

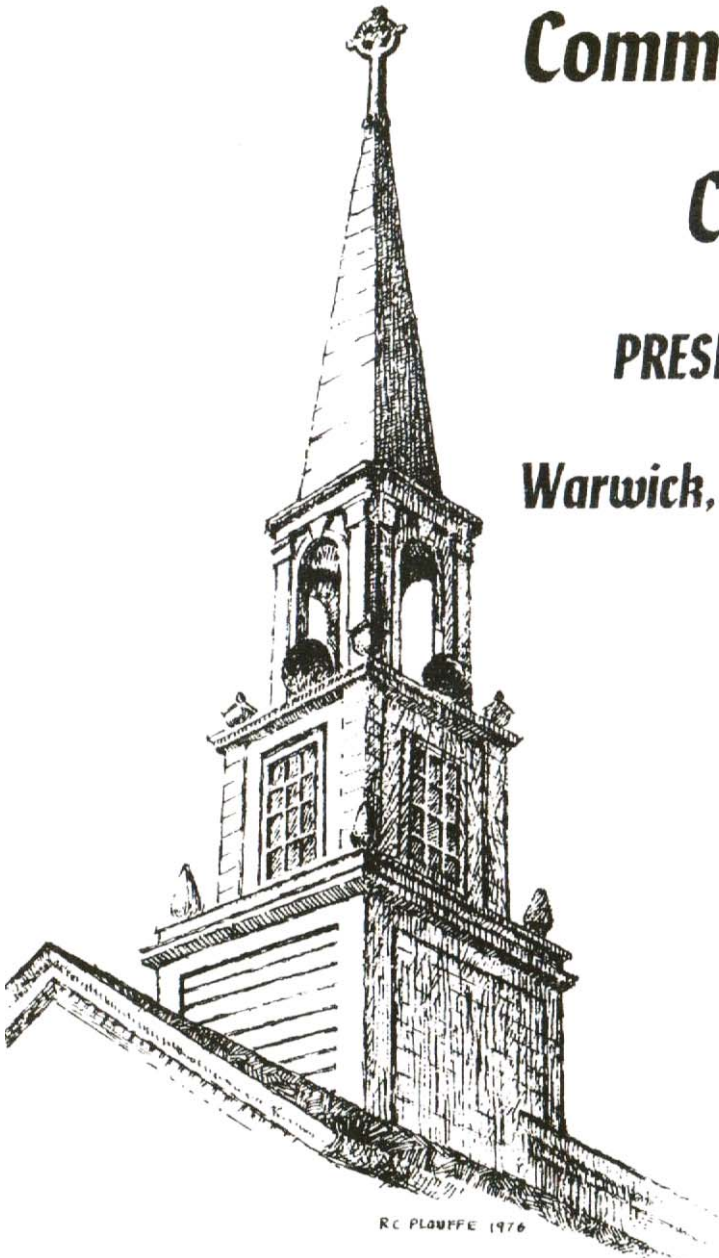
Greenwood

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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REFORMATION SUNDAY
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY
Morning Worship - 9:30 a. m.
October 25, 2020

Almighty God, Who through the preaching of Thy servants, the blessed Reformers, hast caused the light of the Gospel to shine forth: Grant, we beseech Thee, that, knowing its saving power, we may faithfully guard and defend the Gospel against all enemies, and joyfully proclaim it, to the salvation of souls and the glory of Thy holy Name; through Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end, Amen.

From the Lutheran Service Book for Reformation Sunday

PRELUDE	<i>Prelude on Ein Feste Burg</i>	<i>Michael Praetorius</i>
	<i>John Black, Organ</i>	
	<i>I Need Thee Every Hour</i>	<i>arr. Stan Pethel</i>
	<i>Alexandra Nichols, Violin</i>	

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*from Psalm 18:1-2*)

We love you, O Lord, our strength.

THE LORD IS OUR ROCK, IN WHOM WE TAKE REFUGE. HE IS OUR SHIELD AND THE HORN OF OUR SALVATION, OUR STRONGHOLD.

