

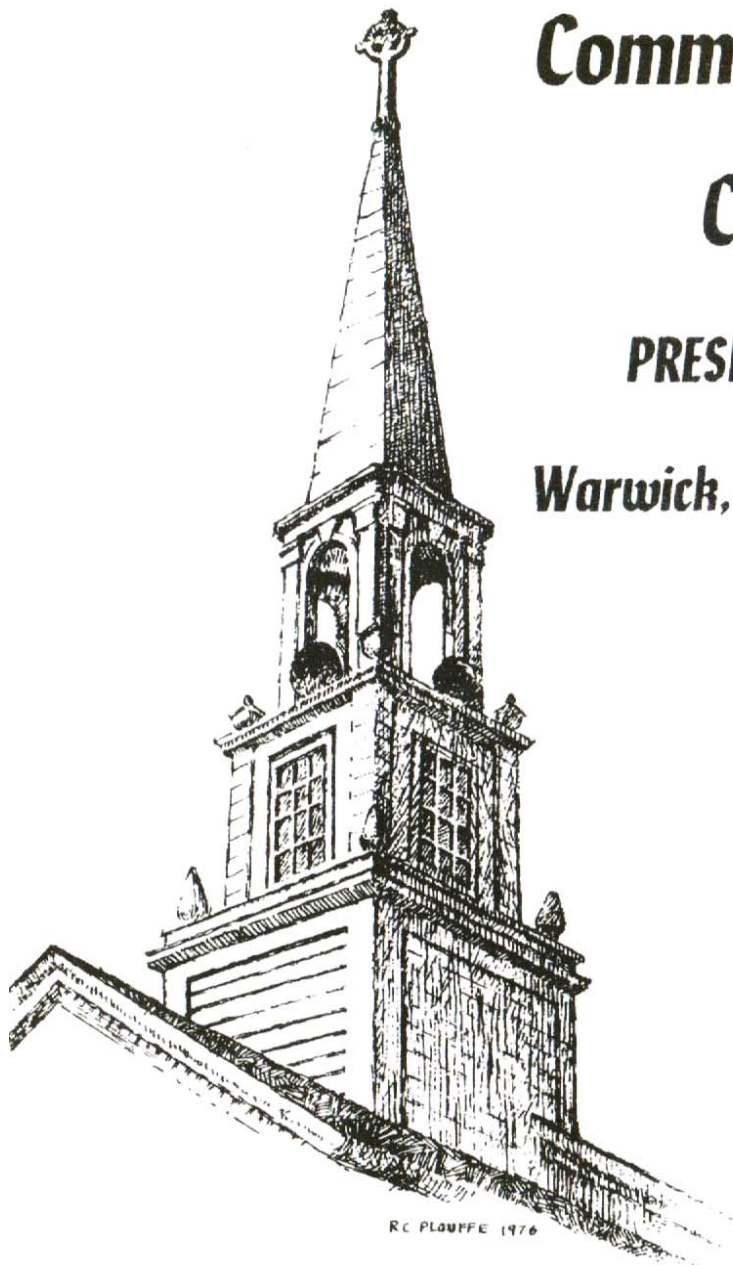
Greenwood

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 – 10:00 a. m.

September 19, 2021

Silent prayer for use in preparation for worship:

*Grant, O Lord God, that we may cleave to Thee without parting,
worship Thee without wearying, serve Thee without failing, faithfully
seek Thee, happily find Thee, for ever possess Thee,
the one and only God, blessed world without end, Amen.*

A prayer of Anselm, 1033-1109, Archbishop of Canterbury

PRELUDE *I Need Thee Every Hour* arr. Stan Pethel
(Adapted from Trinity Hymnal # 774)
Alexandra Nichols, Violin
When in Our Music God is Glorified arr. Mark Hayes
John Black, Piano

