

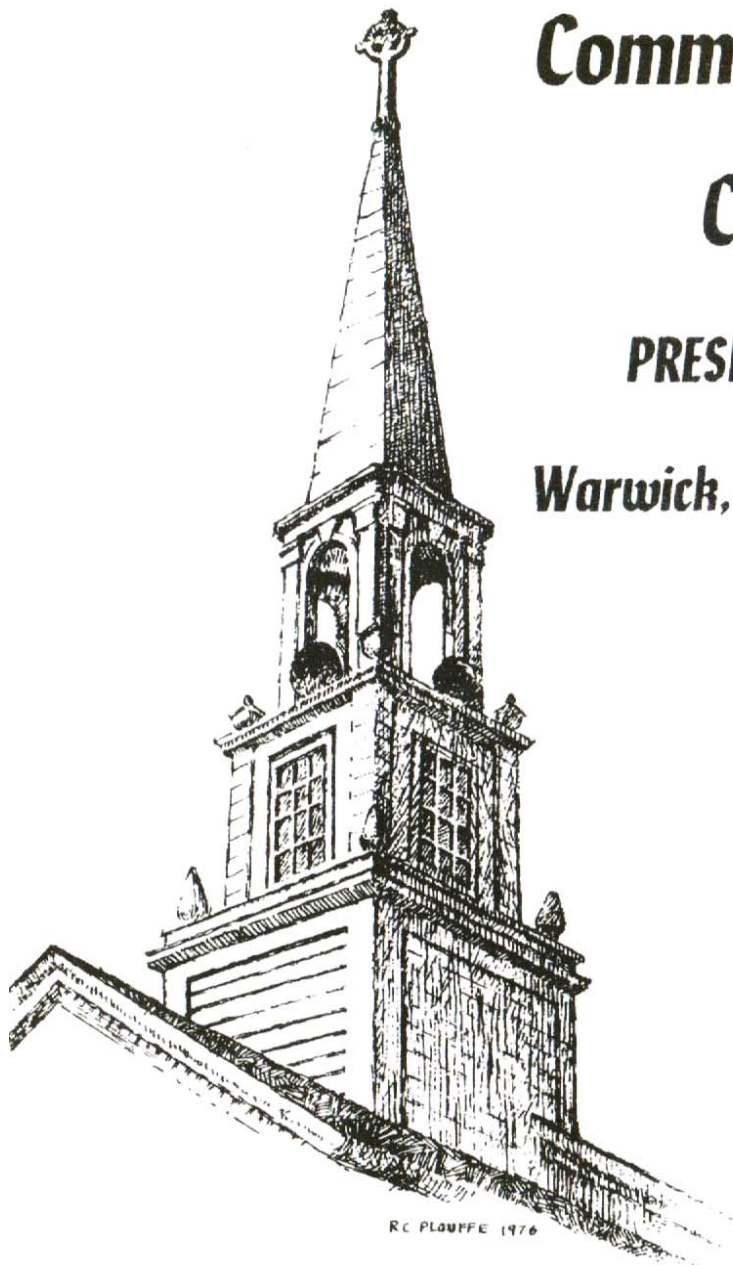
Greenwood

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 ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Morning Worship - 9:30 a. m.

August 8, 2021

Silent prayer for use in preparation for worship:

Almighty God, Who sent the Spirit of truth to us to guide us into all truth: so rule our lives by Your power that we may be truthful in thought and word and deed. May no fear or hope ever make us false in act or speech; cast out from us whatsoever loves or makes a lie, and bring us all into the perfect freedom of Your truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

A prayer of Brooke Foss Westcott (1825-1901), Bishop of Durham

PRELUDE *Jesus Paid It All* *arr. J.M. Stevens*
 Alexandra Nichols, Violin

There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood *arr. D. Forrest*
 John Black, Piano

(Lyrics/texts may be found in the pew hymnal, pp. 308 and 257)

*CALL TO WORSHIP / PRAYER OF ADORATION

(a prayer of David, adapted from I Chronicles 29:10-13)

Blessed are You, O LORD, God of Israel our father, forever and ever.

YOURS, O LORD, IS THE GREATNESS AND THE POWER AND THE GLORY AND
THE VICTORY AND THE MAJESTY,

For everything in heaven and earth is Yours.

YOURS, O LORD, IS THE KINGDOM; YOU ARE EXALTED AS HEAD OVER ALL.

Wealth and honor come from You, and You rule over all.

IN YOUR HANDS ARE STRENGTH AND POWER TO GIVE STRENGTH TO ALL.

Now, our God, we give You thanks, and praise Your glorious name.

