

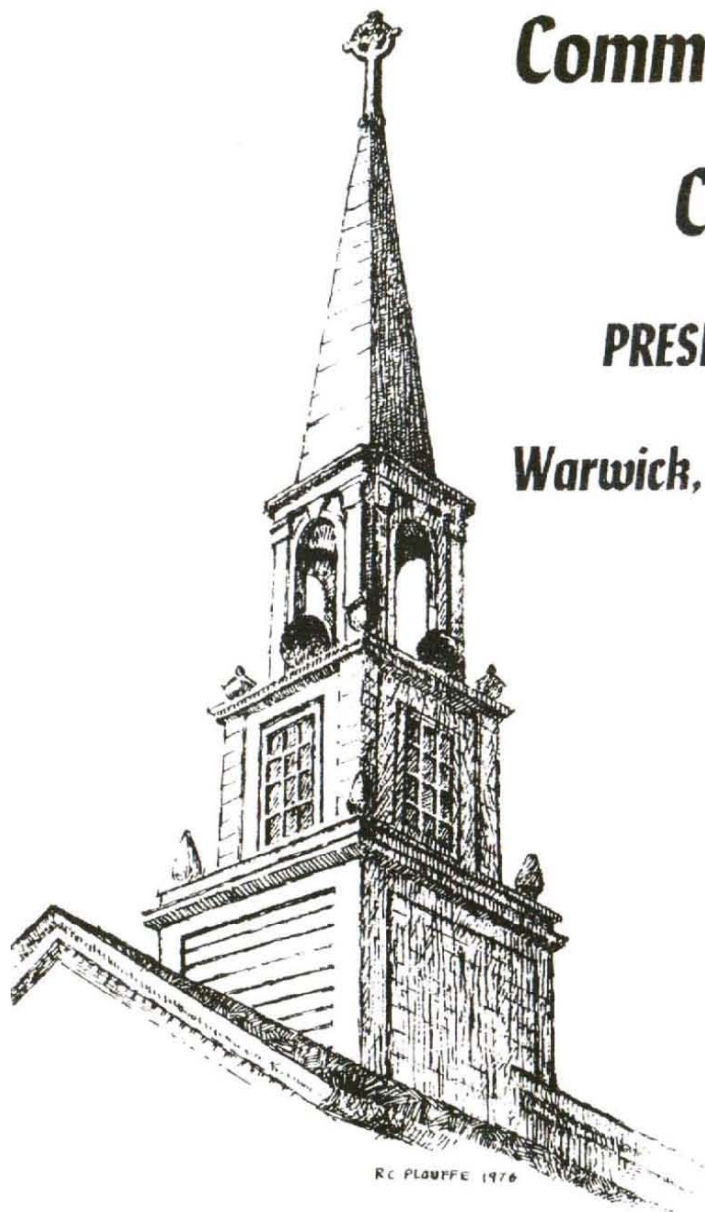
Greenwood

Community

Church

PRESBYTERIAN

Warwick, Rhode Island



TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Reformation Sunday / All Saints Day

Morning Worship - 10:00 a.m.

October 31, 2021

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

*Peace in Our Time, O Lord
Stand Up and Bless the Lord*

*Eric Ball
Isaac Smith*

Greenwich Bay Brass (Leif Reslow, Bandmaster)

***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 *(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.

ANTHEM

In Christ Alone

arr. Mark Hayes

(Original composition by Stuart Townend and Keith Getty)

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;

This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!

My Comforter, my All in All, Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! – Who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe.

This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save:

Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied –

For every sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;

Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!

And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me,

For I am His and He is mine – Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;

From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.

No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand:

Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

PSALTER

Psalms 31:1-4

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ecclesiastes 12:9-14

Mark 12:28-34

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

***HYMN**

My Jesus, I Love Thee

SERMON

ONE LIFE TO LIVE ... SO MAKE IT COUNT

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 21

What do I believe concerning (1) the holy catholic Church, (2) the communion of saints, and (3) the forgiveness of sins?

(1) I BELIEVE THAT, FROM THE BEGINNING TO THE END OF THE WORLD, AND FROM AMONG THE WHOLE HUMAN RACE, THE SON OF GOD, BY HIS SPIRIT AND HIS WORD, GATHERS, PROTECTS, AND PRESERVES FOR HIMSELF, IN THE UNITY OF THE TRUE FAITH, A CONGREGATION CHOSEN FOR ETERNAL LIFE. MOREOVER, I BELIEVE THAT I AM AND FOREVER WILL REMAIN A LIVING MEMBER OF IT.

(2) BELIEVERS ONE AND ALL, AS PARTAKERS OF THE LORD CHRIST, AND ALL HIS TREASURES AND GIFTS, SHALL SHARE IN ONE FELLOWSHIP, THE “COMMUNION OF SAINTS”; ALSO, EACH ONE OUGHT TO KNOW THAT HE IS OBLIGED TO USE HIS GIFTS FREELY AND WITH JOY FOR THE BENEFIT AND WELFARE OF OTHER MEMBERS.

