



## PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ADORATION

GRACIOUS GOD, OUR SINS ARE TOO HEAVY TO CARRY, TOO REAL TO HIDE, AND TOO DEEP TO UNDO. FORGIVE WHAT OUR LIPS TREMBLE TO NAME, WHAT OUR HEARTS CAN NO LONGER BEAR, AND WHAT HAS BECOME FOR US A CONSUMING FIRE OF JUDGEMENT. SET US FREE FROM A PAST THAT WE CANNOT CHANGE, OPEN US TO A FUTURE IN WHICH WE CAN BE CHANGED. FAITHFUL GOD, YOUR PROMISES STAND UNSHAKEN THROUGH ALL GENERATIONS. RENEW US IN HOPE, THAT WE MAY BE AWAKE AND ALERT WATCHING FOR THE ADVENT OF JESUS CHRIST, OUR SAVIOR, OUR LORD, OUR JUDGE, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU IN THE UNITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, FOREVER AND EVER, AMEN.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### \*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.*

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

### ANTHEM

*The Dream Isaiah Saw*

*G. Rudolph*

*Lions and oxen will sleep in the hay,  
Leopards will join with the lambs as they play,  
Wolves will be pastured with cows in the glade,  
Blood will not darken the earth that God made.*

*Little child whose bed is straw, take new lodgings in my heart.  
Bring the dream Isaiah saw: life redeemed from fang and claw.*

*Peace will pervade more than forest and field:  
God will transfigure the Violence concealed  
Deep in the heart and in systems of gain,  
Ripe for the judgment the Lord will ordain.*

*Little child whose bed is straw, take new lodgings in my heart.  
Bring the dream Isaiah saw: justice purifying law.*

*Nature reordered to match God's intent,  
Nations obeying the call to repent,  
All of creation completely restored,  
filled with the knowledge and love of the Lord.*

*Little child whose bed is straw, take new lodgings in my heart.  
Bring the dream Isaiah saw: knowledge, wisdom, worship, awe.*

(Commissioned by the Bach Choir of Pittsburgh in memory of those who perished September 11, 2001. The lyrics are from a 1994 poem "Lions and Oxen Will Sleep in the Hay" by Thomas H. Troeger, based on **Isaiah 11:6-9**. Music is by Glenn Rudolph)

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

*Matthew 1:1-17  
Romans 15:4-13*

### \*HYMN

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

## SERMON

MATTHEW'S "GENIE" OLOGY

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*(The Scots Confession, chapters 6 and 7)*

WHEN THE FULLNESS OF TIME CAME GOD SENT HIS SON, HIS ETERNAL WISDOM, THE SUBSTANCE OF HIS OWN GLORY, INTO THIS WORLD, WHO TOOK THE NATURE OF HUMANITY FROM THE SUBSTANCE OF A WOMAN, A VIRGIN, BY MEANS OF THE HOLY GHOST. AND SO WAS BORN THE "JUST SEED OF DAVID," THE "ANGEL OF THE GREAT COUNSEL OF GOD," THE VERY MESSIAH PROMISED, WHOM WE CONFESS AND ACKNOWLEDGE TO BE EMMANUEL, TRUE GOD AND TRUE MAN, TWO PERFECT NATURES UNITED AND JOINED IN ONE PERSON. WE ACKNOWLEDGE AND CONFESS THAT THIS WONDERFUL UNION BETWEEN THE GODHEAD AND THE HUMANITY IN CHRIST JESUS DID ARISE FROM THE ETERNAL AND IMMUTABLE DECREE OF GOD FROM WHICH ALL OUR SALVATION SPRINGS AND DEPENDS.

## 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

*Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come*

### \*BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*Fanfare on "Joy to the World"*

*Michael Dell*

*\*(the people standing, as able)*

# O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Behold a virgin shall . . . bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel. Isa. 7:14

VENI EMMANUEL 888888  
Thomas Helmore, 1854  
Based on plainsong phrases

Latin hymn.  
Trans. by John M. Neale, 1851  
St. 5 Henry Sloane Coffin, 1916

*Unison*

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive  
2. O come, Thou Rod of Jes - se, free Thine own from Sa - tan's  
3. O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer Our spir - its by Thine  
4. O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen wide our  
5. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind All peo - ples in one

Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
tyr - an - ny; From depths of hell Thy peo - ple save  
ad - vent here; And drive a - way the shades of night,  
heav'n - ly home; Make safe the way that leads on high,  
heart and mind; Bid en - vy, strife and quar - rels cease;

Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.  
And pierce the clouds and bring us light! Re - joice! re - joice! Em -  
And close the path to mis - er - y.  
Fill all the world with heav - en's peace.

man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el! A - men.

