

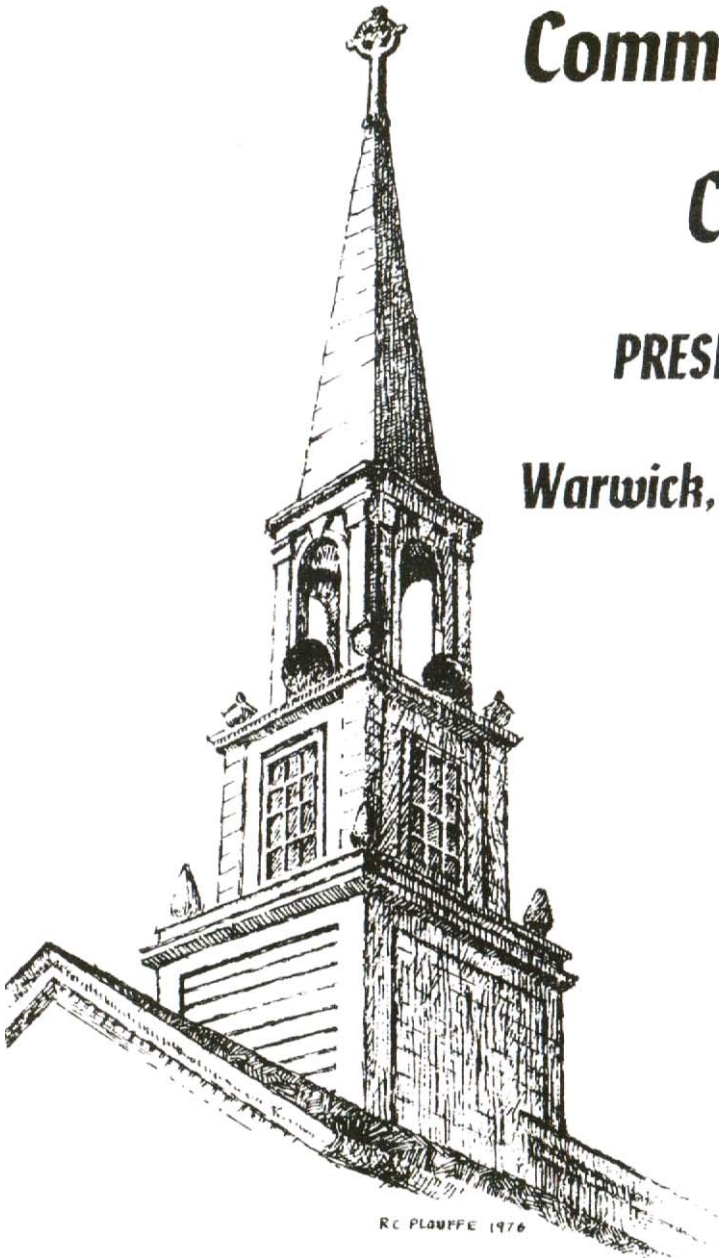
Greenwood

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 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Morning Worship - 9:30 a.m.
September 27, 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 the same Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

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

PRELUDE *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* arr. Marilyn Ham
John Black, Piano

It Is Well With My Soul arr. Albin Whitworth
John Black, Organ; Alexandra Nichols, Piano

***CALL TO WORSHIP / PRAYER OF ADORATION** from Psalm 33

Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him, on those whose hope in His steadfast love,

WE WAIT IN HOPE FOR THE LORD; HE IS OUR HELP AND OUR SHIELD.

In Him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in His holy name.

LET YOUR STEADFAST LOVE, O LORD, BE UPON US, EVEN AS WE HOPE IN YOU.

***+HYMN** *How Firm A Foundation*

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

ALMIGHTY AND MERCIFUL GOD, WE HAVE ERRED AND STRAYED FROM YOUR WAYS. WE HAVE FOLLOWED TOO MUCH THE DEVICES AND DESIRES OF OUR OWN HEARTS. WE HAVE OFFENDED AGAINST YOUR HOLY LAWS. WE HAVE LEFT UNDONE THOSE THINGS WE OUGHT TO HAVE DONE, AND WE HAVE DONE THOSE THINGS WE OUGHT NOT TO HAVE DONE. O LORD, HAVE MERCY UPON US, SPARE THOSE WHO CONFESS THEIR FAULTS, RESTORE THOSE WHO ARE PENITENT, ACCORDING TO YOUR PROMISES DECLARED TO THE WORLD IN JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD, AND GRANT, O MERCIFUL GOD, FOR HIS SAKE, THAT WE MAY LIVE HOLY, JUST AND HUMBLE LIVES TO THE GLORY OF YOUR NAME, AMEN.