(3) FOR THE SAKE OF CHRIST’S RECONCILING WORK, GOD WILL NO MORE REMEMBER MY SINS OR THE SINFULNESS WITH WHICH I HAVE TO STRUGGLE ALL MY LIFE LONG; BUT HE GRACIOUSLY IMPARTS TO ME THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF CHRIST SO THAT I MAY NEVER COME INTO CONDEMNATION.

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*

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**

For All the Saints

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

And Can It Be

Greenwich Bay Brass

(Lyrics may be found on page 455 of the Trinity Hymnal)

**(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; Last stanza setting and Choral ending by Bruce Greer

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Psalm 31:1-4

In You, O Lord, do I take 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!

For You are my rock and my fortress; and for Your name's sake You lead me and guide me;

YOU TAKE ME OUT OF THE NET THEY HAVE HIDDEN FOR ME, FOR YOU ARE MY REFUGE.

Ecclesiastes 12:9-14

Not only was the Teacher wise, but he also imparted knowledge to the people, weighing and studying and arranging many proverbs with great care. The Teacher searched to find just the right words, and what he wrote was upright and true.

The words of the wise are like goads, their collected sayings like firmly embedded nails — given by one shepherd. Be warned, my son, of anything in addition to them. Of making many books there is no end, and much study is a weariness of the flesh.

Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every secret thing, whether it is good or evil.

Mark 12:28-34

And one of the scribes came up and heard them debating with one another, and seeing that Jesus had answered them well, asked Him, "Which commandment is the most important of all?"

Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

And the scribe said to Him, "You are right, Teacher. You have truly said that He is one, and there is no other besides Him. And to love Him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices."

And when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, He said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And after that no one dared to ask Him any more questions.

My Jesus, I Love Thee

We love because He first loved us. 1 John 4:19

> 1. My Je - sus, I love Thee; I know Thou art mine. For Thee all the
 > 2. I love Thee be - cause Thou hast first lov - ed me And pur - chased my
 3. I'll love Thee in life; I will love Thee in death And praise Thee as
 > 4. In man - sions of glo - ry and end - less de - light, I'll ev - er a -

fol - lies of sin I re - sign. My gra - cious Re - deem - er, my
 par - don on Cal - va - ry's tree. I love Thee for wear - ing the
 long as Thou lend - est me breath. And say when the death - dew lies
 dore Thee in heav - en so bright. I'll sing with the glit - ter - ing

Sav - ior art Thou: If ev - er I loved Thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.
 thorns on Thy brow: If ev - er I loved Thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.
 cold on my brow, "If ev - er I loved Thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now."
 crown on my brow, "If ev - er I loved Thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now."

TEXT: William R. Featherston
 MUSIC: Adoniram J. Gordon; Descant and Choral ending by William David Young

GORDON
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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 la - bors 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 drear, 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

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GREENWOOD COMMUNITY CHURCH, PRESBYTERIAN
Warwick, Rhode Island

October 31, 2021

***WE WELCOME** all who are worshiping in our sanctuary today; welcome, too, to all worshiping 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.*



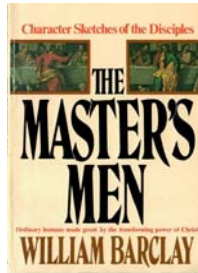
Flowers Today are given to the glory of God by Sandy Olson in celebration of all workers who have and continue to work with and for us during this ongoing unique time of pandemic, and by Beverly Carson in loving celebration of her daughter Lisa on her birthday.

“BLANKET SUNDAY” OFFERING: This is the final Sunday of October. If you have not yet donated, you will find special donation envelopes in the pew racks for 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. Thank you to all who have donated!



FELLOWSHIP DINNER THURSDAY NOVEMBER 4! Usually this is on **Wednesdays**, 5:30-7:00 PM (or whenever you can arrive!), we are shifting to **THURSDAY** due to choir rehearsal being on Thursday (this week only), We are finished in plenty of time for choir! All are welcome. We supply dinner, and then whisk the children off

to play and/or do homework while the adults relax and hear some inspiring words, have a hymn sing and/or enjoy some other presentation. Currently, Pastor Clark is leading a study on The Master's Men; Character Sketches of the 12 Disciples by William Barclay.