***PRAYER OF ADORATION** (*a prayer of Martin Luther, in unison*)

LORD GOD, WE KNOW THAT WE ARE DEAR CHILDREN OF YOURS AND THAT YOU ARE OUR BELOVED FATHER, NOT BECAUSE WE DESERVE IT, NOR COULD EVER MERIT IT, BUT BECAUSE OUR DEAR LORD, YOUR ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, JESUS CHRIST, WILLS TO BE OUR BROTHER, AND OF HIS OWN ACCORD OFFERS AND MAKES THIS BLESSING KNOWN TO US. SINCE WE MAY CONSIDER OURSELVES HIS BROTHERS AND SISTERS AND HE REGARDS US AS SUCH, YOU PERMIT US TO BECOME AND REMAIN YOUR CHILDREN FOREVER; SO WE, YOUR CHILDREN, WORSHIP YOU, IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD, AMEN.

***HYMN** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*a prayer of Martin Luther, in unison*)

BEHOLD, LORD, AN EMPTY VESSEL THAT NEEDS TO BE FILLED. MY LORD, FILL IT. I AM WEAK IN FAITH; STRENGTHEN ME. I AM COLD IN LOVE; WARM ME AND MAKE ME FERVENT, THAT MY LOVE MAY GO OUT TO MY NEIGHBOR. I DO NOT HAVE A STRONG AND FIRM FAITH; AT TIMES I DOUBT AND AM UNABLE TO TRUST YOU ALTOGETHER. O LORD, HELP ME. STRENGTHEN MY FAITH AND TRUST IN YOU. IN YOU I HAVE SEALED THE TREASURE OF ALL I HAVE. I AM POOR; YOU ARE RICH AND CAME TO BE MERCIFUL TO THE POOR. I AM A SINNER; YOU ARE UPRIGHT. WITH ME, THERE IS AN ABUNDANCE OF SIN; IN YOU IS THE FULLNESS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS. THEREFORE I WILL REMAIN WITH YOU, OF WHOM I CAN RECEIVE, BUT TO WHOM I MAY NOT GIVE. AMEN.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI**

SPECIAL MUSIC	<i>Share His Love</i>	<i>William J. Reynolds</i>
	<i>Beth Fish, Soloist</i>	

PSALTER *Psalm 31:1-4*

SCRIPTURE READING *Deuteronomy 30:11-20; 34:1-6*

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN / PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

***HYMN** *Wonderful Words of Life*

MEDITATION BY THE MOUTH OF GOD

COMMISSIONING OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TEACHERS

(Adapted from The Worshipbook, "Order for the Public Worship of God," pp. 100-101)

Those appointed to teach will stand as the following Scriptures are read:

"Hear O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. And these words which I command you this day shall be upon your heart; and you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise." (*Deuteronomy 6:4-7*)

"Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations; baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the close of the age." (*Matthew 28:19-20*)

In unison, the congregation shall respond (adapted from Psalm 78:3-7)

"WHAT WE HAVE HEARD AND KNOWN FOR OURSELVES AND WHAT OUR ANCESTORS HAVE TOLD US MUST NOT BE WITHHELD FROM THEIR DESCENDANTS, BUT BE HANDED ON BY US TO THE NEXT GENERATION; THESE IN THEIR TURN WILL TELL THEIR OWN CHILDREN SO THAT THEY, TOO, MAY PUT THEIR CONFIDENCE IN GOD, REMEMBER THE WORKS OF GOD, AND KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD."

The Pastor will address the teachers, saying:

You have been called by our Lord Jesus Christ to a special work and ministry. As teachers of the Word of Truth, you will announce God's good law to each new generation, and tell of Jesus Christ, so others may know Him, love Him, and live His truth in the world."

Do you trust Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord, and through Him believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit?" (*"We do."*)

Will you study the Scriptures and the confessions of the church, so that with intelligence, imagination and love you may call men and women, boys and girls to faith in Jesus Christ and train them as His disciples?" (*"We will."*)

The congregation shall stand, and the Pastor will address them, saying:

Our Lord ordered His church to teach those who are baptized. Do you, the people of the church, promise to prayerfully support and encourage these men and women as they teach the good news of the Gospel, helping their students know all that Christ commands?" (*We do.*)

All shall join in this Affirmation of Faith taken from the Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 38:

"What does God require in the fourth commandment?"

FIRST, THAT THE MINISTRY OF THE GOSPEL AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BE MAINTAINED, AND THAT I DILIGENTLY ATTEND CHURCH, ESPECIALLY ON THE LORD'S DAY, TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD, TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HOLY SACRAMENTS, TO CALL PUBLICLY UPON THE LORD, AND TO GIVE CHRISTIAN SERVICE TO THOSE IN NEED. SECOND, THAT I CEASE FROM MY EVIL WORKS ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE, ALLOW THE LORD TO WORK IN ME THROUGH HIS SPIRIT, AND THUS BEGIN IN THIS LIFE THE ETERNAL SABBATH.

