

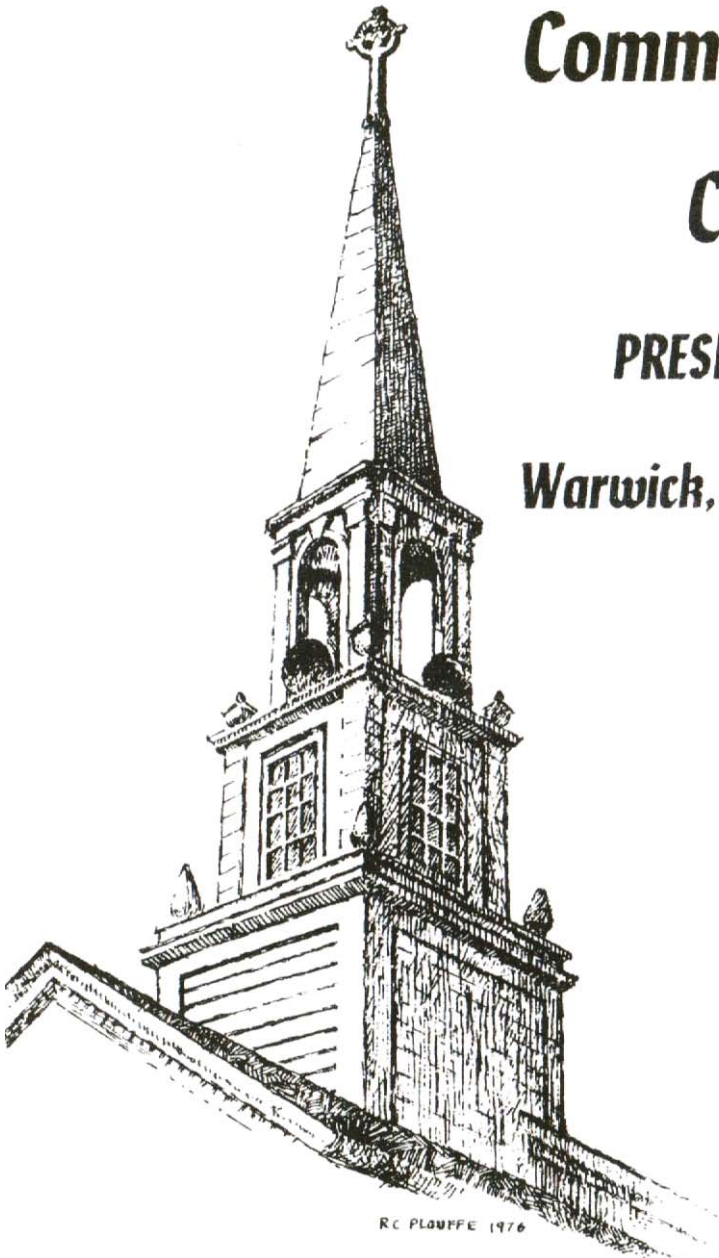
Greenwood

Community

Church

PRESBYTERIAN

Warwick, Rhode Island



OUR MISSION

The Greenwood Community Church, Presbyterian, seeks to have a three-fold ministry in obedience to our Lord's Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20):

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations ..." We seek to bring men and women, boys and girls of all nationalities into a vital relationship with the Son of God.

"... baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit..." We seek to bring men and women, boys and girls into a vital relationship with the family of God.

"... teaching them to observe all I have commanded you ..." We seek to bring men and women, boys and girls into a vital relationship with the Word of God.

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THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Morning Worship - 9:30 a. m.

August 23, 2020

The Lord's Prayer in verse, by George Wither (1558-1667)

Our Father which in heaven art,
We sanctify Thy name;
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,
In heaven and earth the same.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And us forgive Thou so,
As we on them that us offend
Forgiveness do bestow.
Into temptation lead us not,
And us from evil free,
For Thine the Kingdom, Power, and Praise
Is and shall ever be.

