

Greenwich Presbyterian Church

September 27, 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

"Doxology" (9:00) 44

Call to Worship (from Ephesians 4)

Leader: I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.

People: *Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.*

Leader: There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called;

People: *One Lord, one faith, one baptism.*

Leader: One God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

People: *Speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.*

Hymn

"Come, Let Us Praise the Lord" 9

Morning Prayer

Eternal God, you have called us to be members of one body. Join us with those who in all times and places have praised your name, that, with one heart and mind, we may show the unity of your church, and bring honor to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ and Congregational Life

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

Offering

"Wonderful Words of Life" v. 1&3 (9:00) 668

Blessing of the Children and The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of 2nd grade bibles

Sermon

1st Corinthians 12:12-31

"1st Corinthians: You are the body of Christ..." (p.1784-1785)

Hymn

"We Are God's People" 547

Affirmation of Faith - The Nicene Creed (Unison)

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And we believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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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

Save the Date – Saturday, October 3 (12:00-2:00pm)

Lunch and Conversation about ECO

We will be hosting an all-church lunch and conversation with Rev. Dana Allin, Synod Executive for ECO in the Fellowship Hall. Dana will be in town for the weekend working with Greenwich leadership on the Cultivating Flourishing Congregations process and will also preach on Sunday, October 4. This will be good!

Young Adult Fellowship, September 27 (7:00pm) -- All young adults are invited to join us for dinner in the adult classrooms as we enjoy a meal together, connect, and share some great conversation. RSVP to Katherine at kboyd@greenwichpres.org or Victoria at vmacovei@hotmail.com.

Visual Arts Fellowship, September 28 (11:00am-1:00pm) – A group of Christians who love visual art is forming, and anyone—from seasoned professionals to casual hobbyists—is welcome. This will be a space to encourage one another and share inspiration. Our first gathering, in Fellowship Hall, will simply be a time to brainstorm the direction of the fellowship. Bring a piece of your artwork for a relaxed “show and tell,” and enjoy lunch on us.

Family Fall Festival, Sunday, October 25 (3:00-6:00p) – 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 our Annual Chili Cookoff, make a cake for our Cake Walk, or help with games and activities. To volunteer, contact Eric Beckman at ebeckman@greenwichpres.org.

September Food Collection

This month we'll collect non-perishable food for the Haymarket Food Pantry. Specific needs this month: *chili, stew, rice, pasta & sauce, and baby food pouches*. 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 liaison to the shelter, Dave Davis, at ddavis60@comcast.net.

Generosity Update

Generation to Generation (G2G) as of September 21, 2026

\$1,200,000 G2G Campaign Goal

\$1,087,441 Total received (90.6% 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.

Happy Birthday!

Sep 27 Dixie Baker

Sep 28 BJ Austin

Sep 28 Charlene Beckett

Sep 28 Logan Delery

Sep 28 Misti Lechner

Sep 29 Earlene DeFazio

Sep 29 Kelly Hogan

Sep 29 Tegan White

Sep 30 Elizabeth Goehring

Sep 30 Ruby May

Oct 1 Chloe DeMarco

Oct 1 Cindy Henson

Oct 1 Juanita Mayhugh

Oct 1 Jenne Warf

Oct 2 Jayden Byrd

Oct 2 Karen Carruthers

Oct 2 Adam Donaldson

Oct 3 Hazel Henson

Oct 3 Ronnie Skewes

Oct 3 LoraBeth Smayda

The Basement Academy

New Series: *Theology 201*

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.

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

Charlene Beckett, Ben Bennett, the family of Doug Boger, Susan Boyd, Travis Caition, Gwen Frye, Diana Good, the family of Carolyn Hetzgo, Michael Jackson, Alex Lescolette, Tom Lion, Hunter Makowski, Misti, Marie Pinney, Patty Skewes, Lynne Snow, Jen Torres, Kimberly White, June Wilson, Kathie 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, Toni Mitchell, Ian O'Boyle, Megan O'Neill, Kim Palfrey, Violette Sewell, Ronnie Skewes, Lynne Snow, Stephanie Stallard, Phil Swinford, Dave Troop, Richard & Alana Wallace, Darryl White, Becky Whitelock, Bob Williamson, Letcher Woody.

Praises

The birth of Murphy Elizabeth Gorham, daughter of Sam & Rachel Gorham and granddaughter of Earnie and Sarah Gorham; the birth of Musa Deen Spittle, grandson of Jesse & Melissa Spittle, and great grandson of Philip & Linda Spittle.

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.

F.A.Q.

(Answering questions about Greenwich and our future)

I read in the bulletin two weeks ago that the ECO presbytery declined their support for a plan B / "joint witness" arrangement – can you explain what that means?

At the beginning of the re-alignment conversation in 2024, our current presbytery (National Capital) offered Greenwich an alternative to complete disaffiliation from the PCUSA. This alternative is known as a "joint witness" and allows for a congregation to be a member of two differing denominational bodies. Such arrangements come about for a variety of reasons but each bears a unique witness to Christian unity across denominational boundary lines.

An exploratory plan for joint witness was drafted by the Session and shared with Greenwich during the discernment forums in the fall of 2024. The plan was shared with East Central Presbytery (ECO) as well. Initial feedback from East Central was supportive and this became a back-up "plan B" consideration while "plan A" efforts to fully disaffiliate from the PCUSA continued.

A recent written communication from East Central Presbytery to the Session indicated a change of heart on their intent to support a joint witness arrangement, even as a plan B. In their words, *"We represent different gospels, different understandings of scriptural authority, and different convictions on moral issues. We are not certain that a 'joint witness' is actually possible anymore, because we aren't giving witness to the same Christianity."*

In practical terms, it clarifies there are only two options for Greenwich to choose between going forward: a) completely disaffiliate from the PCUSA and join ECO, or b) remain with the PCUSA and the Fellowship Community. Due to the trust clause provisions of the PCUSA constitution (*see FAQs from Sept 6 and 13*) there are financial ramifications to disaffiliation and joining ECO. More on that in next week's FAQ.

*"If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself
and take up his cross and follow me.*

*For whoever wants to save his life will lose it,
but whoever loses his life for me will find it."*

Matthew 16:24-25