The Pastor will address the teachers, saying:

By the authority of the session of the Greenwood Community Church, Presbyterian, you are now commissioned to teach in the church. Be energetic, be diligent, be honorable, and most of all, be faithful to Christ our Lord and His church as you carry out the work of this ministry!

The congregation shall pray in unison for the teachers, saying:

ALMIGHTY GOD: IN EVERY AGE YOU HAVE APPOINTED TEACHERS TO TELL OF YOUR POWER, GOODNESS AND LOVE. WE THANK YOU FOR THESE WHO WILL TEACH OTHERS YOUR WAYS. BY THE POWER OF YOUR HOLY SPIRIT, GRANT UNTO THEM SPECIAL GIFTS TO DO THEIR SPECIAL WORK. MAY THEY BE FAITHFUL VESSELS OF YOUR SON OUR LORD, MAY THEY SPEAK HIS TRUTH TO THOSE ENTRUSTED TO THEIR CARE, AND MAY THEY BE EMPOWERED AND EQUIPPED TO LIVE THE LIFE OF FAITH, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD, WHO TAUGHT US TO PRAY,

"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."

OFFERING

**Doxology*

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**Prayer of Dedication*

***HYMN**

Take My Life and Let It Be

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Fugue on Ein Feste Burg J. Gottfried Walther

**(the people standing, as able)*

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Psalm 46:7

1. A might-y for-tress is our God, A bul-wark nev-er fail-ing;
 2. Did we in our own strength con-fide, Our striv-ing would be los-ing,
 3. And tho' this world, with dev-ils filled, Should threat-en to un-do us,
 4. That word a-bove all earth-ly pow'rs, No thanks to them, a-bid-eth;

Our help-er He a-mid the flood Of mor-tal ills pre-vail-ing.
 Were not the right man on our side, The man of God's own choos-ing.
 We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to tri-umph thro' us.
 The Spir-it and the gifts are ours Thro' Him who with us sid-eth.

For still our an-cient foe Doth seek to work us woe- His craft and pow'r are
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je-sus, it is He- Lord Sab-a-oth His
 The prince of dark-ness grim, We trem-ble not for him- His rage we can en-
 Let goods and kin-dred go, This mor-tal life al-so- The bod-y they may

great, And armed with cru-el hate, On earth is not his e-qual.
 name, From age to age the same, And He must win the bat-tle.
 dure, For lo, his doom is sure: One lit-tle word shall fell him.
 kill; God's truth a-bid-eth still: His king-dom is for-ev-er.

TEXT: Martin Luther; translated by Frederick H. Hedge; based on Psalm 46
 MUSIC: Martin Luther

EIN' FESTE BURG
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PSALM 31:1-4 (NIV AND RSV)

In You, O LORD, do I seek refuge; let me never be put to shame; in Your righteousness, deliver me!

INCLINE YOUR EAR TO ME, COME QUICKLY TO MY RESCUE; BE A ROCK OF REFUGE FOR ME, A STRONG FORTRESS TO SAVE ME.

Since You are my rock and my fortress, for Your name's sake lead me and guide me.

KEEP ME FREE FROM THE TRAP THAT IS SET FOR ME, FOR YOU ARE MY REFUGE.

DEUTERONOMY 30:11-20; 34:1-8

For this commandment which I command you this day is not too hard for you, neither is it beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, that you have to ask, 'Who will go up for us to heaven, and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?' Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will go over the sea for us, and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?' No, the word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it.

"See, I have set before you this day life and good, death and evil. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you this day, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in His ways, and by keeping His commandments and His statutes and His ordinances, then you will live and increase, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land which you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away, and you are not obedient, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, I declare to you this day, that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land which you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse; therefore choose life, that you and your children may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying His voice, and cleaving to Him; for that means life to you and length of days, that you may dwell in the land which the Lord swore to give to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

And Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho. And the Lord showed him all the land, Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the western sea, the Negev, and the Plain, that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar. And the LORD said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, 'I will give it to your descendants.' I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over there." So Moses the servant of the Lord died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the Lord, and He buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth Peor; but to this day no one knows the place of his burial.

