

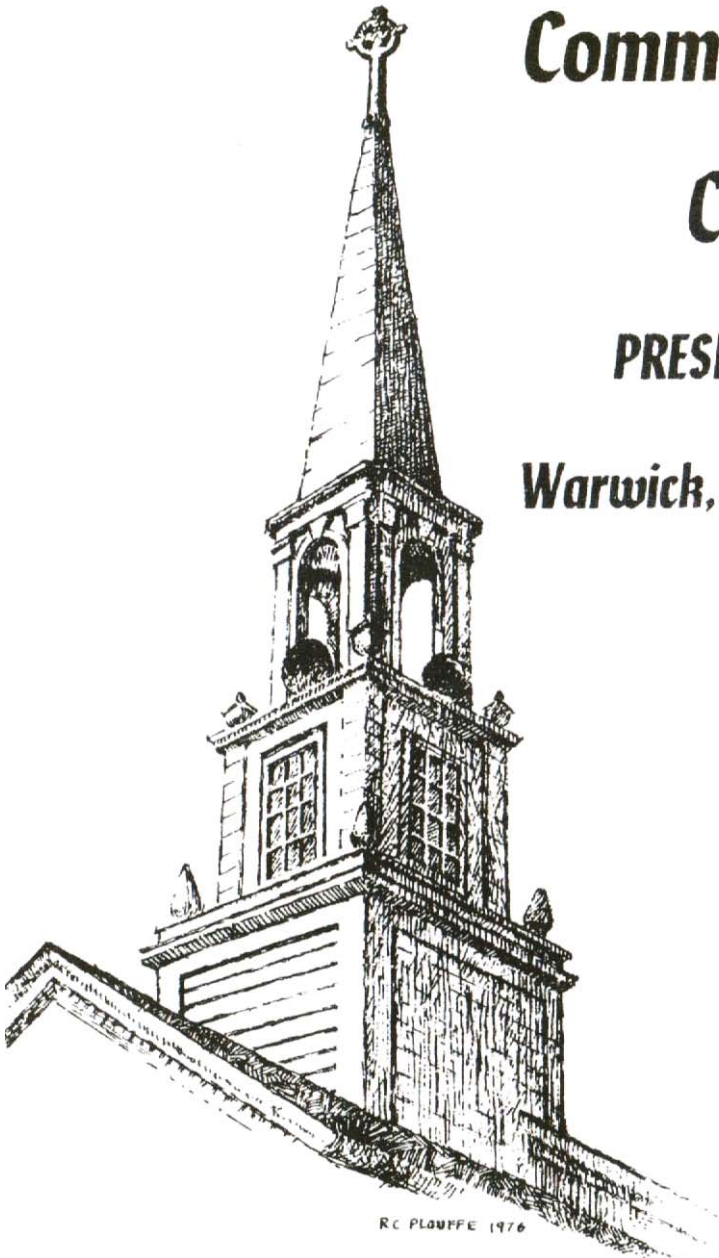
Greenwood

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 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Morning Worship – 9:30 a.m.

January 31, 2021

Silent prayer in preparation for worship:

*We love Thee, O God, and we desire to love Thee more and more.
Grant that we may love Thee as much as we ought. Let Christ dwell in our
hearts, so to keep watch over our lips, our steps, and our deeds. In love for
Thee, give us love, sweetest of all gifts, which knows no enemy. Most
loving Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, let our hearts, frozen in sin, cold to
thee and cold to others, be warmed by Thy divine and cleansing fire.
So help and bless us in Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.*

A prayer of Anselm of Canterbury, 1033-1109

PRELUDE	<i>Theme and Variations</i>	<i>Felix Mendelssohn</i>
	<i>John Black, Organ</i>	
	<i>My Jesus, I Love Thee</i>	<i>arr. Mary MacDonald</i>
	<i>Alexandra Nichols, Piano</i>	

