



Greenwich Presbyterian Church

October 25, 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

"Let All Things Now Living" (v.1) 22

Call to Worship (from Ephesians 2)

Leader: You are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household,

People: *Built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.*

Leader: In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord.

People: *And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.*

Hymn

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" 106

Morning Prayer

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ and Congregational Life

"How Firm a Foundation" (v.1)

Offering

"Speak, O Lord"

Blessing of the Children and The Lord's Prayer

Sermon

1st Corinthians 14:26-40

"1st Corinthians: ...That the church may be built up" (p.1787)

Hymn

"Come, Great God of All the Ages" 548

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

"Doxology" 34

Benediction

Preaching – Pastor Don Meeks

Worship Assistants – Ruth Anne Sawyer (9:00) & Barb Sutton (11:00)

Accompanists – David Steiner (9:00) & Margaret Mayhugh (11:00)

Speak, O Lord

*Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your holy word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes, for Your glory.*

*Teach us Lord full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief.*

*Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises;
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory.*

Family Fall Festival

TODAY (3:00-6:00p)

We hope the whole church family will join us this Sunday for our annual fall festival!

- Trunk or Treat & Costume Parade!
- Annual Chili-Cookoff (Enter your best in a crock-pot!)
- Ride the Cow Train
- Farm Animal Petting Station
- Live Music from our Student Worship Team
- Fall Photo Station
- Mini-Pumpkin Give-Away
- Bounce House, Maze, Candy Hunt, & Other Fun Games
- Burgers & Hot Dogs, sides, cotton candy & snow cones!

This is a great day for the church family and an easy event to invite friends and enjoy the great fall weather.

Schedule:

2-3pm - Trunk Setup & Preparations

3-5pm - Trunk or Treat, Activities, & Entertainment

5-6pm - Costume Parade, Chili Cookoff Winners, & Dinner

Visual Arts Linoleum Block Printing Workshop, October 27 (6:00-8:00pm) – Join us in fellowship hall for this workshop (ages 14 and over) and create a small block print (examples of block printing are the three large, framed prints of scripture in the church lobby). No supplies needed and no cost to attend – just bring a 4 x 6 drawing to create your block print. The workshop is limited to 12 people, so contact Glenn Howell at glennatgohowell@gmail.com to sign up.

Men's Breakfast, Saturday, November 7 (8:00-10:00am) – Please join us in fellowship hall for a hearty breakfast and good conversation. All ages welcome!

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

Travis Caition, Ronnie Cooper, Gwen Frye, Diana Good, the Lantz family, Alex Lescolette, Nick Perkins, Tim Porch, Colin Smith, the family of Lynne Snow, the family of Becky Whitelock, Kathie Wilson, Barbara Womack.

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 & Patty Skewes, Stephanie Stallard, Phil Swinford, Richard & Alana Wallace, Darryl White, Bob Williamson.

Praises

Our dedicated Greenwich Kitchen Team members, who serve tirelessly behind the scenes to create a warm and welcoming experience for funeral receptions and church events.

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!

Oct 25 Charlotte Gorham	Oct 29 Carson Smith
Oct 25 Luke Lechner	Oct 30 Ryan Beckman
Oct 25 Anne Sievers	Oct 30 Wyatt Harrison
Oct 25 Nora Staudt	Oct 30 Matt McDonald
Oct 26 Donald Blackwell	Oct 30 Anne Thornton
Oct 27 Asher Goehring	Oct 31 Preston Norman
Oct 29 Angela Eichenbrenner	Oct 31 Mitsuko Quandahl

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, November 15 (10:00am)

The Session has called a Congregational meeting to be held on Sunday, November 15, at 10:00am. The purpose of the meeting is:

- 1) Act on recommended changes to Pastors' Terms of Call;
- 2) Amend church by-laws due to church corporation being formed;
- 3) Transfer church property and assets to the corporation;
- 4) Open conversation on the life of the church.

October Food Collection

This month we'll collect non-perishable food for the Fauquier Family Shelter For October, the shelter is requesting dry goods. Specific needs this month: toilet tissue, storage items such as quart ziplock bags, gallon ziplock bags, aluminum foil and wraps. 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, Pat Eggers, at lpe7322@yahoo.com.

Generosity Update

Operating Budget - as of September 30, 2026

\$ 150,000	Operating Fund (initial amount set 1/1/26)
\$ 918,195	Income – Year to Date
\$ (95,444)	Net (income – expense)
\$ 54,556	Operating Fund Balance (9/30/26)

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)

I read last week that the congregational "advisory vote" has been postponed until early 2027. What exactly is the "advisory vote," and why was it postponed?

This is one of the more confusing parts of the process as the roles of the Session and congregation are often misunderstood. The Session is only authorized to request dismissal from the PCUSA but it may not unilaterally act to bring this about. Rather, to borrow a phrase, the discernment process requires the congregation's "advice and consent."

Again, the Session is authorized to negotiate terms and conditions of a tentative property settlement with our presbytery (due to trust clause stipulations), but it requires the congregation's "advice and consent" to confirm that it supports what the Session has negotiated.

The advisory vote is that occasion when the congregation comes together to participate in the process of "advice and consent." This vote will be administered by members of National Capital Presbytery and has two high thresholds to ensure that the advice of the congregation is clear: 1) a quorum of 60% of the active membership roll to be present for the vote (286 of 477 active members); 2) at least 80% must indicate they wish to be dismissed to ECO, which includes the negotiated property settlement (\$1.0 million over 5 years).

The result of this vote serves to advise the presbytery what the congregation's wishes are in this matter. Per presbyterian polity, congregations can't vote themselves out. Final action to dismiss rests with the presbytery in consideration of the congregation's advisory vote.

As to why the advisory vote has been postponed, the Session determined that two basic conditions haven't been met: 1) Final agreement between Presbytery and Session on the "terms and conditions" of a property settlement. We have an "in principle"

agreement but Session still has some administrative questions to resolve; 2) Adequate time to communicate clearly to the congregation the purpose / process / meaning of the "advisory vote." (This very FAQ is directed at this need!) We estimate this to be a minimum 4-6 weeks, but prefer 8-10 weeks to ensure the congregation is informed.

Additionally, the past several weeks have been particularly challenging with significant demands being made on the Session and Pastors with the recent Flourishing Congregations weekend and several funerals of beloved church members. And so, we continue in our season of Prayer and Fasting, trusting God to guide us and keep us united in our shared life and ministry at Greenwich.

*"Each of you should look not only to your own interests,
but also to the interests of others." Philippians 2:4*