(From *The Worship Sourcebook*, c. 2004)

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

Laudate Dominum
Olivia Black, Soprano

W.A. Mozart

(Translation; paraphrased from Psalm 117))

*Praise the Lord, all ye nations; Praise Him, all ye people.
For He has bestowed His mercy upon us,
And the truth of the Lord endures forever.*

*Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and forever,
and for generations of generations. Amen.*

PSALTER *Psalm 22:1-5*

SCRIPTURE READING *James 1:1-4*

***HYMN** *Have Thine Own Way, Lord*

SERMON THE WHOLE MAN REJOICES

***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

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSIVE PRAYER

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** *I Know Whom I Have Believed*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Fanfare in D Major*
Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens

**(Congregation standing, as able)*

How Firm a Foundation

God's solid foundation stands firm; The Lord knows those who are His. 2 Timothy 2:19

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
 2. "Fear not! I am with thee; O be not dismayed,
 3. "When through fiery trials thy path-way shall lie,
 4. "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose;

Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!
 For I am thy God and will still give thee aid.
 My grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply.
 I will not, I will not de - sert to his foes.

What more can He say than to you He hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 The flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

To you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 Up - held by My right - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 Thy dross to con - sume and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake!"

TEXT: Rippon's Selection of Hymns, 1787
 MUSIC: Traditional American melody; Caldwell's Union Harmony, 1837

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Psalm 22:1-5 (ESV)

My God, my God, why have You forsaken me? Why are You so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

O MY GOD, I CRY BY DAY, BUT YOU DO NOT ANSWER, AND BY NIGHT, BUT I FIND NO REST.

Yet You are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

IN YOU OUR FATHERS TRUSTED; THEY TRUSTED, AND YOU DELIVERED THEM.

To You they cried and were saved; in You they trusted and were not put to shame.

JAMES 1:1-4 (ESV)

James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,

To the twelve tribes in the Dispersion: Greetings.

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

We are the clay, You are the potter. Isaiah 64:8

1. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Thou art the
 2. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Search me and
 3. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Wound - ed and
 4. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Hold o'er my

Pot - ter; I am the clay. Mold me and make me af - ter Thy
 try me, Mas - ter, to - day. Whit - er than snow, Lord, wash me just
 wea - ry, help me, I pray. Pow - er - all pow - er - sure - ly is
 be - ing ab - so - lute sway! Fill with Thy Spir - it till all shall

will, While I am wait - ing, yield - ed and still.
 now, As in Thy pres - ence hum - bly I bow.
 Thine! Touch me and heal me, Sav - ior di - vine!
 see Christ on - ly, al - ways liv - ing in me!

TEXT: Adelaide A. Pollard
 MUSIC: George C. Stebbins

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RESPONSIVE PRAYER

(Adapted from "Midday Prayer," the Book of Common Worship)

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

FROM THE RISING OF THE SUN TO ITS SETTING, MY NAME IS GREAT
AMONG THE NATIONS, SAYS THE LORD OF HOSTS.

Praise the Lord.

THE NAME OF THE LORD BE PRAISED.

Let us pray: Eternal God, send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, to
direct and rule us according to Your will,

TO COMFORT US IN ALL OUR AFFLICTIONS, TO DEFEND US FROM ALL
ERROR, AND TO LEAD US INTO ALL TRUTH; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST
OUR LORD.

God, our Creator, You have given us work to do and call us to use
our talents and our treasure for the good of all, and especially toward
those who belong to the household of faith.

GUIDE US AS WE WORK, AND TEACH US TO LIVE IN THE SPIRIT WHO
MADE US YOUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS, IN THE LOVE THAT MADE US
BROTHERS AND SISTERS, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR REDEEMER.