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

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

***+HYMN** *Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him*

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

GIVE ME, O LORD, A STEADFAST HEART WHICH NO UNWORTHY AFFECTION
MAY DRAG DOWNWARDS. FORGIVE MY SINS AND CLEANSE ME. SO
STRENGTHENED, GIVE ME AN UNCONQUERED HEART WHICH NO TRIBULATION
CAN WEAR OUT. GIVE ME AN UPRIGHT HEART WHICH NO UNWORTHY PURPOSE
MAY TEMPT ASIDE. BESTOW ON ME ALSO, O LORD MY GOD, UNDERSTANDING
TO KNOW THEE, DILIGENCE TO SEEK THEE, WISDOM TO FIND THEE, AND A
FAITHFULNESS TO EMBRACE THEE; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD,
AMEN. *A prayer of Thomas Aquinas, 1225-1274*

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 *I'm Trying to Be Like Jesus* Janice Kapp Perry
Stephen Parkinson, Baritone

PSALTER *Psalm 111*

SCRIPTURE READINGS *I Corinthians 8*
I John 4:7-12

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

***HYMN** *More About Jesus Would I Know*

SERMON [KNOW GREATER LOVE](#)

***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*

*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*

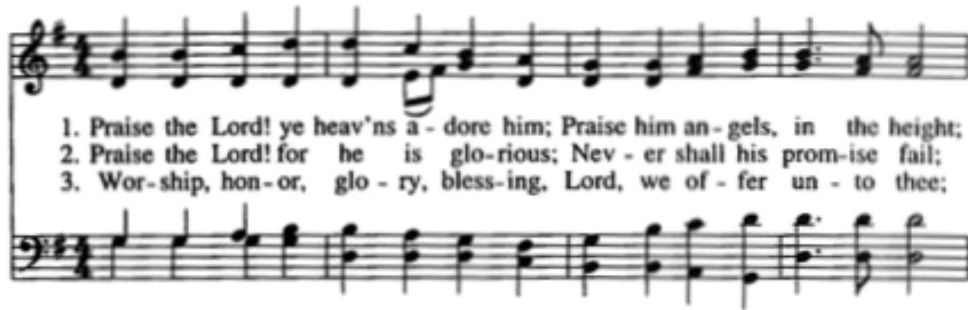
***HYMN** *Be Thou My Vision*

***BENEDICTION**

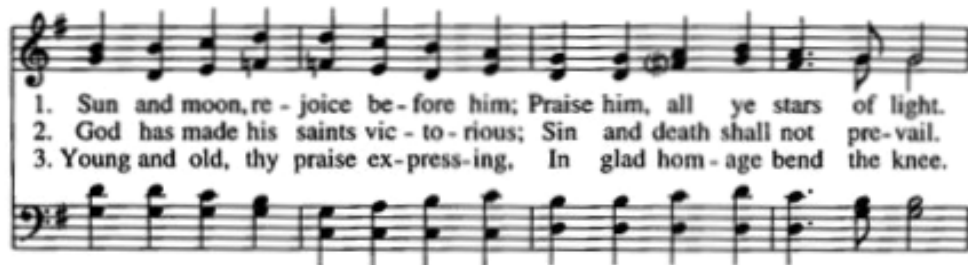
POSTLUDE *Trumpet Tune* *Marc-Antoine Charpentier*