Wonderful Words of Life

The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. John 6:63

1. Sing them o - ver a - gain to me, Won - der - ful words of Life;
 2. Christ, the bless - ed One, gives to all Won - der - ful words of Life;
 3. Sweet - ly ech - o the gos - pel call, Won - der - ful words of Life;

Let me more of their beau - ty see, Won - der - ful words of Life.
 Sin - ner, list to the lov - ing call, Won - der - ful words of Life.
 Of - fer par - don and peace to all, Won - der - ful words of Life.

Words of life and beau - ty, Teach me faith and du - ty.
 All so free - ly giv - en, Woo - ing us to heav - en -
 Je - sus, on - ly Sav - ior, Sanc - ti - fy for - ev - er.

Refrain
 Beau - ti - ful words, won - der - ful words, Won - der - ful words of Life.

Beau - ti - ful words, won - der - ful words, Won - der - ful words of Life.

TEXT: Philip P. Bliss
 MUSIC: Philip P. Bliss

WORDS OF LIFE
 8.6.8.6.6.6. with Refrain

Take My Life and Let It Be

Consecrate yourselves and be holy, because I am holy. Leviticus 11:44

1. Take my life and let it be Con - se - crat - ed,
 2. Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse
 3. Take my voice and let me sing Al - ways, on - ly,
 4. Take my sil - ver and my gold - Not a mite would
 5. Take my love - my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its
 6. Take my will and make it Thine - It shall be no

Lord, to Thee; Take my mo - ments and my days - Let them
 of Thy love; Take my feet and let them be Swift and
 for my King; Take my lips and let them be Filled with
 I with - hold; Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - ery
 trea - sure store; Take my - self - and I will be Ev - er,
 long - er mine; Take my heart - it is Thine own, It shall

flow in cease - less praise, Let them flow in cease - less praise.
 beau - ti - ful for Thee, Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.
 mes - sag - es from Thee, Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.
 pow'r as Thou shalt choose, Ev - ery pow'r as Thou shalt choose.
 on - ly, all for Thee, Ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee.
 be Thy roy - al throne, It shall be Thy roy - al throne.

TEXT: Frances Ridley Havergal
 MUSIC: Henry A. César Malan; Last stanza setting, Descant and Choral ending by O. D. Hall, Jr.

HENDON
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**GREENWOOD COMMUNITY CHURCH, PRESBYTERIAN
WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND
October 25, 2020**

WELCOME to all who are worshipping in our sanctuary today; welcome, too, to all worshipping with us online! As done these past thirty 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 Joan Sandra McKnight in loving memory of Peter McKnight, and by Bob and Karen Hocking in loving memory of their son, David Hocking.

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!

"BLANKET SUNDAY" OFFERING: You may find donation envelopes in the pews through the month of October regarding this annual drive of our Presbyterian Women. We hope you will continue to help Church World Service provide comfort and support to children and families all over the world.

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 official CDC Guidelines for Houses of Worship, 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.
- Pews are marked to leave a social distance on either side of people from different households; ushers are prepared to guide you in seating.
- The hymnals and pew Bibles need not be used; all worship materials are in the bulletins and are also available online (gccp.org) for personal electronic devices.
- There will be no Passing the Peace, nursery care, Children's Church or coffee hour until further notice.
- Offering plates will not be passed, but placed in by entrances for people to leave tithes and offerings. Online giving is also encouraged.
- Again, this is uncharted territory, and has continued much longer than originally anticipated; THANK YOU for being graciously understanding as we continue to do our best to accommodate all, given our limitations.

2020-2021* CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TEACHERS

*This is the current structure and teaching roster for the Sunday School and youth ministries as conducted under the Covid-19 restrictions of this most unusual year. **Thank you** to all our volunteers, including substitutes and others who stand ready to assist; we appreciate each of you!

Sunday School Co-Superintendents

Joann Rudolph & Kristine Swanson

Pre-K and Kindergarten Class

Cheryl Bowser
Claudette Pailin
Olivia Black

Middle School and High School

Matthew Majeika
Corrie Majeika
Cynthia Pisano

Grades 1 - 5

Alexis Cobb
Vera Koldyk
Kristine Swanson

Online General Instructor (all ages)

Lisa David

Adult Education

Kevin Golde

29Eleven Youth Ministry Leaders

Matthew Majeika, Karen Lockhart,
Corrie Majeika, Cynthia Pisano
(Jr. Leader – Alex Petrucci)

King's Kids Leaders

Virginia Jacobs, Sherry Phillips
Cynthia Pisano

Students Receiving Bibles Today

Sophia Curran
Akeelah David



Juliette Majeika
Katherine Hebert

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.