

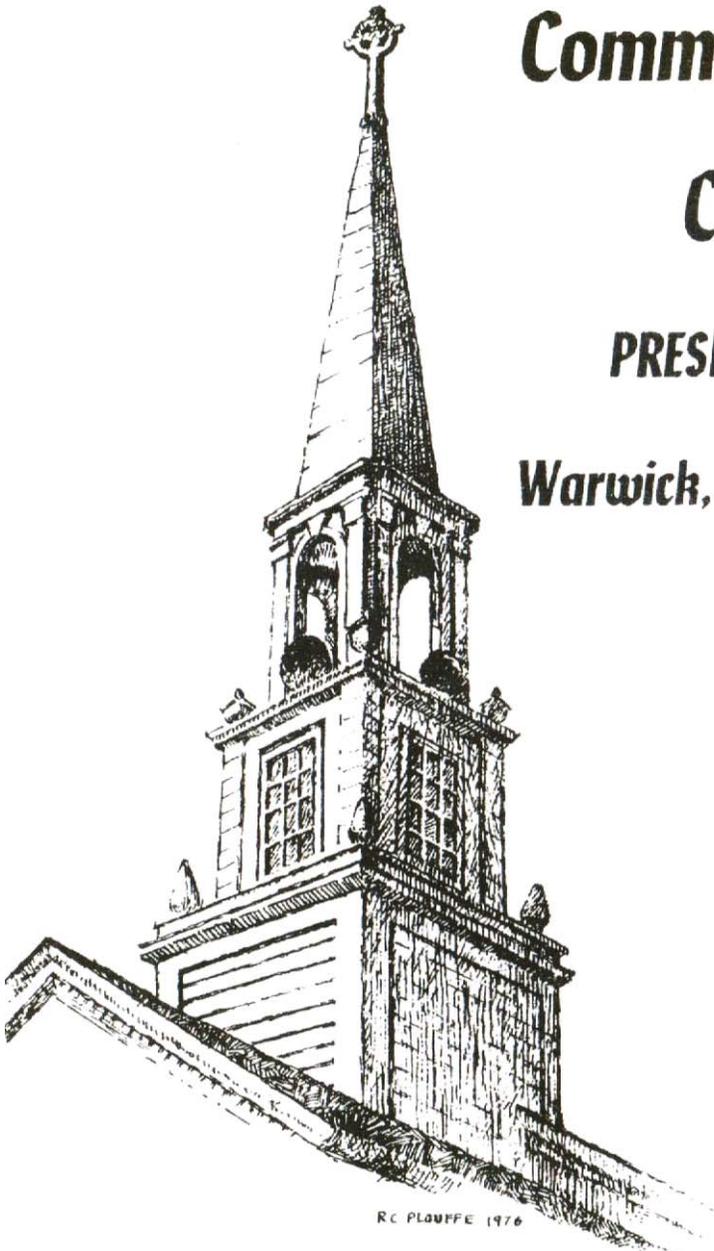
Greenwood

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 SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord be with you.

AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Lift up your hearts.

WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.

ALMIGHTY GOD, WHO HAS GIVEN YOUR ONLY SON TO DIE FOR US, AS WE ARE UNITED IN THE COMMUNION OF HIS MOST PRECIOUS BODY AND BLOOD, SO MAY WE BE CLEANSED FROM OUR SINS, AND STRENGTHENED TO FOLLOW HIM. MERCIFUL GOD, WHO HAS GIVEN US A NEW COMMANDMENT THAT WE SHOULD LOVE ONE ANOTHER, GIVE US GRACE THAT WE MAY FULFILL IT. HALLOW OUR LIVES, FOR THE SAKE OF HIM WHO LOVED US AND GAVE HIMSELF FOR US. SEND YOUR HOLY SPIRIT ON US AND THESE YOUR GIFTS OF BREAD AND WINE, THAT WE MAY KNOW CHRIST'S PRESENCE, REAL AND TRUE, AND BE GIVEN A FORETASTE OF THE HEAVENLY BANQUET IN YOUR ETERNAL KINGDOM. MAY WE RECEIVE BY FAITH CHRIST CRUCIFIED FOR US, AND SO FEED UPON HIM THAT HE MAY BE MADE ONE WITH US AND WE WITH HIM, AMEN.