**(the people standing, as able)*

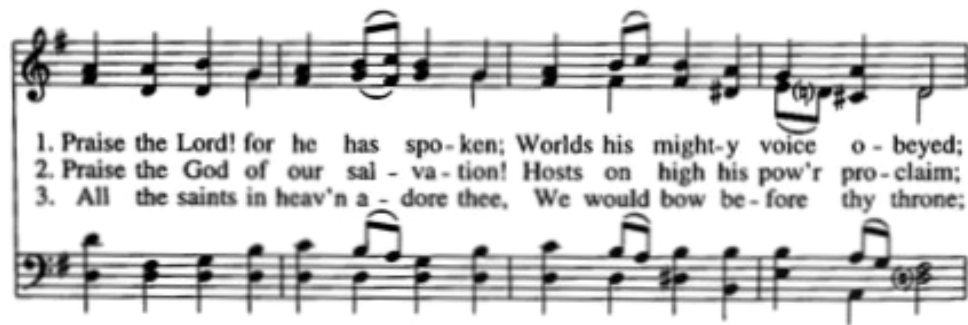
PRAISE THE LORD, YE HEAVENS



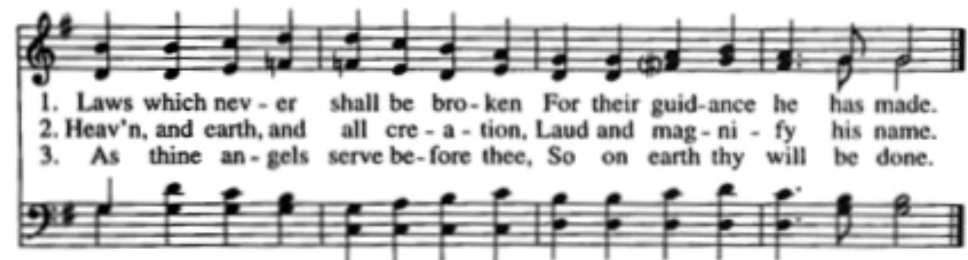
1. Praise the Lord! ye heav'ns a - dore him; Praise him an - gels, in the height;
2. Praise the Lord! for he is glo - rious; Nev - er shall his prom - ise fail;
3. Wor - ship, hon - or, glo - ry, bless - ing, Lord, we of - fer un - to thee;



1. Sun and moon, re - joi - ce be - fore him; Praise him, all ye stars of light.
2. God has made his saints vic - to - rious; Sin and death shall not pre - vail.
3. Young and old, thy praise ex - press - ing, In glad hom - age bend the knee.



1. Praise the Lord! for he has spo - ken; Worlds his might - y voice o - beyed;
2. Praise the God of our sal - va - tion! Hosts on high his pow'r pro - claim;
3. All the saints in heav'n a - dore thee, We would bow be - fore thy throne;



1. Laws which nev - er shall be bro - ken For their guid - ance he has made.
2. Heav'n, and earth, and all cre - a - tion, Laud and mag - ni - fy his name.
3. As thine an - gels serve be - fore thee, So on earth thy will be done.

Text: 87 87 D; based on Psalm 148, verses 1, 2, *Psalms, Hymns, and Anthems of the Foundling Hospital*, 1796, verse 3, Edward Osler, 1798-1863.

Music: HYMN TO JOY; Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827; adapt. by Edward Hodges, 1796-1867.

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Psalm 111

Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

GREAT ARE THE WORKS OF THE LORD, STUDIED BY ALL WHO DELIGHT IN THEM.

Full of splendor and majesty is His work; His righteousness endures forever.

HE HAS CAUSED HIS WONDROUS WORKS TO BE REMEMBERED; THE LORD IS GRACIOUS AND MERCIFUL.

He provides food to those who fear Him; He remembers His covenant forever.

HE HAS SHOWN HIS PEOPLE THE POWER OF HIS WORKS, IN GIVING THEM THE HERITAGE OF THE NATIONS.

The works of His hands are faithful and just; all His precepts are trustworthy;

THEY ARE ESTABLISHED FOREVER AND EVER, TO BE PERFORMED WITH FAITHFULNESS AND UPRIGHTNESS.

He sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever. Holy and awesome is His name!

THE FEAR OF THE LORD IS THE BEGINNING OF WISDOM; ALL THOSE WHO PRACTICE IT HAVE A GOOD UNDERSTANDING. HIS PRAISE ENDURES FOREVER!

I CORINTHIANS 8

Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." This "knowledge" puffs up, but love builds up. If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "an idol has no real existence," and that "there is no God but one." For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth — as indeed there are many "gods" and many "lords" — yet for us there is one God, the Father, from Whom are all things and for Whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through Whom are all things and through Whom we exist.

However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if anyone sees you who have knowledge reclining at table in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if such food is a cause of my brother's falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall.

I JOHN 4:7-12

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and His love is perfected in us.

