

Greenwich Presbyterian Church

November 16, 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

"An Expression of Joy"

Handbells

Call to Worship

(from Romans 15)

Leader: May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus,

People: *So that with one heart and mouth we may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Leader: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him,

People: *So that we may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

Hymn

"God's Holy Ways Are Just and True"

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Prayer

God of glory, fill your church with the power that flows from Christ's resurrection, that, in the midst of the sinful world, it may signal the beginning of a renewed humanity, risen to new life with Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ and Congregational Life

"Blessed Assurance" v. 1 & 3

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Offering

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Handbells

Blessing of the Children and The Lord's Prayer

Sermon

John 17:20-26

"The Danger at the Door: *To let the world know*"

Hymn

"Make Me A Channel of Your Peace"

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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

*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.*

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### Worship Leadership

Preaching – Pastor Don Meeks

Worship Assistant Ruth Anne Sawyer

Accompanist – Margaret Mayhugh

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

John Buursink, Diane Carroll, Forrest Cook, Rose Curry, Pat Egan, Tom Foulke, Emma Place, Anne Thomas, Judy Young, Pat Young, Tom Young.

### **For Continuing Care**

Dixie Baker, Donna Bloom, Patti Bowman, Diane Carroll, Greg Cook, Sterling & Lorraine Cooper, Judy Dickerson, Audrey Ann Edwards, Tim Everett, Buzzy Foster, Kay Hinegardner, Michael Jackson, Kristi Johnson, Jane Lion, Jaan Loger, Lew Mohr, Kim Palfrey, Violette Sewell, Ronnie Skewes, Lynne Snow, Stephanie Stallard, Phil Swinford, Richard & Alana Wallace, Darryl White, Becky Whitelock, Bob Williamson, Judy Young.

### **Praises**

The birth of Jonah Henry Johnson, son of Austin & Kelsey Johnson and grandson of Kirklin & Amber Bateman; the birth of Winsley Ann Fleming, daughter of Sam & Phoebe Fleming and granddaughter of Michael & Tess Langer.

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

### **Happy Birthday!**

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|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Nov 17 John DeBonis      | Nov 18 Luke Spitzer |
| Nov 17 Ike Eichenbrenner | Nov 22 Barbara Cook |
| Nov 17 Nicole Thornton   | Nov 22 Elsie Davis  |
| Nov 18 Ginger Bennett    | Nov 22 Kiki Wine    |
| Nov 18 Luke Lechner      |                     |

## **Welcome to Greenwich**

We pray that you will be encouraged and strengthened in the faith as we worship the Lord together today. As you get to know us, we hope you'll find Greenwich to be a Christ-centered place of worship, growth, family, and mission. As a member of *The Fellowship of Presbyterians*, we are committed to the historic Biblical understanding of Christian faith as we "build flourishing churches that make disciples of Jesus Christ."

Pastor Don Meeks

[www.greenwichpres.org](http://www.greenwichpres.org)

Associate Pastor Eric Beckman

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### **Congregational Meeting - TODAY (10:00am)**

The Session has called a Congregational meeting to be held on Sunday, November 16, at 10:00am. The purpose of the meeting is to 1) present the 2026 ministry budget and recommended changes to the pastors' terms of call; 2) review staff transitions; 3) update on NCP discernment/task force; 4) hear a SAFE Team PSA; 5) have open conversation on church life. Meeting will livestreamed at: <https://greenwichpres.org/livestream/>

**Parent's Day Out, Saturday, November 22 (1:00-5:00pm)** – Infants- 5<sup>th</sup> grade gather in the kids wing for games, crafts and more while parents enjoy an afternoon out. Register at [bhenson@greenwichpres.org](mailto:bhenson@greenwichpres.org).

**Young Adult Fellowship, Saturday, November 22 (5:00pm)** – Join us for a great meal with other young adults in the Greenwich community. We'll meet in the sanctuary classrooms for a simple dinner, games, and Q&A with the pastors. Contact Victoria ([vmacovei@hotmail.com](mailto:vmacovei@hotmail.com)) or Kamryn ([kamrynice@gmail.com](mailto:kamrynice@gmail.com)).

### **Prayer Gathering: Families & Relationships, November 23 (3:00pm)**

As we conclude our *Danger at the Door* sermon series and enter a busy holiday season, we are offering a time of prayer in specifically for our relationships with other people. Use the enclosed card to request prayer and also consider joining us to pray next Sunday in our Historic Chapel.

### **Hanging of the Greens, Monday, November 24 (10:00-11:30am)**

Join us as we decorate our buildings and grounds for the Christmas Season! Contact Maria at [office@greenwichpres.org](mailto:office@greenwichpres.org) for more details.