PRELUDE *Solid Rock Medley* arr. Marilyn Ham
 Be Still My Soul arr. Edward Childs
 Alexandra Nichols, Violin

*** CALL TO WORSHIP / PRAYER OF ADORATION**
(adapted from Psalm 119:1-8)

Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord.
BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO KEEP HIS DECREES, WHO SEEK HIM WITH THEIR
WHOLE HEART; WHO ALSO DO NO WRONG, BUT WALK IN HIS WAYS.
You have commanded Your precepts to be kept diligently.
OH, THAT MY WAYS MAY BE STEADFAST IN KEEPING YOUR STATUTES! HAVING MY
EYES FIXED ON ALL YOUR COMMANDMENTS, I SHALL NOT BE PUT TO SHAME.
I will praise You with an upright heart, when I learn Your righteous rules.
I WILL KEEP YOUR STATUTES; DO NOT UTTERLY FORSAKE ME!

***+HYMN** *All Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (first silently, then in unison):

WE COME BEFORE THEE, GRACIOUS GOD, IN HUMBLE CONFESSION AND
REPENTANCE, TRUSTING THE HOLY MERITS OF THY SON OUR SAVIOR, FOR WE
ARE UNDONE BY SIN. CLEANSED AND CLOTHED IN HIM, MAKE US CONTENT THIS
DAY IN THY SERVICE. LET US DO NOTHING, SAY NOTHING, DESIRE NOTHING,
WHICH IS CONTRARY TO THY WILL. GIVE US THANKFUL SPIRITS, AND HEARTS FULL
OF PRAISE FOR ALL THAT THOU HAST GIVEN US, AND FOR ALL, IN THY WISDOM,
THOU HAST WITHHELD FROM US, AMEN.

A prayer of Ashton Oxenden, Bishop of Montreal, 1808-1892

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the Gospel.
IN JESUS CHRIST, WE ARE FORGIVEN.

***GLORIA PATRI**

*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.*

SPECIAL MUSIC *Trenches* *Tauren Wells*
 Julia D'Antico, Voice

PSALTER *Psalm 133*

SCRIPTURE READING *Genesis 45:1-15, 50:15-21*

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

***HYMN** *Just As I Am, Without One Plea*

SERMON THE ROAD PAVED WITH GOD INTENTIONS, CONCLUSION

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Scots Confession, Chapter One*

WE CONFESS AND ACKNOWLEDGE ONE GOD ALONE, TO WHOM ALONE WE MUST CLEAVE, WHOM
ALONE WE MUST SERVE, WHOM ONLY WE MUST WORSHIP, AND IN WHOM ALONE WE PUT OUR
TRUST. WHO IS ETERNAL, INFINITE, IMMEASURABLE, INCOMPREHENSIBLE, OMNIPOTENT, INVISIBLE;
ONE IN SUBSTANCE AND YET DISTINCT IN THREE PERSONS, THE FATHER, THE SON, AND THE HOLY
SPIRIT. BY WHOM WE CONFESS AND BELIEVE ALL THINGS IN HEAVEN AND EARTH, VISIBLE AND
INVISIBLE, TO HAVE BEEN CREATED, TO BE RETAINED IN THEIR BEING, AND TO BE RULED AND GUIDED
BY HIS INSCRUTABLE PROVIDENCE FOR SUCH END AS HIS ETERNAL WISDOM, GOODNESS, AND
JUSTICE HAVE APPOINTED, AND TO THE MANIFESTATION OF HIS OWN GLORY, AMEN.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

The Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

OFFERING

**Doxology Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
 Praise Him, all creatures here below;
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
 Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost!*

