



Greenwich Presbyterian Church

October 4, 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

"Chasing Tomorrow"

Bell Choir

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

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"God, We Praise You!"

(alt. tune Hyfrydol)

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

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" (v.1&2)

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Offering

"Reflection on 'O Waly Waly'"

Bell Choir

Blessing of the Children and The Lord's Prayer

Sermon

"A Blueprint for a Flourishing Church"

Rev. Dana Allin

Ephesians 4:1-16 (p.1818)

Hymn

"Sing a New Church"

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Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them to the Lord.*

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

Leader: We trust Jesus to overcome every power that can hurt or divide us,

People: *And believe that when he comes in glory, we will celebrate victory with him.*

Leader: Send your Holy Spirit upon us now, we pray,

People: *That these gifts from your creation may be to us the communion of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Communion of God's People

Prayer After Communion

Loving God, you have given us a share in the one bread and the one cup and made us one with Christ. Help us to bring your salvation and joy to all the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Response

"Now Let Us from This Table Rise" (v.1 & 4)

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Benediction

Season of Prayer & Gathering, Sunday, October 18 (5:00-6:00pm) – As we continue the *Cultivating Flourishing Churches* process and consider a denominational move, we invite the congregation to commit to a season of prayer and fasting. There are Prayer Brochures in the Lobby and information online: greenwichpres.org/prayer. Also please join us for a gathering on October 18, 5pm to pray together for Greenwich's congregation, mission and ministry.

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.

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. For questions, or to RSVP, contact Glenn Howell at glennatgohowell@gmail.com.

Church Potluck, Sunday, November 1 (5:00pm) – Join us for monthly potluck dinner in the Fellowship Hall! Bring a main course, side dish or dessert to share and we'll enjoy a family meal together.

Men's Breakfast, Saturday, November 7 (8:00-10:00am) – Please join us in fellowship hall for a hearty breakfast and conversation to encourage prayer and experiencing God in nature. All men welcome!

Feed Fauquier: Service Opportunity for all ages! November 7 – Join us for Feed Fauquier, a local opportunity to help pack 75,000 meals for families in need. Each 75-minute time slot fills up quickly, so register soon if you would like to participate: feedfauquier.org. This is a great event for families as kids age 5+ are welcome to participate. Please also email Chrissy cgriffin@greenwichpres.org once you register so we know who is coming from Greenwich!

Membership at Greenwich – Interested in learning more about membership? Please email mduffus@greenwichpres.org and visit greenwichpres.org/membership for more information.

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.

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.

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.

Happy Birthday!

Oct 4 Lisa Crafton	Oct 6 Coleman Rector
Oct 4 Colin Smith	Oct 6 Paul Ruby
Oct 5 John Boryschuk	Oct 9 Karen Carruthers
Oct 5 Angie Cook	Oct 10 Linda Spittle
Oct 6 Katherine Boyd	Oct 10 Dennis Stuessi

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

Ben Bennett, Susan Boyd, Travis Caiton, Ronnie Cooper, Elsie Davis, Gwen Frye, Diana Good, the family of Carolyn Hetzgo, Alex Lescolette, Tom Lion, Hunter Makowski, Misti, Marie Pinney, Patty Skewes, Lynne Snow, the family of Dave Troop, June Wilson, Kathie Wilson, the family of Letcher Woody.

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, Richard & Alana Wallace, Darryl White, Becky Whitelock, Bob Williamson.

Praises

Reverend Dana Allin, the Synod Executive from ECO, who joins us this morning.

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)

Why did the Session offer a million dollars to National Capital Presbytery for a building that we paid for and own?

As indicated in previous FAQ responses (Sept 6, 13 and 27), there are financial implications when a church chooses to leave the PCUSA denomination due to the trust clause provisions of the Book of Order. The Session initiated an offer to our presbytery for two primary reasons: i) to expedite the process that had become delayed due to a change of membership on the presbytery team assigned to work with Greenwich, and ii) to avoid turning this part of the process into an adversarial negotiation which could have negative spiritual consequences for all parties involved.

Observing the experience of other churches that have left the PCUSA, this part of the process often becomes angry and divisive, impacting not only relationships within the local church but also the witness to unity God's people are called to display before the world. By initiating a generous offer the Session is seeking to honor the Book of Order and avoid turning our sisters and brothers in the presbytery into adversaries.

As for why a million dollars, the Session offered slightly above what two former NCP churches paid in their dismissal proceedings. The amount was roughly calculated in the following manner:

- \$250,000 = 10 years of lost annual funds to NCP (~ \$23K/yr).
- \$500,000 = 10% of appraised value of the property (~ \$5M)
- \$250,000 = generous mission gift to advance causes we support

This amount totals \$1.0 million and reflects a good-faith effort on the part of the Session to honor God and our presbytery colleagues.

The Session has further requested that this amount be paid over a five-year period. Arriving at a tentative financial agreement is but one part of the process. It is important to note that this offer must be ratified by the Greenwich membership at a future meeting (TBD) and also by the National Capital Presbytery at a future meeting (TBD). There are many steps still ahead, and that will be the subject of another 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