The Words of Institution

The Communion

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

***HYMN**

Be Still My Soul

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Toccata

Charles Callahan

For All the Saints

We are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses. Hebrews 12:1

Unison

1. For all the saints who from their labors rest,
 2. Thou wast their Rock, their For-tress, and their Might;
 3. O may Thy sol-diers, faith-ful, true and bold,
 4. O blest com-mu-nion, fel-low-ship di-vine!
 5. But lo! there breaks a yet more glo-rious day:
 6. From earth's wide bounds, from o-cean's far-thest coast,

Who Thee by faith be-fore the world con-fessed, Thy
 Thou, Lord, their Cap-tain in the well-fought fight;
 Fight as the saints who no-bly fought of old, And
 We fee-bly strug-gle, they in glo-ry shine; Yet
 The saints tri-um-phant rise in bright ar-ray; The
 Through gates of pearl streams in the count-less host,

name, O Je-sus, be for-ev-er blest.
 Thou, in the dark-ness dread, their one true Light.
 win with them the vic-tor's crown of gold.
 all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
 King of Glo-ry pass-es on His way.
 Sing-ing to Fa-ther, Son and Ho-ly Ghost:

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

TEXT: William W. How
 MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams

SINE NOMINE
 10.10.10. with Alleluias

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ISAIAH 25:6-9 (NIV AND ESV)

On this mountain the Lord of Hosts will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine — the best of meats and the finest of wines. On this mountain He will swallow up the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations; He will swallow up death forever. The Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces; He will remove the disgrace of His people from all the earth. The LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day, “Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, that He might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for Him, let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation.”

REVELATION 21:1-8, 22:1-5 (NIV AND RSV)

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a great voice from the throne saying, “Behold! The dwelling of God is now among the people, and He will dwell with them. They shall be His people, and God Himself will be with them. And He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain, for the former things have passed away.”

He Who sat upon the throne said, “Behold, I make all things new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the fountain of the water of life. He who overcomes shall have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the vile, as for the murderers, fornicators, sorcerers, idolaters and all liars — their lot shall be in the lake that burns with fire and sulphur, which is the second death.”

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. There shall no more be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall worship Him;. They shall see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads. And night shall be no more; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they shall reign for ever and ever.

Children of the Heavenly Father

As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him. Ps. 103:13

1. Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther safe - ly
 2. God his own doth tend and nour - ish, in his
 3. Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the
 4. Praise the Lord in joy - ful num - bers, your Pro -

in his bo - som gath - er; nest - ling bird nor star in
 ho - ly courts they flour - ish; from all e - vil things he
 Lord his chil - dren sev - er; un - to them his grace he
 tec - tor nev - er slum - bers; at the will of your De -

heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
 show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
 fend - er ev - 'ry foe - man must sur - ren - der.

5. Though he giveth or he taketh,
 God his children ne'er forsaketh;
 his the loving purpose solely
 to preserve them pure and holy.
6. More secure is no one ever
 than the loved ones of the Savior;
 not yon star on high abiding
 nor the bird in home-nest hiding.

Carolina V. Sandell Berg, ca. 1855
 Tr. by Ernst W. Olson, 1925

TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA L.M.
 Traditional Swedish melody

Be Still, My Soul

Be still, and know that I am God. Psa. 46:10

FINLANDIA 10 10 10 10 10 10

Jean Sibelius, 1899

Arr. for *The Hymnal*, 1933

Katharina A. von Schlegel, 1752
 Trans. by Jane L. Borthwick, 1855

1. Be still, my soul! the Lord is on thy side; Bear pa - tient - ly the
 2. Be still, my soul! thy God doth un - der - take To guide the fu - ture
 3. Be still, my soul! the hour is has - t'ning on When we shall be for -

cross of grief or pain; Leave to thy God to or - der and pro - vide;
 as He has the past. Thy hope, thy con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;
 ev - er with the Lord, When dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,

In ev - ery change He faith - ful will re - main. Be still, my soul! thy
 All now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul! the
 Sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored. Be still, my soul! when

best, thy heav'n - ly Friend Thro' thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
 waves and winds still know His voice who ruled them while He dwelt be - low.
 change and tears are past, All safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

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November 1, 2020

WELCOME to all who are worshiping in our sanctuary today; welcome, too, to all worshiping with us online! As done these past thirty-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 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 Sandra Olson in loving memory of her husband, Kenneth.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS NEEDED MORE THAN EVER. Thank you for your continued support of **WEST BAY MARKETPLACE'S FOOD PANTRY.** Please consider donating/contributing non-perishable items such as tuna, peanut butter, pasta, canned soups & vegetables; leave donation(s) in the narthex. If you would prefer not to come to the church building, please call elder **Wayne Meunier** (738-0480), and he will come to your home to pick up your donation(s). Thank you!

IN PERSON SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTINUES 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 those not quite ready for in-person Sunday School, an online version of the **Jesus Storybook Bible** lesson is available on **GREENWOOD CHURCH'S SUNDAY SCHOOL FACEBOOK** page (taught by Lisa David); it may be viewed at any time during the week.

Our OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD COLLECTION IS THIS MONTH! Please take a box and a "girl" or "boy" tag (located in Fellowship Hall) and return it by November 11; directions can be found on the brochure. For additional information, contact Director of Family Ministries Virginia Jacobs. Thank you!

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Matthew S. Majeika, Camera and Technical Master

Olivia R. Black, "Choir"

Wayne A. Meunier, Lector



The Presbyterian Women are requesting donations of new, unwrapped toys on Saturday, December 5th between 10am - 4pm, drive-thru style at the front drive of Greenwood Community Church. All age toys are accepted and will be taken to local neighborhood agencies to support the families in our community!
Thank you for your generous support!