**Prayer of Dedication*

***HYMN** *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Toccata Brevis* *Daniel Gawthrop*

**(Congregation standing, as able)*

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

I have loved you with an everlasting love. Jeremiah 31:3

1. O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary
 2. O Light that follow'st all my way, I yield my flick'ring
 3. O Joy that seek-est me thro' pain, I can-not close my
 4. O cross that lift-est up my head, I dare not ask to

soul in Thee. I give Thee back the life I owe, That
 torch to Thee. My heart re-stores its bor-rowed ray, That
 heart to Thee. I trace the rain-bow thro' the rain, And
 fly from thee. I lay in dust life's glo-ry dead, And

in Thine o - cean depths its flow May rich - er, full - er be.
 in Thy sun - shine's blaze its day May bright - er, fair - er be.
 feel the prom - ise is not vain That morn shall tear - less be.
 from the ground there blos - soms red Life that shall end - less be.

TEXT: George Matheson
 MUSIC: Albert L. Peace

ST. MARGARET
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THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come,
 Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread
 and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the
 kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen.

All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

*Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful
 deeds for men. Ps. 107:15*

1. All praise to God, who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -
 2. What God's al - might - y pow'r hath made his gra - cious mer - cy
 3. I cried to him in time of need: Lord God, O hear my
 4. The Lord for - sak - eth not his flock, his cho - sen gen - er -

a - tion, the God of won - ders, pow'r, and love, the God of our sal -
 keep - eth; by morn - ing dawn or eve - ning shade his watch - ful eye ne'er
 call - ing! For death he gave me life in - deed and kept my feet from
 a - tion; he is their ref - uge and their rock, their peace and their sal -

va - tion! With heal - ing balm my soul he fills, the God who
 sleep - eth; with - in the king - dom of his might, lo, all is
 fall - ing. For this my thanks shall end - less be; O thank him,
 va - tion. As with a moth - er's ten - der hand he leads his

ev - ery sor - row stills. To God all praise and glo - ry!
 just and all is right. To God all praise and glo - ry!
 thank our God with me. To God all praise and glo - ry!
 own, his cho - sen band. To God all praise and glo - ry!

5. Ye who confess Christ's holy name, to God give praise and glory;
 Ye who the Father's pow'r proclaim, to God give praise and glory!
 All idols underfoot be trod, the Lord is God! The Lord is God!
 To God all praise and glory!

6. Then come before his presence now and banish fear and sadness;
 to your Redeemer pay your vow and sing with joy and gladness:
 Though great distress my soul befell, the Lord, my God, did all things well.
 To God all praise and glory!

PSALM 133

How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!

IT IS LIKE PRECIOUS OIL POURED ON THE HEAD, RUNNING DOWN ON THE BEARD,
RUNNING DOWN ON AARON'S BEARD, DOWN UPON THE COLLAR OF HIS ROBES.

It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion.

FOR THERE THE LORD BESTOWS HIS BLESSING, EVEN LIFE FOREVERMORE.

GENESIS 45:1-15

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all his attendants, and he cried out, "Have everyone leave my presence!" So there was no one with Joseph when he made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard him, and Pharaoh's household heard about it.

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still living?" But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come close to me."

When they had done so, he said, "I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will be no plowing and reaping. But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance."

"So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt. Now hurry back to my father and say to him, 'This is what your son Joseph says: God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; don't delay. You shall live in the region of Goshen and be near me — you, your children and grandchildren, your flocks and herds, and all you have. I will provide for you there, because five years of famine are still to come. Otherwise you and your household and all who belong to you will become destitute.'"

"You can see for yourselves, and so can my brother Benjamin, that it is really I who am speaking to you. Tell my father about all the honor accorded me in Egypt and about everything you have seen. And bring my father down here quickly."

Then he threw his arms around his brother Benjamin and wept, and Benjamin embraced him, weeping. And he kissed all his brothers and wept over them. Afterward his brothers talked with him.

GENESIS 50:15-21

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?" So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died: 'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, Joseph wept.

His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said.