***CALL TO WORSHIP / PRAYER OF ADORATION** *(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.

***HYMN** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

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

O GREAT AND MIGHTY GOD, WHOSE GLORY IS ABOVE ALL OUR THOUGHTS AND
WHOSE MERCY IS OVER ALL THY WORKS, LET THY HOLY SPIRIT ASSIST US IN ALL
DUTIES OF THIS SACRED DAY, AS WE COME IN HUMBLE PENITENCE AND
CONFESSION. FORGIVE US, LOVING GOD, THEN LET US JOIN IN THE PRAISE OF
THY CHURCH WITH ARDENT AFFECTION; LET US HEAR THY WORD WITH EARNEST
ATTENTION; LET THE PRAYERS AND SACRIFICES OF THY HOLY CHURCH, OFFERED
TO THEE THIS DAY, BE GRACIOUSLY ACCEPTED. BEING CREATED BY THEE, LET US
EVER ACT FOR THY GLORY. BEING REDEEMED BY THEE, LET US RENDER TO THEE
WHAT IS THINE, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD, AMEN.

(a prayer of John Wesley, 1703-1791)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(responsively, from Jeremiah 31)*

“The time is coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will make a new
covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.”

“THIS IS THE COVENANT I WILL MAKE WITH THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AFTER THAT
TIME,” DECLARES THE LORD. “I WILL PUT MY LAW IN THEIR MINDS AND
WRITE IT ON THEIR HEARTS. I WILL BE THEIR GOD, AND THEY WILL BE MY
PEOPLE.”

“For I will forgive their wickedness and remember their sins no more.”
IN JESUS CHRIST, WE ARE FORGIVEN. AMEN.

***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.*

A MINUTE FOR MISSION

A SERVICE OF COMMISSIONING

Insert

ANTHEM *A Jubilant Song* Allen Pote

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *Mark 9:30-37*

SPECIAL MUSIC *To God Be the Glory* arr. Diane Bish
(Adaptation of Trinity Hymnal #55)
Olivia Black, Soprano

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING *James 4:1-12*

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

SERMON THINGS WORTH ARGUING ABOUT

***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* *Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

*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** *Commit Now All Your Grievs*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Allegro Maestoso* *Modest Mussorgsky*

**(Congregation standing, as able)*

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

The blessing of the Lord brings wealth. Proverbs 10:22

1. Come, Thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
2. Hith-er - to Thy love has blest me; Thou hast bro't me to this place;
3. O to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!

Streams of mer - cy, nev-er ceas - ing, Call for songs of loud-est praise.
And I know Thy hand will bring me Safe - ly home by Thy good grace.
Let Thy good-ness, like a fet - ter, Bind my wan-d'ring heart to Thee:

Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, Sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, Wan-d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;

Praise His name- I'm fixed up - on it- Name of God's re - deem-ing love.
He, to res - cue me from dan - ger, Bo't me with His pre-cious blood.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it; Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.

TEXT: Robert Robinson; adapted by Margaret Clarkson
MUSIC: Traditional American melody; John Wyer's *Repository of Sacred Music*, 1813
Last stanza setting and Choral ending by Carl Seal

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MARK 9:30-37

They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, because He was teaching His disciples. He said to them, *"The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill Him. And when He is killed, after three days He will rise."* But they did not understand what He meant, and were afraid to ask him about it.

They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, He asked them, "What were you discussing on the road?" But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest.

Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said to them, *"If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all."*

He took a little child whom He placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, He said to them, *"Whoever receives one such child in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me, receives not Me but Him who sent Me."*

JAMES 4:1-12

What causes fights and quarrels among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? You desire but do not have, so you murder. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your passions.

You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says "He yearns jealously over the spirit He has made to dwell in us"? That is why Scripture says:

"God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." [Proverbs 3:34]

Submit yourselves, therefore, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Grieve, mourn and wail. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up.

Brothers and sisters, do not speak evil against one another. Anyone who speaks against a brother or judges him, speaks evil against the law and judges the law. If you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but are sitting in judgment on it. There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the one who is able to save and destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor?

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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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.

Commit Now All Your Grievs

Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this. Psalm 37:5

1. Com-mit now all your griev's and ways in-to his hands;
 2. Give to the winds your fears; hope, and be un-dis-mayed;
 3. Still heav-y is your heart? Still sink your spir-its down?
 4. Far, far a-bove your thought his coun-sel shall ap-pear,

to his sure truth and ten-der care, who earth and heav'n com-mands.
 God hears your sighs and counts your tears, God shall lift up your head.
 Cast off the weight, let fear de-part, and ev-ery care be gone.
 when ful-ly he the work has wrought that caused your need-less fear.