More About Jesus

Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. 2 Peter 3:18

1. More a-bout Je - sus would I know, More of His grace to oth - ers show;
 2. More a-bout Je - sus let me learn, More of His ho - ly will dis - cern;
 3. More a-bout Je - sus in His Word, Hold - ing com - mu - nion with my Lord;
 4. More a-bout Je - sus on His throne, Rich - es in glo - ry all His own;

More of His sav - ing full - ness see, More of His love who died for me.
 Spir - it of God, my teach - er be, Show - ing the things of Christ to me.
 Hear - ing His voice in ev - ery line, Mak - ing each faith - ful say - ing mine.
 More of His king - dom's sure in - crease; More of His com - ing, Prince of Peace.

More, more a - bout Je - sus; More, more a - bout Je - sus;

More of His sav - ing full - ness see, More of His love who died for me.

Be Thou My Vision

What things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Phil. 3:7

Irish hymn, c. 8th century
 Trans. by Mary E. Byrne, 1905
 Versified by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912

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 Traditional Irish melody
 Arr. by Donald P. Hustad, 1973

Unison

1. Be Thou my Vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2. Be Thou my Wis - dom, and Thou my true Word;
 3. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise,
 4. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art—
 I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
 Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 May I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 Thou my great Fa - ther, I Thy true son;
 Thou and Thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

Wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.
 Thou in me dwell - ing, and I with Thee one.
 High King of heav - en, my Treas - ure Thou art.
 Still be my Vi - sion, O Rul - er of all. A - men.

**GREENWOOD COMMUNITY CHURCH, PRESBYTERIAN
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January 31, 2021**

WELCOME to all who are worshiping in our sanctuary today; welcome, too, to all worshiping with us online! As done the past forty-four 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 Mary Lou Meunier in loving memory of her mother, Emily Rounds.

THE 2021 FLOWER CALENDAR is now available in the church office, instead of Fellowship Hall, in light of the current health restrictions. **Please call (737-1230) to sign up for dates** to honor a loved one, mark a special occasion, or commemorate the memory of a dearly departed relative or friend and, in doing so, help beautify our sanctuary for worship. The cost is **\$15** per bouquet.

Your **2020 ANNUAL STATEMENTS** are available for pickup in Fellowship Hall.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S "GIFTS OF THE HEART" – During February and March we will hold our annual collection for the **"Gifts of the Heart"** kits. A donation box is on the Fellowship Hall stage. Thank you for your continued support of this project! **Items needed:** 15"x28" hand towels, wash cloths, wide tooth combs, nail clippers, (wrapped) bars of soap, (boxed) toothbrushes.

WORSHIP CANCELLATION NOTIFICATION: For up to date information regarding the potential cancellation of church activities during inclement weather, please log on to www.wpri.com or www.turnto10.com, tune in to the corresponding TV stations, look us up on **Face Book** (Greenwood Community Church, Presbyterian) ... and/or call the church office answering machine.

HELP US KEEP UP TO DATE! On the back is the **INFORMATION UPDATE FORM** posted the past few issues of the **Fishermen's News**; Please help us update our records (and also enhance our communications) with your current (and accurate!) email addresses, home phone and/or cell phone numbers, birthdates, name changes, anniversaries, etc. On a related note, a February issue of **Fishermen's News** will be coming a bit late (*including the February Birthday list*); in the meantime, our current records indicate the following members and friends are marking birthdays this coming week: *Sherry Phillips (2/1), Donald Baker (2/2), Abigail Porcaro (2/4), Pat Charpentier and Darlene Manson (2/5)*

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.

Please help to keep our records up to date by completing this form with current information; change of address, email, home phone number, cell number, etc. Also, if you have noticed on our birthday calendar in **Fishermen's News** that information is missing and/or incorrect, please include that information as well. Thank you.

Name _____ Last _____ First _____ Middle _____ (Maiden) _____

Street/Apt Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____

E-mail Address _____

Birth Date / Place of Birth _____

Wedding anniversary / Place of Marriage (if applicable) _____

You may drop this in the offering plate or leave in / mail to the church office. Thank you!