But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

Just as I Am

Whoever comes to Me I will never drive away. John 6:37

1. Just as I am, with - out one plea But that Thy
2. Just as I am and wait - ing not To rid my
3. Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With many a
4. Just as I am - Thou wilt re - ceive, Wilt wel - come,

blood was shed for me, And that Thou bidd'st me
soul of one dark blot, To Thee whose blood can
con - flict, many a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with -
par - don, cleanse, re - lieve. Be - cause Thy prom - ise

come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!
cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!
in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!
I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

TEXT: Charlotte Elliott

MUSIC: William B. Bradbury; Last stanza setting and Choral ending by Tom Fetzke

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WOODWORTH
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**GREENWOOD COMMUNITY CHURCH, PRESBYTERIAN
WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND
August 23, 2020**

WELCOME to all who are worshiping in our sanctuary today; welcome, too, to all worshipping with us online! As done these past twenty weeks, the service will be archived and posted @ twenty minutes after the benediction and will be available for viewing and/or downloading for a week. A special word of welcome to any visiting with us in person or on line this morning ... welcome to our fellowship!

Flowers Today are given to the glory of God by Susan Capobianco in loving memory of her mother, Fran Bonn, who was born 91 years ago today, and by Millicent and Rusty Budlong, Lexie, Millicent, Chandler and Trey Budlong-Spinger, Bill Springer, Aaliyah and Alexander Perez and Steele Bedard in loving memory of Margaret M. Golanski, cherished mother, grandmother, great grandmother and great great grandmother.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT HYMN SING VIA FACEBOOK; TUNE IN August 26 at 7:15 P.M. Join us as we sing requested hymns, hear a few stories about particular hymns, enjoy digital fellowship with our church family as well as others from all over. **This will be the last Hymn Sing of the summer!** We are planning a monthly Wednesday night venue in the sanctuary (*following current sanitation protocols*), which we hope will be a welcome option for a small but significant segment of our congregation who do not have internet access; it will also be available via Facebook. This is tentatively planned for the second Sunday of each month beginning **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 7:00 PM**; watch for further details!

INSTRUCTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS DETAILS

- We recognize the sensitive issue that some won't attend a service without masks being required, while others won't attend a service if masks are required ... as per the CDC Guidelines for Houses of Worship at this time, facemask use is strongly encouraged, but not mandated. We **DO** request all to do their best to maintain the recommended social distancing of six feet between non-family persons at all times.
- The 29Eleven room is designated as a "Masks Required" area; a 75 inch TV allows for live-stream viewing of the entire worship service.
- Roughly every other pew will be open in the sanctuary and pews will be marked off to leave a distance on either side of people from different households; ushers will be prepared to guide you in seating.
- The hymnals and pew Bibles need not be used; all worship materials are in the bulletins which you may pick up as you enter the sanctuary. Also, the worship materials are available online (gccp.org) for those who may prefer to use personal electronic devices.
- For now there will be no Passing of the Peace, nursery care, Children's Church, or Sunday School until further notice.

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- The offering plates will not be passed, but strategically placed in the narthex and by entrances for people to place tithes and offerings. Online giving is also encouraged.
- Observance of the Lord's Supper (Communion) continue the first Sunday of each month; prepackaged (sterile) individual cup/wafer packets will be available in the pew racks. Please refrain from touching any packet other than the one you will use.
- There will be no formal coffee hour/refreshment time until further notice.
- **TO HELP US WITH PLANNING, PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU PLAN TO COME TO WORSHIP.** Please go to www.gccp.org, and click on the heading subcategory on the home page "RSVP for Worship." A form will pop up for you to fill out and submit. If you have difficulty navigating technology, just give the church a call to let us know you're coming; leave your name, number attending, and a number we can call to confirm if necessary.
- Again, this is uncharted territory for us, and has continued much longer than originally anticipated; I trust all to be graciously understanding as we do our best to accommodate everyone, given our limitations.

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