Who points the clouds their course, whom winds and seas o-bey,
 Through waves and clouds and storms he gent-ly clears your way;
 He ev-ery-where has sway, and all things serve his might;
 Leave to his sov-ereign will to choose and to com-mand;

he shall di-rect your wan-d'ring feet, he shall pre-pare your way.
 wait for his time, so shall the night soon end in joy-ous day.
 his ev-ery act pure bless-ing is, his path un-sul-lied light.
 with won-der filled, you then shall own how wise, how strong his hand.

Paul Gerhardt, 1653
 John Wesley, 1737; alt.; mod.

DIADEMATA S.M.D.
 George J. Elvey, 1868

A LITURGY OF COMMISSIONING FOR THOSE IN THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“Let us recognize those who have responded to the call of God to the ministry of music in our church. Singing, playing instruments, and directing ensembles are ministries of Christ among us. In grateful appreciation for the gifts of these ministries, we offer our loyal support and our prayers.”

TO THE MUSICIANS: As leaders of music that lifts praise to God, do you joyfully and willingly offer your skills, training, devotion and sensitivity to this ministry?

I DO, BY THE GRACE OF GOD.

Will you support and nurture your brothers and sisters in this ministry, and in faithfulness to Christ, offer your best for the glory of God?

I WILL, GOD BEING MY HELPER.

May the faith expressed by your music live in your heart, and what you believe in your heart, practice in your life. May God give you grace to offer your music and your life in faithfulness and consecration, now, and in the world to come,

AMEN.

TO THE CONGREGATION: Will you support these persons with your encouragement and your prayers, as together we seek to call upon God in worship and praise?

WE WILL, GOD BEING OUR HELPER. MAY GOD GIVE US ALL GRACE TO OFFER OUR MUSIC AND OUR LIVES IN FAITHFUL SERVICE, THANKSGIVING, AND PRAISE.

Let us pray together: **GOD OF GLORY, YOUR BELOVED SON HAS SHOWN US THAT TRUE WORSHIP COMES FROM HUMBLE AND CONTRITE HEARTS. BLESS OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS WHO HAVE RESPONDED TO YOUR CALL AND WISH TO COMMIT THEMSELVES AND THEIR MUSICAL SKILLS TO YOUR SERVICE. GRANT THAT THEIR MINISTRY MAY BE FRUITFUL, AND THAT OUR WORSHIP MAY BE PLEASING IN YOUR SIGHT. WE ASK THIS THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD, AMEN.**

Adapted from an article in Reformed Worship magazine of the Christian Reformed Church (CRC), which credits resources from Celebrating God's Presence: A Book of Services for the United Church of Canada (Toronto: United Church Publishing House, 2000). The commissioning was adapted from The United Methodist Book of Worship (Abingdon, 1992).

WHEN IN OUR MUSIC GOD IS GLORIFIED

by Fred Pratt Green, arr. Mark Hayes (*prelude lyrics*)

When in our music God is glorified,
And adoration leaves no room for pride,
It is as though the whole creation cried: Alleluia!

How often, making music, we have found
A new dimension in the world of sound,
As worship moved us to a more profound Alleluia!

So has the Church, in liturgy and song,
In faith and love, through centuries of wrong,
Borne witness to the truth in every tongue: Alleluia!

And did not Jesus sing a Psalm that night
When utmost evil strove against the light?
Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight: Alleluia!

Let every instrument be tuned for praise!
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia!

A Jubilant Song

by Allen Pote (*anthem lyrics*)

REFRAIN: Sing to the Lord a jubilant song.
Sing to the Lord a jubilant song.
Rejoice and sing, and let the earth be glad,
Let the heavens be filled with joy
And a jubilant song.

