

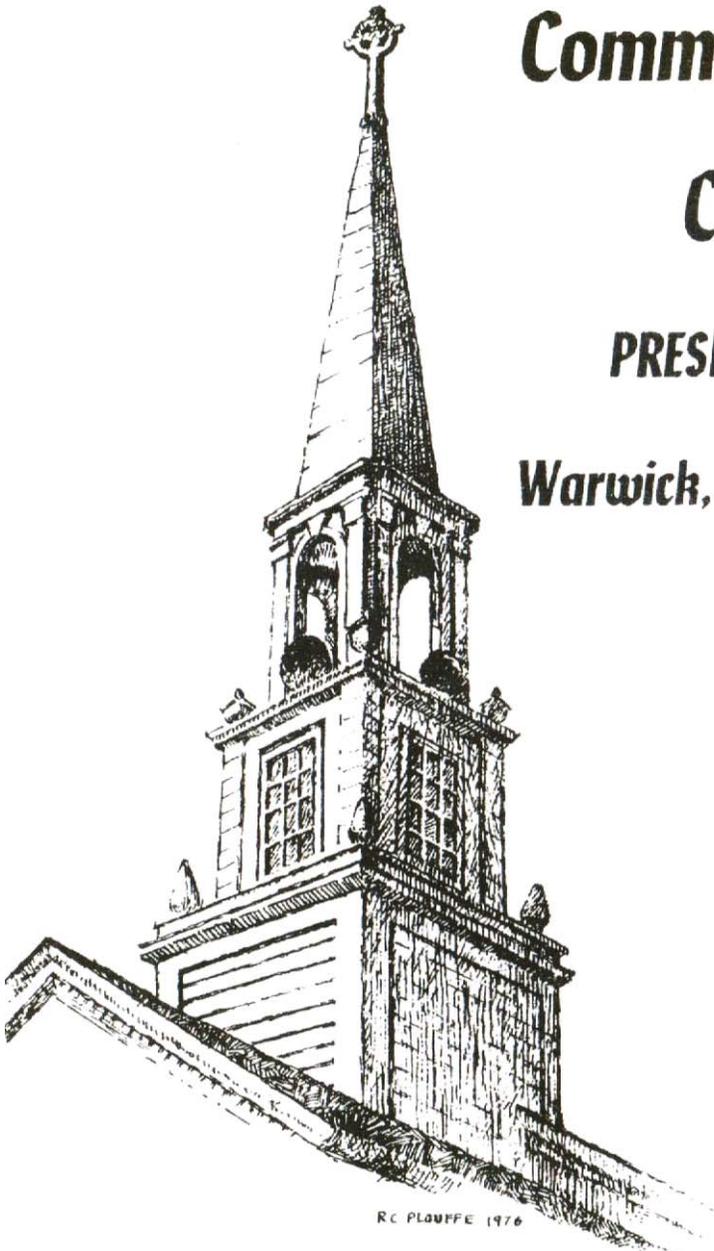
Greenwood

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 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Morning Worship - 9:30 a. m.

August 30, 2020

Silent prayer for use in preparation for worship:

O God Almighty, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Grant us, we pray, to be grounded and settled in Your truth by the coming down of the Holy Spirit into our hearts. That which we know not, reveal; that which is wanting in us, fill up; that which we know, confirm; and keep us blameless in Your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

A Prayer of Clement of Rome, (@ 90 A.D.)

PRELUDE *Ein Feste Burg* *Dietrich Buxtehude*
 Grace Medley *Marilynn Ham*

Handbell Choir (Olivia Black conducting)
John Black and Alexandra Nichols, Piano

***CALL TO WORSHIP / PRAYER OF ADORATION** (from Psalm 84: 1, 2, 4)

How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord Almighty!
MY HEART AND MY FLESH SING FOR JOY TO THE LIVING GOD.
Blessed are those who dwell in Thy house; they are ever praising Thee.
BETTER IS ONE DAY IN THY COURTS, O LORD, THAN A THOUSAND ELSEWHERE.
In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
LET US WORSHIP GOD!

***+HYMN** *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

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

O GOD, BEING SURROUNDED WITH INFIRMITIES WE OFTEN SIN AND MUST PRAY FOR YOUR PARDON. FORGIVE US, AND HELP US FORGIVE AS WE WOULD BE FORGIVEN; NEITHER MENTIONING OLD OFFENSES, NOR BEING INFLUENCED BY THEM IN HEART. HELP US TO LOVE EACH OTHER FREELY, AS YOU FREELY LOVE US, FOR JESUS' SAKE, AMEN.

A prayer of Christina Rossetti, 1830-1894

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 *Part the Waters* *Charles Brown*
 Beth Fish, Voice

PSALTER *Psalm 125*

SCRIPTURE READINGS *Exodus 1:8-20*
 Romans 12:1-8

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

***HYMN** *Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord*

SERMON BEING ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF A CLOSING DOOR

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Apostles' Creed*

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

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

The Lord's Prayer

OFFERING

**Doxology* *(Lasst Uns Erfreuen tune)*

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below:
Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

**Prayer of Dedication*

***HYMN** *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *March* *Gustav Holst*

**(Congregation standing, as able)*

Doxology

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea - tures

here be - low: al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise him a -

bove, ye heav'n - ly host, praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Thomas Ken, 1709; alt.

LASST UNS ERFREUEN L.M.al.
Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Colono, 1623

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.