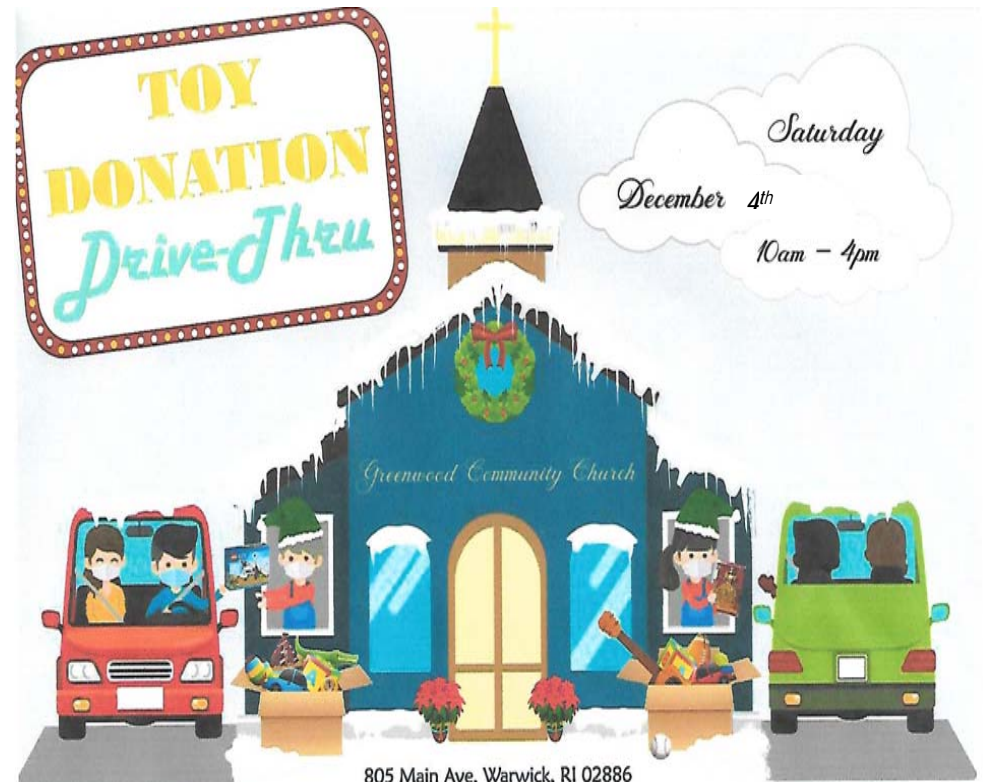


Our **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** collection is this month! Please take a box and a “girl” or “boy” tag (located in Fellowship Hall) and return it by November 15; directions will be on the brochure. For additional information, please contact Director of Family Ministries Virginia Jacobs. Thank you!

MUSIC ASSOCIATE ALEXANDRA NICHOLS will perform her junior recital in our sanctuary **Sunday, November 21st at 2:00 p.m.** She is double-majoring in piano and violin performance, and this program will encompass an hour of works for both instruments by Brahms, Chopin, Mozart, Mussorgsky, and others. You won't want to miss this afternoon of beautiful music, nor the opportunity to extend our gratitude and support to Alexandra, with whom we have been so richly blessed for just over three years.

This Week In Our Church

October 31	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	11 – 2p.m.	PEO
	7 – 8 p.m.	BSF – Ladies
Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	PW Circle RACHEL
	4:30 p.m.	PW CT
	7 – 8 p.m.	BSF – Men
THURSDAY	5:30 – 7 P.M.	FAMILY DINNER
	7:00 .p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday	6 – 9 p.m.	Parents' Night Out



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The Presbyterian Women are requesting donations of new, unwrapped toys on Saturday, December 4 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!

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, 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, 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, women, boys and girls into a vital relationship with the Word of God.

OUR SESSION

Marcia Camilleri Camp
Dennis J. Charpentier
Beth A. Fish
Kevin L. Golde

Emmy J. Kmet
H. Samuel Koldyk
Denise S. Mair
Matthew S. Majeika
D. Elaine Magyar, Clerk

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PRELUDE LYRICS

PEACE IN OUR TIME, O LORD

Peace in our time, O Lord, to all the peoples—peace!
Peace surely based upon Thy will and built in righteousness.

Thy power alone can break the fetters that enchain
The sorely stricken soul of life, and make it live again.
Too long mistrust and fear have held our souls in thrall;

Sweep through the earth, keen Breath of Heaven, and sound a nobler call!

Come, as thou didst of old, in love so great that men
Shall cast aside all other gods and turn to Thee again.

O shall we never learn The truth all time has taught,
That without God as architect our building comes to naught?
Lord, help us, and inspire our hearts and lives that we
May build, with all thy wondrous gifts, a Kingdom meet for Thee.

Peace in our time, O Lord, to all the peoples—peace!
Peace that shall build a glad new world, and make for life's increase.
O, living Christ, Who still dost all our burdens share,
Come now and dwell within the hearts of all men everywhere.

STAND UP AND BLESS THE LORD

Stand up, and bless the Lord, ye people of His choice;
Stand up, and bless the Lord your God with heart, and soul, and voice.

Tho' high above all praise, above all blessing high,
who would not fear His holy Name, and laud and magnify?

O for the living flame, from His own altar brought,
To touch our lips, our minds inspire, and wing to heav'n our thought!

There, with benign regard, our hymns He deigns to hear;
Though unrevealed to mortal sense, the spirit feels Him near.

God is our strength and song, and His salvation ours;
Then be His love in Christ proclaimed with all our ransomed pow'rs.

Stand up and bless the Lord, the Lord your God adore;
Stand up, and bless His glorious Name henceforth for evermore.

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