

Greenwich Presbyterian Church

August 31, 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

"Sing Alleluia to the Lord"

120

Call to Worship

(from Ephesians 2 & 3)

Leader: For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith, and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God, not by works, so that no one can boast.

People: *For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

Leader: Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.

People: *To him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.*

Hymn

569

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

Prayer

Praise the Lord. The Lord's name be praised. Great God, you have been generous and marvelously kind. Give us such wonder, love, and gratitude that we may sing praises to you and joyfully honor your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ and Congregational Life

"We Praise You, O God" (v 1&3)

726

Offering

"Give Thanks"

359

Blessing of the Children and The Lord's Prayer

Sermon

Matthew 20:1-16

"Parables of Jesus: *The Workers in the Vineyard*"

Hymn

422

"Amazing Grace"

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

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise Him above ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Benediction

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## Worship Leadership

Preaching – Pastor Eric Beckman

Worship Assistant –Ruth Anne Sawyer (9am) & Mike Catlett (11am)

Accompanist – Margaret Mayhugh

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

Jaimie Crafton, the family of Connie Dalton, Pat Egan, Buzzy Foster, the family of Carol Gillespie, Kristi Johnson, Jane Lion, the family of Brenda Loger, Violette Sewell, Irma Stonbraker, the family of Pat Wengert, the family of Pete White, Barbara Womack, 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, Ronnie Skewes, Stephanie Stallard, Phil Swinford, Richard & Alana Wallace, Darryl White, Becky Whitelock, Bob Williamson, Judy Young.

### **Praises**

The birth of Robert Ellis Place, son of Winston & Alexandra Place, and grandson of Rob & Aprill Place; the birth of Scott Michael Franqueza Jr (SJ), son of Scott & April Franqueza, and grandson of Lisa & Jaimie Crafton; the marriage of Will Sawyer & Taylor Wolfe next Saturday.

### **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!**

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| Aug 31 Grace Cline    | Sep 3 Banks Blaser     |
| Aug 31 Carter Cox     | Sep 3 Bruce Louchen    |
| Aug 31 Mike Kowalsky  | Sep 3 Brandon Norman   |
| Aug 31 Dylan Sawyer   | Sep 3 Nora Smith       |
| Aug 31 Claire Smith   | Sep 4 Garrett Norman   |
| Aug 31 Kimberly White | Sep 5 Sarah Bouscaren  |
| Sep 1 Becky Whitelock | Sep 5 Colleen Frazier  |
| Sep 2 Tim Cook        | Sep 5 Tim Norman       |
| Sep 2 Pat Eggers      | Sep 5 Wes Reaghart     |
| Sep 2 Kamryn Fyock    | Sep 5 Samantha Spittle |
| Sep 2 Lewis Golladay  |                        |

### **Church Potluck**

**September 7 (5:00pm)**

Please join us for a potluck dinner in our fellowship hall, and visit "The Underground," our new space for youth. Bring a main dish, side dish or dessert to share. After dinner, we'll enjoy songs and games together.

**LifeFirst Baby Bottle Campaign Update** – To date, Greenwich has raised over \$3609. Overall, the Baby Bottle Campaign this year has collected over \$99,000 for their ministry. If you have a bottle at home, please bring back either empty or full. Let's see if we can help Life First exceed \$100,000 for this ministry.

**Men's Breakfast, Saturday, September 20 (8:00-10:00am)** – Please join our fellowship for a hearty breakfast and conversation to encourage prayer and experiencing God in nature. All men welcome!

### **Adult Discipleship**

**Friday Women's Study, beginning September 5 (10:00am)** – This weekly bible study will begin studying the books of "John" and meets in the adult classrooms. Contact Renée Blackwell, [maclove@erols.com](mailto:maclove@erols.com)

**The Earnest Workers Class (Each Sunday at 10:00am)** – Currently studying the book of Genesis Contact Lee Bishop, [lee@leewbishop.com](mailto:lee@leewbishop.com).

**Enjoying Connection with God Workshops, Sundays beginning September 14 (10:00am)** – We are offering brief lessons in a variety of prayer practices to deepen our experience of God's presence. Interested? Contact David or Karen Everts, [davidpeverts@gmail.com](mailto:davidpeverts@gmail.com).

**Wednesday Men's & Women's Groups begin Sept. 17 (6:30pm)** – Both groups welcome new members of all ages and are great for folks with children attending Kid's Club or Middle School Group.

**Women's Group** will be studying the book of John this fall. Contact Jessica Fridgen, [jessica.fridgen@gmail.com](mailto:jessica.fridgen@gmail.com) or Jennifer Ilchishin at [jmilchishin@gmail.com](mailto:jmilchishin@gmail.com).

**Men's Group** will be studying 2 Corinthians. Contact Mathias Fridgen, [mathias.fridgen@gmail.com](mailto:mathias.fridgen@gmail.com).

**Other Discipleship Groups** and small group opportunities will be starting up throughout the year. If you're interested in being a part of a regular Bible study, Sunday School class, or other group, please contact Eric Beckman, [ebeckman@greenwichpres.org](mailto:ebeckman@greenwichpres.org) and we will help you get connected.

### **Family Ministry Events**

**Student Worship Band, rehearsals begin TODAY (3:30pm)** – All 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders are encouraged to join our Student Worship Band. We will have four rehearsals to prepare for a performance at the fall festival on September 28. All skill levels and instruments welcome! Contact Lauren Sandifer at [lsandifer@greenwichpres.org](mailto:lsandifer@greenwichpres.org).

**Kids Club, begins September 3 (6:00pm)** – Kids K-4<sup>th</sup> gather in the kids wing to play games and then do a brief lesson on our monthly bible verse. Kids are encouraged to dress comfortably as we often play outside.

**Middle School Youth Group, begins September 3 (6:15pm)** – Guys and Girls in 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade gather in "The Underground" of the office building for a time of prayer and teaching before splitting off into separate groups for discipleship and discussion.

**High School Youth Group, begins September 7 (5:30pm)** – Teens grade 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> gather weekly in the basement "The Underground" of our office building for a time of bible study, fellowship and discussion. Contact Lauren Sandifer at [lsandifer@greenwichpres.org](mailto:lsandifer@greenwichpres.org).

### **Generosity Update**

#### **Operating Budget - as of July 31, 2025**

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|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| Income - Year to Date         | \$ 661,990          |
| Expense – Year to Date        | \$ 825,364          |
| <b>Net (income - expense)</b> | <b>\$ (163,374)</b> |

We are so thankful for your generosity and continued faithfulness in giving! As you can see above, our giving income is less than our expenses so far this year. We are trusting for the Lord's provision through His people to support the ongoing mission and ministries of our church. Questions? Please contact Phil Porter our Pastoral Administrator – [campus@greenwichpres.org](mailto:campus@greenwichpres.org).