

Greenwich Presbyterian Church

August 9, 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

"Thou Art Worthy" 126

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

"Great is Thy Faithfulness" 72

Morning Prayer

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ and Congregational Life

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" (v.1 and 3) 344

Offering

"Blest Are They" 666

Blessing of the Children and The Lord's Prayer

Sermon

1st Corinthians 7:1-40
"1st Corinthians: Undivided devotion to the Lord..." (p.1776-1778)

Hymn

"Be Thou My Vision" 502

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

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed, thy hand has provided,
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

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Benediction

The Basement Academy New Series: Odds & Ends

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.

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

Summary of August 4 Session meeting:

1. Small group conversation on what questions church members are asking about denominational realignment, followed by prayer
2. Approved consent agenda items:
 - a. Minutes of 7/7/26 Session meeting
 - b. Aug reports: Clerk’s, Building Use, Child Protection, Administrative Team (w/ June financials)
3. Approved Administrative Team motions:
 - a. Call congregational meeting Aug. 16 to begin Incorporation
 - b. 2025 Financial Review and Revised Financial Handbook
4. Approved Personnel motions:
 - a. Enter agreement for consulting services on pastoral search
 - b. Pursue interim staff for Family Ministries
5. Mission: 1st reading to add Lauren McMillan (Young Life) as new mission partner
6. Denominational Realignment update:
 - a. New property appraisal underway.
 - b. Target date for congregational vote – November 15, 2026
7. Reports and Information items:
 - a. Cultivating Flourishing Congregations forums scheduled
 - b. Pastors’ reports offered.
8. Calendar review and Lord’s Prayer.

Women’s Tea, Saturday, August 15 (10:00am-12:00pm) – Bring your favorite teacup and fancy hat for some fellowship and to learn about upcoming women’s events at Greenwich. (Note that hats and cups will be provided if you don’t have them to bring.) Held in Fellowship Hall, light refreshments will be served. Questions? Contact Leyla Scott at lscott@wdpa.com or 703-606-7617.

greenwich.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/3757800

New Senior Adult Group, Thursdays (3:30-5:00pm) beginning August 20 – This group will focus on our spiritual journey in the "third third" of life. We will share a meal and program on “Finding Our Value in Christ” covering topics like “Reconciling This Life’s Journey” to “Dealing With Doubt” to “Unrecognized Gifts”. If you are in this season of life and looking for direction, we’d love for you to join us! Contact the office at office@greenwichpres.org to sign up, or email Nancy Getreu at jjdottir@icloud.com with any questions.

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.

Generosity Update

Generation to Generation (G2G) as of August 3, 2026

\$1,200,000 G2G Campaign Goal

\$ 944,912 Total received (82.9% 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.

F.A.Q.

(Answering questions about Greenwich and our future)

Why is the decision on denominational direction taking so long?

Many have asked some form of this question, wondering if the process is stalled or somehow has gotten derailed. In the June 28 FAQ response we gave a summary of where we are in the process that may help give some context for why it seems to have taken so long. (You can view all FAQ's / responses to date at greenwichpres.org).

The short answer is that we are moving forward as fast as we can. One of the reasons the Session initiated a financial offer to the Presbytery was to help keep the process moving. There are, however, parts of the process that are outside our control. Two necessary steps that we have been tasked with are to complete the process of incorporation and obtain a current appraisal of the Greenwich property. We anticipate being tasked with additional items but are proceeding with these tasks in short order. A projected timeline to complete the process:

- a. Finalize tentative terms and conditions of the financial agreement with Presbytery (End of September).
- b. Conduct informational forums in advance of congregational advisory vote (mid-September through October).
- c. Hold congregational advisory vote (mid-November).
- d. Presbytery ratify Greenwich request for dismissal, including final terms of financial agreement (February or March 2027)

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.

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

Diane Carroll, Earlene DeFazio, Venita Duffield, the family of John Farmerie, Hal & Kathleen Frampton, Gwen Frye, the family of Edward Gentry, Meryl Groff, Dave Kazanski, Paul Labazzetta, Toni Mitchell, Misti, Ian O'Boyle, Mark Olson, Will Reisner, Kathryn Robison, Melissa Scott, Jim Simms, Lynne Snow, Dave Troop, Bob Williamson.

For Continuing Care

Dixie Baker, Patti Bowman, Diane Carroll, Sterling & Lorraine Cooper, Judy Dickerson, Audrey Ann Edwards, Pat Egan, Tim Everett, Buzzy Foster, Hal & Kathleen Frampton, Gwen Frye, Kay Hinegardner, Michael Jackson, Kristi Johnson, Jane Lion, Jeff Jones, Jaan Loger, 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 birth of Ruth Agnes White, daughter of Josh & Bella White, and great granddaughter of Jimmy & Faye Henry; the birth of Westley Mark Werkema, son of Ben & Megan Werkema, and grandson of Jason & Emily Ashby.

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 9 David Pinney

Aug 10 Josh Perrius

Aug 10 John Reaghart

Aug 11 Austin Burroughs

Aug 11 Robin Waterfall

Aug 12 Lee Bishop

Aug 12 Diane Carroll

Aug 14 Gary Austin

Aug 14 Carole Ferrell

Aug 14 Mike Gentry

Aug 14 Nancy Thomas

Aug 15 Rennie Beckman

Aug 15 Gavin Gorham