## MATTHEW 1:1-17

A record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ the son of David, the son of Abraham: Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar, Perez the father of Hezron, Hezron the father of Ram, Ram the father of Amminadab, Amminadab the father of Nahshon, Nahshon the father of Salmon, Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab, Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth, Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David the King.

David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been Uriah's wife, Solomon the father of Rehoboam, Rehoboam the father of Abijah, Abijah the father of Asa, Asa the father of Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat the father of Jehoram, Jehoram the father of Uzziah, Uzziah the father of Jotham, Jotham the father of Ahaz, Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, Manasseh the father of Amon, Amon the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jeconiah and his brothers at the time of the exile to Babylon.

After the exile to Babylon: Jeconiah was the father of Shealtiel, Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, Zerubbabel the father of Abihud, Abihud the father of Eliakim, Eliakim the father of Azor, Azor the father of Zadok, Zadok the father of Akim, Akim the father of Elihud, Elihud the father of Eleazar, Eleazar the father of Matthan, Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, and Mary was the mother of Jesus who is called Christ.

## ROMANS 15:4-13

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for His mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will praise You among the Gentiles, and sing to Your name."  
[II Samuel 22:50; Psalm 18:49]

And again it is said,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people." [Deuteronomy 32:43]

And again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol Him." [Psalm 117:1]

And again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse will come, even He who arises to rule the Gentiles; in Him will the Gentiles hope." [Isaiah 52:15]

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

# Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.  
Is. 11:1

1. Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der  
2. I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the rose I  
3. The shep - herds heard the sto - ry, pro - claimed by  
4. This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet - ness  
5. O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, who felt our

stem hath sprung, of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing,  
have in mind; with Mar - y we be - hold it,  
• an - gels bright, how Christ, the Lord of glo - ry,  
fills the air, dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor  
hu - man woe; O Sav - ior, King of glo - ry,

as men of old have sung. It came, a flow'r - et bright,  
the vir - gin moth - er kind. To show God's love a - right  
• was born on earth this night. To Beth - le - hem they sped  
the dark - ness ev - 'ry - where. True man, yet ver - y God;  
who dost our weak - ness know, bring us at length, we pray,

a - mid the cold of win - ter, when half - spent was the night.  
she bore to men a Sav - ior, when half - spent was the night.  
• and in the man - ger found him, as an - gel her - alds said.  
from sin and death he saves us and light - ens ev - 'ry load.  
to the bright courts of heav - en and to the end - less day.

German hymn, ca. 1500  
St. 1-2 tr. by Theodore Baker, 1894  
St. 3-4 tr. by Harriett R. Spaeth, 1875  
St. 5 tr. by John C. Mattes, 1914

ES IST EIN' ROS' ENTSPRUNGEN 7.6.7.6.6.7.6.  
German melody, 15th cent.  
Arr. by Michael Praetorius, 1609; alt.

# Joy to the World!

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, for He comes. Psalm 98:4, 9

> 1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth re - ceive her  
> 2. Joy to the world! the Sav - ior reigns; Let men their songs em -  
3. No more let sin and sor - row grow, Nor thorns in - fest the  
> 4. He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions

King. Let ev - ery heart pre - pare Him room,  
play, While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
ground. He comes to make His bless - ings flow  
prove The glo - ries of His high - teous - ness

And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture  
Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing  
Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is  
And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His  
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found, Far as, far as the curse is found.  
love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.  
heav'n and na - ture sing,

TEXT: Isaac Watts  
MUSIC: George Frederick Handel; arranged by Lowell Mason

ANTIOCH  
C.M.

**GREENWOOD COMMUNITY CHURCH, PRESBYTERIAN**  
**Warwick, Rhode Island**  
**November 28, 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 Monika Algozino in loving memory of her mother, Helga Ramke, and in loving memory of Nancy Allen, by Karen, Christopher and Stephanie Allen.

**OUR CHRISTMAS CONCERT, "A FESTIVAL OF CAROLS"**, will be presented **Sunday, December 5, 5:00 p.m.** The Greenwood Concert Choir will be joined by the Greenwich Bay Brass ensemble, organ, hand bells and timpani. Also, a brief pageant by our Sunday School will take place during the concert. Don't miss this afternoon of Christmas cheer!



