

## Greenwich Presbyterian Church

September 14, 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

"Come, Sing Unto the Lord"

Chancel Choir

Martin

### Call to Worship

(from Jude 1)

Leader: Dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit.

People: *Keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you eternal life.*

Leader: To him who is able to keep you from falling and present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy

People: *To the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.*

### Hymn

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"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

### 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

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus (v.1)"

473

### Offering

"Is He Worthy?"

Chancel Choir

Sorenson

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

### Sermon

Luke 18:9-14

"The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector"

### Hymn

354

"Just As I Am"

### 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.*

*Praise Him above ye heavenly host.*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

### Benediction

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### Worship Leadership

Preaching – Pastor Don Meeks

Worship Assistant – Mark Hermes

Accompanist – Margaret Mayhugh

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

David, Pat Egan, Buzzy Foster, Bob Howell, Kristi Johnson, Paul Labazzetta, Jane Lion, Nora, Violette Sewell, Lynne Snow, the family of Irma Stonbraker, the family of Pete White, 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 work of our elders and deacons as they faithfully serve the church family.

**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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|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Sep 14 Kate Sullivan      | Sep 18 Sherrie Carroll  |
| Sep 14 Carter Yankey      | Sep 19 Margaret Everett |
| Sep 16 Richard Atkinson   | Sep 19 Randy Ferrell    |
| Sep 16 Karen Binniker     | Sep 19 Bob Mackey       |
| Sep 16 Venita Duffield    | Sep 19 Helen Taylor     |
| Sep 16 Sean O'Connor      | Sep 20 Danielle Ginn    |
| Sep 17 Riley Spittle      | Sep 20 Callie Rector    |
| Sep 17 Kathleen Waterfall |                         |

**Prayer Gathering: Mission & Vision of Greenwich,  
September 21 (6:00-7:00pm) – Historic Chapel**

As we enter into a busy fall season, we are looking for intercessors who will pray together for success in ministry efforts, wisdom for leaders, vision for where God is leading the church, and the protection and guidance of the Holy Spirit in all matters. Please join us in this gathering to pray with renewed energy for the mission and vision of Greenwich.

**Enjoying Connection with God Workshops, Sundays begins TODAY (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.

**Greenwich Quilters, begins September 16 & 17 (9:00a-3:00p)** Our quilting group uses their talents to bring warmth to others. This is a great opportunity for anyone interested in learning the art of quilting. For more info, contact Lisa House at [bikelshouse@gmail.com](mailto:bikelshouse@gmail.com).

**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!

**Free Document Shredding, drop off by Friday, September 26 (12:00pm)** -- If you have papers that need shredding, put them in boxes or bags and bring them to the church office. Our bank, Oakview National Bank in Warrenton, is having a free shredding day and we wanted to pass this opportunity along to our church family. Questions? Contact Phil Porter our Pastoral Administrator at [pporter@greenwichpres.org](mailto:pporter@greenwichpres.org).

**Family Fall Festival, Sunday, September 28 (4:00-7:00p)** – Join your church family as we celebrate the Fall season with a multitude of fun! We need volunteers! You can decorate your car for Trunk or Treat, enter the 4th Annual Chili Cookoff, make a cake for our Cake Walk, or help with games and activities. To volunteer, contact Lauren McMillan at [lmcmillan@greenwichpres.org](mailto:lmcmillan@greenwichpres.org).

**Children's Art** – We are looking for our children and youth to create art with a nativity theme to be shown in our gallery during advent. If you're interested in contributing, please contact Glenn Howell, our gallery curator ([glennatgohowell@gmail.com](mailto:glennatgohowell@gmail.com)).

**Greenwich Art Gallery Permanent Collection** – We are in the process of creating a permanent collection for our Greenwich Gallery. If you have created any type of artwork that glorifies God, and would like to donate it to our gallery, please contact Glenn Howell, our gallery curator ([glennatgohowell@gmail.com](mailto:glennatgohowell@gmail.com)).

### Wednesday Night Discipleship

**Women's Study, begins September 17 (6:30pm)** – This group was created with the schedule of women who work during the day in mind and moms who have children attending Wednesday Night Family Ministry programs. 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 Bible Study, begins September 17 (6:30pm)** This discipleship group meets weekly for Bible study in the adult classrooms. Contact: Mathias Fridgen, [mathias.fridgen@gmail.com](mailto:mathias.fridgen@gmail.com).

**Kids Club (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 (6:15pm)** – Guys and Girls in 5th-8th 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.

*Childcare is available from 6:00-7:45pm.*

### September Food Collection

This month we'll collect non-perishable food for the House of Mercy food pantry. Suggested items: peanut butter & jelly, canned soups & vegetables, pasta & sauce, cereal and oil. **Specific needs this month are canned chicken and canned tuna.** Donations can be dropped off in the lobby on Sundays or to the church office during the week. If you have questions, or to learn more about volunteering, contact Ann Leggett at [wmb35@comcast.net](mailto:wmb35@comcast.net).

### Generosity Update

#### Operating Budget - as of August 31, 2025

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|-------------------------------------------|-------------|
| August Income                             | \$ 127,245  |
| August Expense                            | \$ 102,732  |
| August Net (income – expense)             | \$ 24,513   |
| Operating Fund Beginning Balance (1/1/25) | \$ 150,000  |
| YTD Budget Net (income – expense)         | \$(138,861) |
| Operating Fund Current Balance (8/31/25)  | \$ 11,139   |

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.