

# Greenwich Presbyterian Church

May 10, 2026

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.*

## The Fifth Sunday of Easter

### Gathering for Worship

"We Exalt Thee" 47

### Call to Worship (from 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 4 and 5)

Leader: We fix our eyes not on what is seen, but what is unseen.

People: For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

Leader: Christ died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

People: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here!

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

### Hymn

"For the Beauty of the Earth" 40

### Morning 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

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" (v.1) 473

### Offering

"My Mother's Love" (9:00) Margaret Everett, Kristen Lucier  
(11:00) Ladies Ensemble, Kristen

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

### Sermon

"Marks of a Flourishing Church: *The prayers*" (p.1693) Acts 2:42-47

### Hymn

"Sweet Hour of Prayer" 478

### Affirmation of Faith

Colossians 1:15-20

*Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.*

### Response

*Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord*

*Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name*

### Benediction

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord in the power of his resurrection. Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

### The Basement Academy resumes tomorrow

#### New Series: The Church God Intends

The Basement Academy is a daily (M-F) audio and video podcast led by Pastor Don Meeks. Audio on Spotify and Apple Podcasts. Videos are posted on the Greenwich website, Facebook page and YouTube each weekday morning.

## **God Bless Our Mothers**

*"She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come.*

*She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue.*

*She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness.*

*Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her."*

*Proverbs 31:25-28*

*"Only God Himself fully appreciates the influence of a Christian mother  
in the molding of character in her children."*

*Billy Graham*

*"No calling is greater, nobler, or more fulfilling than that of motherhood."*

*Sally Clarkson*

*"Children are not a distraction from more important work.*

*They are the most important work."*

*C.S. Lewis*

*"I remember my mother's prayers and they have followed me.*

*They have clung to me my entire life."*

*Abraham Lincoln*

*"The Christian mom doesn't love Jesus instead of loving her children;  
she loves Jesus by loving her children."*

*Jen Wilkin*

*"You are as much serving God in looking after your own children,  
and training them up in God's fear, and minding the house,  
and making your household a church for God, as you would be if  
any of you had been called to lead an army to battle for the Lord of hosts."*

*Charles Spurgeon*

*"Motherhood is a million little moments that God weaves together with grace,  
redemption, laughter, tears, and most of all, love."*

*Lysa TerKeurst*

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

Betty Bowles, Jeanne Edwards, Karen Everts, Tom Foulke, Judy Fretts,  
Gwen Frye, Michael Meffert, Omar, Megan O'Neill, Melissa Scott,  
Julia Smith, Carol Thomas.

## **For Continuing Care**

Dixie Baker, Patti Bowman, Diane Carroll, Sterling & Lorraine  
Cooper, Judy Dickerson, Audrey Ann Edwards, Pat Egan, Tim  
Everett, Buzzy Foster, Gwen Frye, Kay Hinegardner, Michael Jackson,  
Kristi Johnson, Jane Lion, Jeff Jones, Jaan Loger, Lew Mohr, Megan  
O'Neill, Kim Palfrey, Debbie Scheidemantel, Violette Sewell, Ronnie  
Skewes, Lynne Snow, Stephanie Stallard, Phil Swinford, Carol  
Thomas, Richard & Alana Wallace, Darryl White, Becky Whitelock,  
Bob Williamson.

## **Praises**

The marriage of Grant & Grace (Spota) Butler; the birth of Amelia  
Lorelai Risinger, daughter of Casey & Josie Risinger, and  
granddaughter of Michael & Tess Langer.

## **Serving our Country**

Jackson Arnold, Kieran Bateman, Andrew Beckman, Brendan  
Binniker, Ryan Binniker, Justin Fang, Michelle Fleurat, MD, Stephen  
Foulke, Ray Franze, Alex Frazier, Christian Harding, Gavin Heck,  
Alesia Hilton, Ashton Hilton, Hayden Hilton, Lee Loudermilk, JR  
McMillan, Stirling Martin, Seth Rombough, Tyler Spittle, Luke  
Sturges, Carter Walchli, Jakob Wine, Joshua Wine.

## **Happy Birthday!**

May 10 Lynn Forgash

May 10 Suzan Hawthorne

May 10 Jen McDonald

May 11 Cheryl Kinsey

May 11 Trent Thurston

May 11 Amy Zwirko

May 12 Brayden Thurston

May 13 Darell Friend

May 13 Chuck Sievers

May 13 Nicole Smith

May 13 Rylee Thurston

May 14 Charlie Cox

May 15 Avery Dane

May 15 David Kuzma

May 15 Megan Lynn

May 15 Morgan Smayda

May 16 Brooklyn Mello

### Cultivating Flourishing Congregations Survey Through May 17

Over the next several months, our elders are leading the congregation through a significant process of evaluating and strengthening the health and vitality of our church. As a starting point, we invite you to complete a simple survey either online or with a paper version (in the lobby). In the coming days, look for other opportunities to engage including congregational meetings, prayer gatherings, and discussion forums in June & August.



<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Z889KFK>

### Generosity Update

#### Generation to Generation (G2G) as of May 4, 2026

\$1,200,000 G2G Campaign Goal

\$ 926,332 Total received (77.2% of Goal)

We are so thankful 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 – [pporter@greenwichpres.org](mailto:pporter@greenwichpres.org)

**“Change for Life” Baby Bottle Campaign Begins TODAY** -- Pick up a bottle from the lobby to fill with coins, cash and checks. Bring it back to the church by June 21 (Father’s Day) and know that you are making a positive difference in the lives of women and children in your community. If you’d like more info on getting involved with this ministry, contact Renée Blackwell at [maclove@erols.com](mailto:maclove@erols.com).

**Prayer Gathering: For Healing, May 17 (5:00pm)** – Please join us in the historic chapel for a healing prayer gathering. We will focus on inviting God’s healing presence into our lives physically, spiritually, emotionally, and relationally. You’ll have an opportunity to share prayer concerns in writing and be prayed for confidentially by a group of elders, deacons, and others on our prayer team. There will be prayer cards in the back of the sanctuary if you are not able to attend but would like prayer for a specific need.

**Congregational Meeting, June 7 (10:00am)** – The Session has called our annual summer Congregational meeting in the sanctuary on June 7 at 10:00am. Childcare will be available. The purpose of the meeting is to:

- a. Elect Officers for the class of 2029
- b. Open conversation on the life of the church, including an update on denominational realignment

**Graduating from College or High School?** – If you or your son or daughter is graduating we want to know! Contact the church office (at [office@greenwichpres.org](mailto:office@greenwichpres.org)) by May 12 with the name of the school they’re graduating from and what degree if in college, graduate school, or other program.

### May Food Collection

This month we’ll collect non-perishable food for the Fauquier Food Bank. Specific needs this month: canned tuna, canned chicken, hamburger helper, boxed potatoes, rice, cereal, oatmeal and soup. Donations can be dropped off in the lobby on Sundays or to the church office during the week. Questions? Contact Mary Crigler at [crigler1108@comcast.net](mailto:crigler1108@comcast.net), and Carole Taylor at [caroletaylor060@gmail.com](mailto:caroletaylor060@gmail.com).

### Greenwich Student Ministry T-Shirt Fundraiser

Help support student mission and enrichment trips this summer by buying a Greenwich t-shirt! Visit the display in the lobby or use the QR code to place your order.