Sing alleluia to the Lord; alleluia!
Tell of His salvation from day to day.
Shout His marvelous works among the people;
For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised. (REFRAIN)

Lord, You have been our refuge
from one generation to another.
Before the mountains were made,
or the land and the sea were born,
From age to age You are God,
and we pray for the coming of Your Kingdom.
We shall rejoice; we shall be glad all the days of our lives. (REFRAIN)

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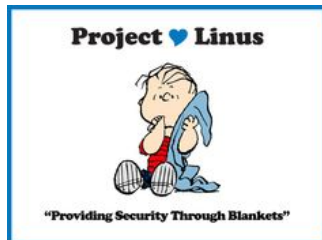
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***WE WELCOME** all who are worshipping in our sanctuary today; welcome, too, to all worshipping online! A special word of welcome to any visiting with us in person or online, whether you are visiting us for a day or looking for a new church home. Information packets are available in the narthex, or feel free to ask an usher or member if you have any questions. All are cordially invited to Coffee Hour downstairs following the service.*



Flowers Today are given to the glory of God by Jeffrey Plouffe in loving memory of Robert and Mildred Plouffe on their 73rd wedding anniversary (*Bob and Millie were married September 18, 1948*), and by Beverly Carson in loving memory of her mother, Eleanor Kuzman, and in gratitude for giving her life.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: The year's activities will kick off with a **Fall Coffee September 21** at 7:00pm in Fellowship Hall. No food will be served; please bring your own beverage.



FROM SANDY OLSON: CALLING ALL THOSE MAY BE ABLE TO HELP WITH A NEW PW PROJECT! Gwen Anderson spoke to me awhile back about a LINUS PROJECT she supervised in her former church and wondered if we would be interested. For those of you not familiar with LINUS, it is a nationwide project with Martha Scholes serving as Rhode Island leader. LINUS provides small quilts for infants and teenagers in hospitals.

Those quilts then go home with those patients. Like our **Picasso Quilts**, those making LINUS quilts do not have to know how to sew, a big plus for those who want to help; unlike our sleeping bags which took hours to complete, LINUS quilts can be put together much more quickly. If there is interest in this project, we will set it up to meet on the Tuesdays on which no other PW activity is scheduled; each session would last two hours, and the hours to schedule the workshop session would be determined by the group. If you think you'd be interested in participating in LINUS and / or have questions, please call Gwen Anderson at (401) 471-7601 or me at (401) 647-7034.

HURRICANE RELIEF -- The Mission Committee provides support to agencies who are first responders to areas impacted by hurricanes; nationally and internationally. If you would like to donate through the Greenwood Community Church Mission Team, please mark your donation **'Hurricane Relief'** and designate either **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)** or **Samaritan's Purse**. Thank you for helping provide hope through the love of Jesus in the midst of misery.



September 19 (today)	10:00 a.m.	SERVICE OF WORSHIP
	11:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	11:15 a.m.	SUNDAY SCHOOL
	5 - 7 p.m.	King's Kids
	6 - 8 p.m.	29Eleven
Monday	7 - 8 p.m.	BSF - Ladies
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	PW Fall Coffee
Tuesday	7 - 8 p.m.	BSF - Men
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Deacons' Meeting
Friday	1:00 p.m.	Rachel Circle Meeting



FROM THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE: 100 DAYS OF DANTE! Join the world's largest Dante reading group. Begun September 8th and ending Easter 2022, you can read three cantos a week, while learning from teachers who know and love Dante's writing well. Through the weekly videos you can explore the **Divine Comedy's** literary, theological and spiritual significance. All videos are archived, and you can catch up relatively easily. For more information contact **100daysofdante.com**, sponsored by Baylor University's Honors College.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH has resumed (Nursery - Grade 2) and is held in the Crib Room. Children may leave the service during the second hymn. Parents are asked to pick up children immediately following the service.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: For those who may not be aware, please know that all activity areas of the church are cleaned and surface areas thoroughly sanitized/disinfected by a fogger/nebulizer spray machine on a regular basis between each and every weekly activity. Also, hand sanitizing stations are installed throughout the building and are maintained/filled as needed. Face masks are available in the narthex and in fellowship hall, and sanitizing wipes are available in the narthex, on the hallway table by the sacristy, the Crib room and in the parlor.