Enable us, O God, to do all things as unto You;

THAT SMALL THINGS MAY BE FILLED WITH GREATNESS, AND GREAT
THINGS MAY BE CROWNED WITH HUMILITY; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST
OUR LORD.

Eternal God, Your hand shaped our lives by grace, and Your hand
rescued us from sin.

MAY YOUR HAND GUIDE US THROUGH EACH DAY, SHIELDING US FROM
ALL EVIL, STRENGTHENING US TO LOVE MERCY, DO JUSTICE AND WALK
HUMBLY WITH YOU, IN JESUS CHRIST OUR KING.

New every morning is Your love, great God of light, and all day long
You are working for good in the world.

STIR UP IN US THE DESIRE TO SERVE YOU, TO LIVE PEACEFULLY WITH
OUR NEIGHBORS, AND TO DEVOTE EACH MOMENT OF EACH DAY TO
YOUR SON, OUR SAVIOR, WHO TAUGHT US TO PRAY, "OUR FATHER ..."

(The Lord's Prayer; trespasses)

I Know Whom I Have Believed

I know whom I have believed. 2 Timothy 1:12

1. I know not why God's won-drous grace To me He hath made known;
2. I know not how this sav-ing faith To me He did im-part;
3. I know not how the Spir-it moves, Con-vinc-ing men of sin;
4. I know not when my Lord may come, At night or noon-day fair;

Nor why, un-wor-ty, Christ in love Re-deemed me for His own.
Nor how be-liev-ing in His Word Wro't peace with-in my heart.
Re-veal-ing Je-sus thro' the Word, Cre-at-ing faith in Him.
Nor if I'll walk the *vale with Him Or "meet Him in the air."

Refrain
But "I know Whom I have be-liev-ed And am per-suad-ed that He is a-ble

To keep that which I've com-mit-ted Un-to Him a-gainst that day."

*vale - Valley of Death

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TEXT: Daniel W. Whittle; based on 2 Timothy 1:12
MUSIC: James McGranahan

EL NATHAN
C.M. with Refrain

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. Also, the worship materials are available online (gccp.org) for those who may prefer to use personal electronic devices.
- There will be no Passing the Peace, nursery care, Children's Church 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) will 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." If you have difficulty navigating technology, just give us a call to let us know you're coming @ 737-1230.
- Again, this is uncharted territory for us, and has continued much longer than originally anticipated; THANK YOU for being graciously understanding as we continue to do our best to accommodate everyone, given our limitations.

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.

GREENWOOD COMMUNITY CHURCH, PRESBYTERIAN WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND September 27, 2020

WELCOME to all who are worshiping in our sanctuary today; welcome, too, to all worshiping with us online! As done these past twenty-five 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 one 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 Bill Taylor in honor of his parents' wedding anniversary, and by Antoinette and Michael Snyman in loving memory of Antoinette's father, Graham Kirk.

FROM THE MISSION COMMITTEE: If you would like to donate gifts for hurricane relief, please designate the memo line of your check or envelope "Hurricane Relief." Thank you for your ongoing support of your Mission Committee.

TODAY WE WELCOME MR. DERRICK LEITÃO to our pulpit while Pastor Clark is away. Originally from East Providence, Derrick studied at Pastor Clark's alma mater Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, PA and is currently a pastoral intern at the Presbyterian Church of Cape Cod, West Barnstable, MA. He is licensed to preach in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church denomination and is currently seeking and awaiting a pastoral call. He is married to Nicole, who also happens to be Olivia Black's cousin! Derrick and Nicole are the parents of 4 year old Josiah and almost-2 year old Luciana.

IN PERSON SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS TODAY 10:30-11:00 A.M. Pre-K and Kindergarten students will meet in the first floor Kindergarten classroom; Grades 1-5 will meet in the third floor Sunday School wing and Grades 6-12 will meet in the 29Eleven room on the first floor. To accommodate families who do not feel quite ready for face-face Sunday School, an online video version of the **Jesus Storybook Bible** lesson will be available each week on the Greenwood Community Church Sunday School Facebook page, taught by Lisa David; it may be viewed at any time during the week. A copy of the **Jesus Story Book Bible** will be made available for all Sunday School families to have at home. Also, **KING'S KIDS** and **29ELEVEN** have resumed their usual fall schedules.

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Olivia R. Black, "Choir"
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