**THE MISSION COMMITTEE** is again partnering with Eleanor Slater Hospital to provide Christmas gifts to their long-term adult psychiatric patients. Each ornament will have their code and three wish items. You may provide one, two or all three of the wish items. You are invited to choose one, or more, of the coded ornaments from our tree in Fellowship Hall. Please record your name and phone number next to the corresponding tag number listed on the spreadsheet provided on our table. Please return gifts by **Sunday, December 12** unwrapped in a bag with the coded ornament. Thank you for this act of kindness which will not only be giving someone a tangible gift, but the gift of being remembered and dignified as a person.



**SUNDAY SCHOOL MITTEN TREE:** It's time to help decorate our annual Mitten Tree on the stage in Fellowship Hall! Donations of mittens, hats gloves and scarves for the needy are appreciated.



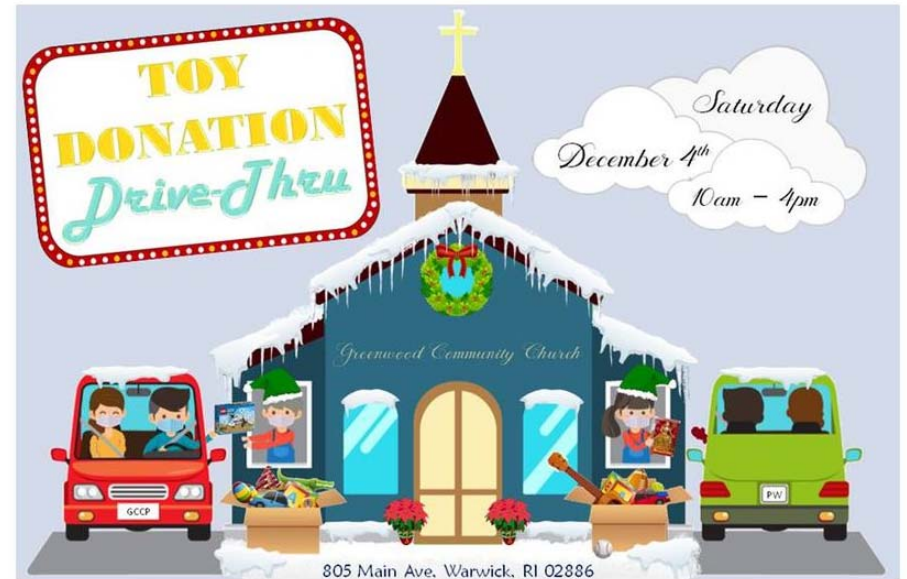
We invite you to remember a loved one during the Christmas season with a poinsettia to help beautify our sanctuary. **WHITE POINSETTIA PLANTS** must be ordered by **DECEMBER 5**; orders for standard **RED POINSETTIA PLANTS** may be made through **DECEMBER 12**. Thank you.



**This Week In Our Church**

November 28	10:00 a.m.	HANGING OF THE GREENS
	11:15 a.m.	ADVENT WREATH WORKSHOP
	5 – 7 p.m.	King's Kids
	6 – 8 p.m.	29Eleven
Monday	7 – 8 p.m.	BSF – Ladies
Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	PW Rachel
	7 – 8 p.m.	BSF – Men
Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Wed. Fellowship Dinner
	8:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Saturday December 4	10:00 a.m.	PW TOY DRIVE
Sunday December 5	10:00 a.m.	Service of Worship
	11:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	5:00 p.m.	CHRISTMAS CONCERT

**THE 2022 FLOWER CALENDAR** will soon be posted in the church office. Please consider signing up for dates to honor a loved one, mark a special occasion, and/or commemorate the memory of a dearly departed relative or friend and also help beautify our sanctuary for worship. **\$15 per bouquet.**



Also, the Presbyterian Women welcome donations of cash/gift cards for places/items teens may like, as they are sometimes 'forgotten' and really aren't looking for toys such as Legos or Barbie Dolls. You may give cards to Joan Eichenfeldt or leave them in the Presbyterian Women Moderator mailbox in the office

THE  
GREENWOOD CONCERT CHOIR

PRESENTS

# *A Festival of Carols*

Sunday, December 5 • 5:00 p.m.

Greenwood Community Church  
805 Main Avenue, Warwick

*Featuring the Greenwich Bay Brass  
led by Leif Reslow*

Music  
AT  
Greenwood  
*John Black, Director*

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as we learn together**

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