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you who are upright in heart! Psalm 32:11

- ▶ 1. Re - joice, ye pure in heart; Re - joice, give thanks, and sing.
- ▶ 2. With all the an - gel choirs, With all the saints on earth,
3. Yes, on thro' life's long path, Still chant - ing as ye go;
4. Still lift your stand - ard high; Still march in firm ar - ray;
- ▶ 5. Praise God who reigns on high, The Lord whom we a - dore;

Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high - The cross of Christ, your King.
Pour out the strains of joy and bliss, True rap - ture, no - blest mirth!
From youth to age, by night and day, In glad - ness and in woe,
As war - riors, thro' the dark - ness toil Till dawns the gold - en day.
The Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost - One God for - ev - er - more.

Refrain Last refrain: great ritard

Re - joice, re - joice, Re - joice, give thanks, and sing! *Optional transition to "Give Thanks"*
Re - joice, re - joice,

TEXT: Edward H. Plumptre
MUSIC: Arthur H. Messiter

MARION
S.M. with Refrain

Psalm 125

Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

AS THE MOUNTAINS ARE ROUND ABOUT JERUSALEM, SO THE LORD IS ROUND ABOUT HIS PEOPLE, FROM THIS TIME FORTH AND FOR EVERMORE.

For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest upon the land allotted to the righteous, lest the righteous put forth their hands to do wrong.

DO GOOD, O LORD, TO THOSE WHO ARE GOOD, AND TO THOSE WHO ARE UPRIGHT IN THEIR HEARTS!

But those who turn aside upon their crooked ways the Lord will lead away with evildoers. Peace be in Israel.

Exodus 1:8-20 (and the rest of the chapter)

These are the names of the sons of Israel who came to Egypt with Jacob, each with his own household: Reuben, Simeon, Levi and Judah; Issachar, Zebulun and Benjamin; Dan and Naphtali; Gad and Asher. The descendants of Jacob numbered seventy in all; Joseph was already in Egypt. Then Joseph died, and all his brothers, and all that generation. But the descendants of Israel were fruitful and increased greatly; they multiplied and grew exceedingly strong; so that the land was filled with them.

Then a new king, to whom Joseph meant nothing, came to power in Egypt. "Look," he said to his people, "the Israelites have become far too numerous for us. Come, we must deal shrewdly with them or they will become even more numerous and, if war breaks out, will join our enemies, fight against us and leave the country." So they put slave masters over them to oppress them with forced labor, and they built Pithom and Rameses as store cities for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread; so the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites and worked them ruthlessly. They made their lives bitter with harsh labor in brick and mortar and with all kinds of work in the fields; in all their harsh labor the Egyptians worked them ruthlessly.

Then the king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, whose names were Shiphrah and Puah, "When you are helping the Hebrew women during childbirth on the birthing stool, if you see that the baby is a son, you shall kill him; but if it is a daughter, she shall live." The midwives, however, feared God and did not do as the king of Egypt had commanded them; they let the male children live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this? Why have you let the boys live?"

The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like Egyptian women, for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them."

So God dealt well with the midwives and the people increased and grew very strong. And because the midwives feared God, He gave them families of their own.

Then Pharaoh gave this order to all his people: "Every son that is born to the Hebrews you shall cast into the Nile, but you shall let every daughter live."

ROMANS 12:1-8 (and the rest of the chapter)

I appeal to you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I bid every one among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith which God has assigned you. For as in one body we have many members, and all the members do not have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; never be conceited. Repay no one evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends upon you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals upon his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

TAKE THOU OUR MINDS, DEAR LORD

1. Take Thou our minds, dear Lord, we hum - bly pray;
2. Take Thou our hearts, O Christ, they are Thine own;
3. Take Thou our wills, Most High! hold Thou full sway;
4. Take Thou our - selves, O Lord, heart, mind and will;

Give us the mind of Christ each pass - ing day;
Come Thou with - in our souls and claim Thy throne;
Have in our in - most souls Thy per - fect way;
Through our sur - ren - dered souls Thy plans ful - fill.

Teach us to know the truth that sets us free;
Help us to shed a - broad Thy death - less love;
Guard Thou each sa - cred hour from self - ish ease;
We yield our - selves to Thee— time, tal - ents, all!

Grant us in all our thoughts to hon - or Thee.
Use us to make the earth like heav'n a - bove.
Guide Thou our or - dered lives as Thou dost please.
We hear, and hence - forth heed Thy sov - erain call. A - men.

GREENWOOD COMMUNITY CHURCH, PRESBYTERIAN
WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND
August 30, 2020

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

Flowers Today are given to the glory of God by Jim and Debbie Burrows in loving memory of Debbie's parents, John E. and Doris B. Stebbins, and by Jimmy and Carol Castergine in loving memory of Carol's father, Philip Longo, who passed away nine years ago today.

FOR AT LEAST THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, we plan to continue our present schedule (one worship service live and live streamed at 9:30 a.m.); an adapted schedule for the resumption of Sunday School is in the works and we will keep you posted. Also, we are planning a **monthly Wednesday Night Hymn Sing** 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 planned for the second Wednesday of each month beginning **SEPTEMBER 9, 7:00 PM!**

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

My tongue will speak of Your praises all day long. Psalm 35:28

1. O for a thou-sand tongues to sing My great Re-deem-er's praise,
2. Je - sus! the name that charms our fears, That bids our sor - rows cease,
3. He breaks the pow'r of can-celled sin, He sets the pris - oner free;
4. Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, Your loos-ened tongues em-ploy;
5. My gra-cious Mas - ter and my God, As - sist me to pro - claim,

The glo - ries of my God and King, The tri - umphs of His grace.
'Tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.
His blood can make the foul - est clean; His blood a - vailed for me.
Ye blind, be - hold your Sav - ior come; And leap, ye lame, for joy.
To spread thro' all the earth a - broad, The hon - ors of Thy name.

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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.
- 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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Olivia R. Black, "Choir"
Wayne Meunier, Lector

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Jacob Joseph Ladder Well Hope

Brothers Robe Egypt Sack Forgive