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The Rev. Dr. Stephen L. Clark, Pastor

October 30, 2020

Dear Members and Friends,

A special executive meeting of the Session was held **Wednesday, October 25**, to address concerns of member(s) expressed in correspondence received by the Clerk regarding our observances of pandemic protocol. For some there has been a perceived laxity in our conscientious observance of these protocol standards during worship, particularly in the areas of masking and social distancing, which has discouraged them from attending. They believe strongly our current practices are not providing a safe environment for worship. Following an hour of spirited conversation, loving (*albeit at-times intense!*) debate, brainstorming and deliberation,* the following motion was unanimously approved:

It was moved, seconded, discussed and approved that we maintain our current policy for worship, and work to enforce it better by [doing such things as] clearly marking the pews to show where people may sit, adding clear signage/information explaining our policies, using the ushers effectively to assist seating people in accordance with social distancing guidelines. All who are able will be asked to wear masks whenever moving about the church and when singing (this does not apply to those in the chancel who are more than fourteen feet from their nearest neighbor). Masks may be removed when sitting during the service as long as six feet of distancing is observed. [*Ed. note - In short, we will endeavor to reiterate, observe, encourage and augment our present policies in accordance with CDC and Phase III protocols. -- slc*]

To clarify, as our present standards expressed in the **RESUMPTION OF IN-PERSON WORSHIP** (*mailed to all last May, and since posted on our website and also published weekly in slightly edited form in the printed bulletin*) are in compliance with federal [CDC Guidelines for Communities of Faith](#) as well as the Rhode Island governor's [Phase III Guidelines for Religious and Faith-based Organizations](#) (*copies of all are attached, along with Governor Raimondo's Executive Order 20-30*), it was decided to maintain, encourage, promote and consistently clarify these standards. A few other important clarifications:

- The pews are now much more visibly marked and measured to ensure a social distancing of six feet between non-family members. Your cooperation with these seating boundaries will be most appreciated.
- The sixth point listed under the **PHASE III GUIDANCE FOR ALL RELIGIOUS & FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS** states: "*Face coverings are required in accordance with Executive Order 20-30.*" The pertinent portion of Executive Order 20-30 reads: "*Any person who is in a place open to the public, whether indoors or outdoors, shall cover their [sic] mouth and nose with a mask or cloth face covering unless doing so would damage the person's health. No person under two years of age or any person whose health would be damaged thereby shall be required to wear a face covering. Face coverings are not required for people who can easily, continuously, and measurably maintain at least six (6) feet of distance from other people. Face coverings shall also not be required of those who are developmentally unable to comply, including young children who may not be able to effectively wear a mask.*" As our extant policy states (*in accordance with this Executive Order*), mask wearing is strongly encouraged, but not mandated. However, if you are unable to and/or choose not to wear a mask, **Session does request you maintain at ALL times six feet of social distance from all non-family individuals** before, during and after worship. Also, Session requests all others to maintain six feet of social distance from any who are unmasked.
- Also (*and this is NEW to our protocol*), as Phase III guidelines require a safe minimum of fourteen feet between unmasked singers, Session requires **all to wear masks during congregational singing in the pews** (*in deference to your worshipping pew "neighbors"*). If you are **not** wearing a mask, we kindly request you **do not sing**.
- Finally, **I WANT TO REITERATE WE NEED YOU TO SIGN UP/REGISTER IN ORDER TO HELP MAKE THIS WORK**. Because of social distancing measures, we will have limited seating available (*less than seventy in our sanctuary*) and therefore request you to please sign up in advance if you plan to attend. Go to our website, www.gccp.org, and click on the heading subcategory on the home page "**RSVP for Worship**." (*If you have difficulty navigating technology, give the church a telephone call to let us know you're coming; leave your name, number attending, and a number we can call to confirm.*)
- We continue to include a video feed option in Fellowship Hall, the 29Eleven room and (if needed) in the parlor.

Blessings and best regards,

* *The following gracious note was received by all Session members from one elder I'll let remain anonymous:* "Thank you all for your input to our discussions at the special session meeting held last night. The matter before us was contentious and possibly dividing, but that didn't happen. Instead, people displayed their concerns in a thoughtful manner and came to a consensus decision. It was heartening to see that the group focused on the "good for all" decision(s) of getting our congregation back into the sanctuary in the safest possible manner. Although I also have underlying health conditions that put me at risk, I must show trust in my fellow congregants to have my welfare at heart and will attend church services in person soon. We cannot fail in this mission. It is imperative that we can say that we are doing all that we know, despite what we don't know, to keep the members of our church safe from harm and believe in the Lord to do the rest. I trust that we will stand by our decisions to maintain a safe and healthy church service and to keep our congregation safe. Thank you all again."