryn Robison, Barb Sutton, Mark Thomas, Pat Young.

### For Continuing Care

Dixie Baker, Donna Bloom, Patti Bowman, Diane Carroll, Greg Cook, Sterling & Lorraine Cooper, Judy Dickerson, Audrey Ann Edwards, Tim Everett, Kay Hinegardner, Michael Jackson, Paul Labazzetta, Jaan Loger, Lew Mohr, Kim Palfrey, Lon Quinones, Marilyn Ricketts, Ronnie Skewes, Stephanie Stallard, Phil Swinford, Richard & Alana Wallace, Pat Wengert, Darryl White, Becky Whitelock, Bob Williamson, Judy Young.

### Praises

Our children, volunteers and children's ministry staff as they gather for Vacation Bible School this week.

### Serving our Country

Jackson Arnold, Kieran Bateman, Andrew Beckman, Brendan Binniker, Ryan Binniker, Justin Fang, Michelle Fleurat, MD, Ray Franze, Alex Frazier, Christian Harding, 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!

July 20 Ryder Hafner

July 20 Janice Peele

July 20 Gabriella Silvestain

July 21 David McGlothlin

July 21 Kate Scott

July 22 Cindy Foulke

July 23 Steven Dam

July 23 George Kinsey

July 24 Austin House

July 25 Gail Behrle

July 25 Susan Polk

July 26 Aurora Perrius

July 26 Tim Porch

**Vacation Bible School “Joy in the Sun,” BEGINS TOMORROW- July 21-25 (5:30-8:00pm)** – Join us for a week of joy-filled music, dance, art, games, and teaching. Kids will learn all about where joy comes from (or rather, who!) in this fun-packed, high-energy, silly week. To register your child, or to volunteer, contact Lauren McMillan at [lmcmillan@greenwichpres.org](mailto:lmcmillan@greenwichpres.org).

**VBS Adult Class: *The Fear of the LORD*, BEGINS TOMORROW- July 21-25 (6:15-7:45pm)** – For adults and students who want to attend VBS! We’ll study an important theme that runs through the Bible: *What does it mean to “fear God”?* We’ll also contrast with other things in life we may be afraid of (for good or ill) and hopefully bring a measure of understanding that leads to peace in a *fear-full* world. Led by Eric Beckman. Register in church center or contact [office@greenwichpres.org](mailto:office@greenwichpres.org). Register in [Church Center](#) or contact [office@greenwichpres.org](mailto:office@greenwichpres.org).

**Audio-Visual Volunteer Meeting, TODAY (10:15am)** – All currently involved, or interested in being involved, with the AV ministry here at Greenwich, are invited to join our new Audio-Visual Team Lead, Greg Denton, in the classroom #111 between services.

**Women’s Tea, Saturday, August 9 (10:00a-12:00p)** – Ladies of the church are invited! Bring your favorite teacup and fancy hat for some fellowship and to learn about upcoming women’s events at Greenwich. Light refreshments will be served. Register in [Church Center](#) or contact Leyla Scott at [lscott@wdpa.com](mailto:lscott@wdpa.com).

**Thursday Women's Bible Study, begins September 4 (9:30-11:30am)** Join us for our 11-week Precept Upon Precept study on 2 Corinthians. Led in person by Debbie Gilbert, we meet in the adult Sunday school classes. A Zoom option will also be provided. Please contact Debbie at [jdgilbert99@gmail.com](mailto:jdgilbert99@gmail.com) or 703-402-5046 by August 4 so a workbook can be ordered for you. Cost: \$24.99 payable at the first class.

## Upcoming Events for Kids and Youth!

Vacation Bible School (July 21-25)  
Massanutten Water Park (August 8)  
Middle School Game Night (August 15)  
High School Pool Party (August 16)

*For info on any of the above activities, contact Lauren McMillan, our Director of Family Ministries, at [lmcmillan@greenwichpres.org](mailto:lmcmillan@greenwichpres.org).*

## Generosity Update

### Operating Budget - as of June 30, 2025

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|-------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| June Income                               | \$ 83,426          |
| June Expense                              | \$ 112,855         |
| <b>June Net (income – expense)</b>        | <b>\$ (29,429)</b> |
| Operating Fund Beginning Balance (1/1/25) | \$ 150,000         |
| <b>YTD Budget Net (income – expense)</b>  | <b>\$(135,417)</b> |
| Operating Fund Current Balance (5/31/25)  | \$ 14,583          |

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.

## Food Collection at Greenwich

Throughout the year, we collect food for local distribution during worship services and in the church office during office hours. Highlighted items this month include the following:

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| <i>men's/women's deodorant</i> | <i>pancake mix</i>       |
| <i>shampoo</i>                 | <i>syrup</i>             |
| <i>toothpaste</i>              | <i>spaghetti sauce</i>   |
| <i>paper towels</i>            | <i>peanut butter</i>     |
| <i>kitchen sponges</i>         | <i>jelly</i>             |
| <i>13-gallon trash bags</i>    | <i>canned fruits</i>     |
| <i>oatmeal</i>                 | <i>canned vegetables</i> |
| <i>small bags of rice</i>      | <i>boxed crackers</i>    |

Please pray for our local partners helping those with food insecurity in our community.