### **Women's Precept Upon Precept Bible Study, begins January 8 (9:30-11:30am)**

– Join us for this nine-week study of the *Gospel of John Part 1*. RSVP by December 1 to Debbie Gilbert at [jdgilbert99@gmail.com](mailto:jdgilbert99@gmail.com) or 703.402.5046. Cost for the workbook is \$25.

### **Welcome to Our New Members!**

We welcome the newest members to the Greenwich church family:

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Catherine Clemen               | Noelle Mathewson      |
| Andy, Vanessa & Bella Fleisher | Susan Milhiser        |
| David & Cindy Foulke           | Tim & Tricia Prickett |
| Doug & Becky Fremont           | Ted & Linda Saunders  |
| Jimmy & Faye Henry             | Georgia Spence        |
| Beth Hummel                    | Julie Spence          |
| Mike Maloney                   | Josh & Jen Torres     |
| Matt & Jen McDonald            | Linda Wendle          |

*"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly..." Colossians 3:15-16*

### **Thanksgiving Worship Service Thursday, November 27 (10:00am)**

Join us in our chapel for our Community Thanksgiving Service as we gather for prayer, praise and thanks.

### **Ways to Give & Serve During the Holidays**

**Christmas Gift Project for Foster Care:** You are invited to sponsor a local child in need with gifts this Christmas! Contact the church office ([office@greenwichpres.org](mailto:office@greenwichpres.org)) and you will be provided a "wish list" for up to \$200. All gifts must be new, wrapped, labeled for your child, and delivered to the church by November 30. Questions? Contact Jessica Fridgen ([jessica.fridgen@gmail.com](mailto:jessica.fridgen@gmail.com)).

**Operation Christmas Child:** Shoeboxes are due on Sunday, November 23. Questions? Contact Linda Simms ([lsimms1012@gmail.com](mailto:lsimms1012@gmail.com)).

**Haymarket Regional Food Pantry Food Collection:** Special needs: *canned yams, gravy and broth, boxed mashed potatoes, rice, evaporated and condensed milk, and baking items*. Donations can be dropped off in the lobby on Sundays or to the church office during the week. If you have questions, contact Dave Davis ([ddavis60@comcast.net](mailto:ddavis60@comcast.net)).

More ways to give & serve including our *Mitten Tree, Family Shelter Dinner (Dec. 18), Christmas Memorials*, and more coming soon!

### **Woodbridge Flute Choir Christmas Concert & Benefit for Farthest Corners Sunday, December 7 (4:00pm)**

The Woodbridge Flute Choir invites you to join us in the sanctuary for this free holiday concert. An offering will be taken to benefit Farthest Corners. For more info, visit [woodbridgeflutechoir.org](http://woodbridgeflutechoir.org).

### **Church Potluck (5:00pm)**

Immediately following the concert, we invite you to join us in the Fellowship Hall for our monthly potluck. Bring a dish to share.

## 2025 Year-End Generosity Update – Finishing Strong!

We are thankful for the many tithes, offerings, and gifts you have given this year for the Lord's work at Greenwich to support both our operating budget and the Generation to Generation capital campaign. Our hope and prayer is to finish strong this year in anticipation of all the Lord has planned for us in 2026!

### Operating Fund (Budget) YTD as of October 31, 2024

|                                         |                     |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------|
| January 1, 2025 starting balance        | \$ 150,000          |
| <b>2025 YTD Net (giving - expenses)</b> | <b>\$ (133,078)</b> |
| November 1, 2025 balance                | \$ 16,922           |

### Generation to Generation (G2G) through November 10, 2025

|                                       |                   |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| G2G Campaign Goal                     | \$1,200,000       |
| <b>Total received (70.5% of Goal)</b> | <b>\$ 845,848</b> |

### Ways to give as we work together to finish strong in 2025:

1. **Sunday morning offerings** – December 28<sup>th</sup> is the final Sunday for 2025 gifts, green envelopes for regular offerings and white envelopes for G2G gifts.
2. **Online** – All online giving is through **Church Center Giving**. Any online gifts through December 31<sup>st</sup> will be applied to 2025 giving.
3. **Year-End Contributions** – Gifts will be accepted at the church office until noon on Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>.
4. **Year-End Stock and Other Gifts** – We can accept gifts of stock, grants from Donor-Advised Funds (DAFs), and Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs).

If you have giving questions, please contact our Pastoral Administrator, Phil Porter at [pporter@greenwichpres.org](mailto:pporter@greenwichpres.org) or by calling the church office.

*"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7*