*+HYMN *Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners*

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

WE CONFESS TO YOU, O HEAVENLY FATHER, AS YOUR CHILDREN AND YOUR PEOPLE, OUR HARDNESS, INDIFFERENCE AND IMPENITENCE; OUR GRIEVOUS FAILURES IN YOUR FAITH AND IN PURE AND HOLY LIVING, OUR TRUST IN RICHES AND OUR MISUSE OF THEM; OUR CONFIDENCE IN SELF, THROUGH WHICH WE DAILY MULTIPLY OUR OWN TEMPTATIONS. WE CONFESS OUR TIMIDITY AS YOUR CHURCH AND WITNESS BEFORE THE WORLD, AND THE SIN AND BITTERNESS THAT WE ALL KNOW IN OUR OWN HEARTS. GIVE US ALL CONTRITION AND MEEKNESS OF HEART, O FATHER, GRACE TO AMEND OUR SINFUL LIFE, AND THE HOLY COMFORT OF YOUR SPIRIT TO OVERCOME AND HEAL ALL OUR EVILS, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD, AMEN.

(a prayer of Archbishop of Canterbury Edward Benson, 1829-1896)

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.*

ANTHEM

Marching to Zion

Summer Choir

(Text: Isaac Watts; refrain later added by Robert Lowry)

*Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
Join in a song with sweet accord, and thus surround the throne.*

*[REFRAIN]: We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion;
We're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.*

*Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God;
But children of the heav'nly King may speak their joys abroad. [REFRAIN]*

*The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets,
Before we reach the heav'nly fields, or walk the golden streets. [REFRAIN]*

*Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry;
We're marching through Immanuel's ground to fairer worlds on high. [REFRAIN]*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ephesians 4:25 - 5:2

Mark 2:1-12

SPECIAL MUSIC

Ten Thousand Angels

arr. Dennis Allen

Bill Cheney, Baritone

They bound the hands of Jesus in the garden where He prayed;

They led Him thro' the streets in shame.

They spat upon the Savior so pure and free from sin;

They said, "Crucify Him; He's to blame."

*[REFRAIN]: He could have called ten thousand angels to destroy the world and set Him free.
He could have called ten thousand angels, but He died alone for you and me.*

Upon His precious head they placed a crown of thorns;

They laughed and said, "Behold the King!"

They struck Him and they cursed Him and mocked His holy name; alone He suffered ev'rything.

[REFRAIN]

*To the howling mob He yielded, He did not for mercy cry. The cross of shame He took alone.
And when He cried, "It's finished," He gave Himself to die; salvation's wondrous plan was done*

[REFRAIN]

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

***HYMN**

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

SERMON

TAKING CHARGE OF YOUR BED

***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

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*

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

Sinfonia from Cantata 29

J.S. Bach

**(Congregation standing, as able)*

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!

A friend of... "sinners." Matt. 11:19

1. Je - sus! what a Friend for sin - ners! Je - sus! lov - er of my soul;
 2. Je - sus! what a strength in weak - ness! Let me hide my - self in him;
 3. Je - sus! what a help in sor - row! While the bil - lows o'er me roll,
 4. Je - sus! what a guide and keep - er! While the tem - pest still is high,
 5. Je - sus! I do now re - ceive him, more than all in him I find;

friends may fail me, foes as - sail me, he, my Sav - ior, makes me whole.
 tempt - ed, tried, and some - times fail - ing, he, my strength, my vic - t'ry wins.
 • e - ven when my heart is break - ing, he, my com - fort, helps my soul.
 storms a - bout me, night o'er - takes me, he, my pi - lot, hears my cry.
 he hath grant - ed me for - give - ness, I am his, and he is mine.

REFRAIN
 Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior! Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Friend!

Sav - ing, help - ing, keep - ing, lov - ing, he is with me to the end.

EPHESIANS 4:26 - 5:2

Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body. "In your anger do not sin" [Psalm 4:4]: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold. Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need.

Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with Whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, as God in Christ forgave you. Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in love, just as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

MARK 2:1-12

A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that He had come home. They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and He preached the word to them. Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. Since they could not get near Him because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat upon which the paralytic lay. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, "Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and He said to them, "Why are you thinking these things? Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your mat and walk'? But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So He said to the paralytic, "I say to you, rise, pick up your mat, and go home." And he rose immediately, picked up his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Whoever serves Me must follow Me. John 12:26

1. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, I have de - cid - ed
2. The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me; The world be - hind me,
3. Tho' none go with me, still I will fol - low, Tho' none go with me,
4. Will you de - cide now to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de - cide now

to fol - low Je - sus, I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus,
the cross be - fore me; The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me, No turn - ing
still I will fol - low, Tho' none go with me, still I will fol - low,
to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de - cide now to fol - low Je - sus?

Optional choral ending
back, no turn - ing back. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Him.

TEXT: Source unknown
MUSIC: Folk melody from India; arranged by Eugene Thomas

ASSAM
Irregular meter

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.



TEXT: Charles Wesley
MUSIC: Carl G. Gläzer; arranged by Lowell Mason;

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C.M.

GREENWOOD COMMUNITY CHURCH
Presbyterian
Warwick, Rhode Island
August 8, 2021

WE WELCOME all who are worshipping in our sanctuary today; welcome, too, to all worshipping online! The recording of the service will be archived and posted after the benediction and be available for viewing and/or downloading. A special word of welcome to any and all visiting with us in person or online this morning – whether you are visiting us for a day or looking for a new church home. Information packets are available for you in the narthex, or you may ask an usher or member if you have any questions. All are cordially invited to Coffee Hour downstairs in Fellowship Hall following the service.



