

Greenwich Presbyterian Church

August 23, 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.

Gathering for Worship

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" 34

Call to Worship (from Ephesians 2 and 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

"We Come, O Christ, to You" 110

Morning Prayer

O loving God, to turn away from you is to fall, to turn toward you is to rise, and to stand before you is to abide forever. Grant us, dear God, in all our duties your help; in all our uncertainties your guidance; in all our dangers your protection; and in all our sorrows your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ and Congregational Life

"Father, I Adore You" 143

Offering

"Father, I Adore You" (as a round!) 143

Blessing of the Children and The Lord's Prayer

Sermon

1st Corinthians 9:1-27
"1st Corinthians: All things to all people..." (p.1779-1780)

Hymn

"Here I Am, Lord" 559

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

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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.

Benediction

Preaching – Pastor Don Meeks

Worship Assistant – Samantha Meeks

Accompanist – Margaret Mayhugh

Cultivating Flourishing Congregation Forums

This year, our elders are leading the Greenwich family through a process of evaluating the health and vitality of our church as we plan for the future. We began with a church-wide survey in April and May, then held the first set of forums "Looking Back: History and Milestones" in June. We have scheduled a second set of forums at the end of this month. Please join this important conversation on one of the following dates:

Forum: "Looking Around & Looking Ahead"

Sunday, August 23 – 10am or 12pm (After Each Worship Service)

Saturday, August 29 – 9am

Sunday, August 30 - 5pm (dinner will be served)

Each forum will be held in Fellowship Hall.

Registration is helpful but not required!

registrations.planningcenteronline.com/signups/3716546

Family Ministry Kids & Youth Fall Programs Update

Youth Group Kickoff THIS Wednesday, August 26 (6:00-7:30pm) – Beginning this week, 6th-12th grade students gather in "The Underground" of the office building for a time of fun fellowship and learning together. *Parents, please join us on Wednesday from 6:00-6:30pm at the start of the first meeting for a brief parent meeting.*

Youth Sunday School – Beginning next Sunday, August 30, we are returning to Sunday School for Middle School & High School students in the Underground from 10:00-11:00am. This fall we will be studying the book of Luke!

Elementary Sunday School continues weekly on the 2nd-5th Sundays for K-5th Grade. Promotion Sunday (grades move up) will be next Sunday, August 30. First Sundays, all kids are invited to stay through the entire service to celebrate communion with the church family.

Chancel Choir, rehearsals begin August 26 (7:15-8:45pm) – New singers are welcome to join us for our fall season! We rehearse on Wednesday evenings. Questions? Contact Lon Quinones at lquinones@greenwichpres.org.

Tuesday Women's Study, begins September 1 (9:30-11:00am) – Join us for our fall Mentally Healthy Faith series: "Grace: What it is. What it's not. And how to give grace to help change, not enable, harmful behaviors." Open to all women. Childcare is provided. To sign up, contact Becky Beane at beanerebecca7@gmail.com.

Greenwich Quilters, begins September 15 & 16 (9:00a-3:00p) -- This is a great opportunity for anyone interested in learning the art of quilting. For more info, contact Lisa House at bikelshouse@gmail.com.

August Food Collection – This month we'll collect non-perishable food for the Fauquier Food Bank. Specific needs this month: *cereal, oatmeal, canned vegetables, meal helpers, tuna and pasta*. 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 our liaisons to the shelter, Mary Crigler, at crigler1108@comcast.net, or Carole Taylor, at caroletaylor060@gmail.com.

Generosity Update

Operating Budget - as of July 31, 2026

\$150,000	Operating Fund (initial amount set 1/1/26)
\$719,603	Income – Year to Date
\$793,464	Expense – Year to Date
\$ (73,861)	Net (income – expense)
\$ 76,139	Operating Fund Balance (6/30/26)

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.

F.A.Q.

(Answering questions about Greenwich and our future)

If we end up choosing to become part of the ECO denomination, how will Greenwich change in day-to-day practical terms?

On a day-to-day basis we anticipate things will stay pretty much the same. We have heard as much from other churches who made the same denominational transition.

Greenwich will be led by the same staff and leadership structure (i.e. Elders and Deacons). We will continue to hold the same ministry priorities of Christ-centered worship, bible-based teaching, heart-felt fellowship and a commitment to serve our local community and global mission partners. We will continue to lift up the Essential Tenets (adopted by Greenwich in 2012) as an expression of theological clarity and depth.

Where we would expect to experience change is in utilizing ECO's wealth of resources that focus on increasing congregational members' engagement in discipleship activities and evangelism. We would also expect there to be increased financial commitment to the work of planting new churches.

Another change may be more of a "vibe-shift" that some members may experience in one of two directions. Instead of feeling embarrassed by association with the PCUSA and some of its priorities and statements, some members may feel greater confidence in a new denominational home. However, we also expect there would be some members who would experience disappointment and regret in this move to ECO and could possibly seek a new church to call home.

As with many decisions in life there are often unintentional consequences. We hope these would be few and of little negative impact, and so we pray God's favor and protection as we proceed.

"How good and pleasant it is when brothers and sisters live together in unity"
Psalms 133:1

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

Diane Carroll, Venita Duffield, Audrey Ann Edwards, the family of John Farmerie, the family of Hal Frampton, Kathleen Frampton, Gwen Frye, the family of Edward Gentry, Gerald, Meryl Groff, Dave Kazanski, Paul Labazzetta, Toni Mitchell, Misti, Mark Olson, Will Reisner, Kathryn Robison, Melissa Scott, Jim Simms, Lynne Snow, Dave Troop, Bob Williamson, June Wilson.

For Continuing Care

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

Praises

The wedding of Tegan White & Jake DeLisi, daughter of James & Libby White, next weekend.

Serving our Country

Jackson Arnold, Kieran Bateman, Andrew Beckman, Justin Fang, 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!

Aug 25 Elizabeth Kyle

Aug 25 Meagan Maloney

Aug 25 Ryan Tenberg

Aug 26 Jack Carroll

Aug 27 Wendy Atkinson

Aug 28 Donna Beckman

Aug 28 Jim Mills

Aug 28 Melissa Miller

Aug 29 Lena Goehring

Aug 29 Becky Taylor