Flowers Today are given to the glory of God by Beverly Carson, in loving memory of Logan, Gavin and Keegan's grandmother, Linda Fratus, on her birthday, and by Sandy Olson in thanksgiving to God for His steadfast love and countless blessings He bestows on us throughout our lives.



CHILDREN'S CHURCH (Nursery - Grade 2) will be held in the Crib Room. Children may leave the service following the Time With the Children. Parents are asked to pick up children immediately following the service.

SUMMER CHOIR continues through **August 22**. We meet 9:00 AM each summer Sunday morning in the Choir Room to learn a simple, fun anthem to share in the 9:30 AM morning worship service. No experience required; stop by any week(s) you would like! All ages welcome; bring the whole family. It has been such a privilege to welcome so many first-time, current, and returning singers, and to see families leading worship together through this venue; I do hope you will consider giving it a try.

SUMMER STRINGS: Calling all string players! Join us for an informal string ensemble this summer. Gather in the Choir Room on **Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.** for a fun time of music making. We'll provide sheet music, but feel free to bring anything you would like to play. No experience required - you bring the instrument, and we'll enjoy a time of music and fellowship! We may plan to offer a piece in worship at the end of August for those who are comfortable doing so. Please contact John Black with questions, and please RSVP to music@gccp.org or (401) 737-1230 so we know how much music to prepare!

THE DEADLINE for the September edition of *Fishermen's News* is **Sunday, August 15**. Please leave submissions in the office or email articles to castergine@gccp.org



THE PLANNING CALENDAR for **September 2021 – July 2022** is now being assembled in the church office! Please be sure to secure the dates your group or committee will need for the annual calendar which will be printed and distributed to officers and committees at the September meeting.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES are now on sale at good prices. It is a good time to begin our collection for the Church World Service School Kits, an annual project of our Presbyterian Women. Here is a list of what we need; please place your contributions in the collection box in Fellowship Hall. **Thank you!**

- 70-count bound notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages
(no loose leaf or filler paper)
- 30 centimeter / 12 inch rulers
- Blunt (round-tipped) scissors
- Hand-held pencil sharpeners
- Large eraser (no pencil cap erasers)
- Pencils (unsharpened) with erasers
- Boxes of 24 crayons

ATTENTION 29ELEVEN FAMILIES – new and old! The summer is ending, which means our school year is about to kick off. Whether you are finishing your high school years, or about to enter middle school, join us on Sunday, August 29th at 6:00 PM at the Majeika household for a meet and greet dinner, and to look ahead at our upcoming year. For more details, please reach out to our Young Adults Ministry director, Matt Majeika, at mmajeika@gccp.org.



CALLING ALL KING'S KIDS – and families, **SUNDAY**, August 15, immediately after the service of worship all are invited to the Kings' Kids summer party at the Jacobs home on Johnson's Pond in Coventry. No RSVP needed, just wear your swimsuit and bring your appetite for a cook-out and get ready for the fun! Please find address on the King's Kids Facebook page or call the church. Hope to see you there!



LOST & FOUND: Please check the **Lost & Found** table in Fellowship Hall to see if there is something there that belongs to you. Unclaimed items will be donated to local agencies.

MTN (Ministry Training Network), an association of Rhode Island churches, will be offering two courses open to all at the Christian Hill Community Church in West Warwick. See **Jeff Black** and/or **Kevin Golde** for additional information.



PRACTICAL MTN-SPONSORED CLASSES FOR FALL 2021

OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY – Part One

Sep 13 –Nov 22 Tuition: \$120

This ten-week study will bring new light to your reading and study of both the Old and New Testaments. You will learn the general content of each of the first seventeen books of the Bible.

You will gain insight into the history and culture that is key in understanding them. Finally, you will begin to grasp the unfolding purpose of God revealed in Scripture.



INSTRUCTOR CHUCK PIERCE



MONDAY 6:30 - 8:30

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PRACTICAL MINISTRY SKILLS - Parts One & Two

Sep 13 – Nov 22 Tuition: \$55 per level

LEVEL 2

(pastoral recommendation required)

LEVEL 1

Leading small-group Bible Study

Personal Evangelism

Informal Counseling

Hospital Visitation

Leading Committee Meetings

Home Visitation

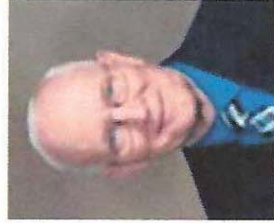
Formal Counseling

Administering Baptism and Communion

Conducting Funerals

Premarital Counseling and Weddings

REGISTER FOR EACH FIVE-WEEK SESSION SEPARATELY



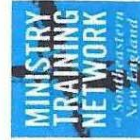
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