



SUNDAY BULLETIN

Thanksgiving Sunday

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*Indicates time to rise as you are able.

We Gather

Prelude	Give Thanks
Welcome	Rev. Doug
*Opening Hymn	<p>#724 Sing to the Lord of Harvest Sing to the Lord of harvest, sing songs of love and praise; with joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise. By him the rolling seasons in fruitful order move; sing to the Lord of harvest a joyous song of love.</p> <p>God makes the clouds rain goodness, the deserts bloom and spring, the hills leap up in gladness, the valleys laugh and sing. God fills them with his fullness, all things with large increase; he crowns the year with blessing, with plenty and with peace.</p> <p>Bring to this sacred altar the gifts his goodness gave, the golden sheaves of harvest, the souls Christ died to save. Your hearts lay down before him when at his feet you fall, and with your lives adore him who gave his life for all.</p>
Passing the Peace	Rev. Doug
Testimonial	Bill Trippi
First Reading	Psalm 126 Bill Trippi
Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer	Rev. Doug
Thanksgiving Doxology	<p># 34 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.</p>

Second Reading	Matthew 6:25-33 Bill Trippi
Message	Rev. Doug
*Choir Response	<u>We Respond</u> Lead Me Home
Invitation to Communion	The peace of the Lord be with you..... And also with you Lift up your hearts..... We lift them up to the Lord Let us give thanks to the Lord our God..... It is right to give God our thanks and praise
Announcements	Rev. Doug
*Closing Song	#483 Take Time to Be Holy Take time to be holy, speak oft with your Lord; abide in him always, and feed on his Word. Make friends of God's children; help those who are weak; forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek. Take time to be holy, the world rushes on; spend much time in secret with Jesus alone. By looking to Jesus, like Him you shall be; your friends in your conduct his likeness will see. Take time to be holy, let him be your guide, and run not before Him, whatever betide. In joy or in sorrow, still follow your Lord, and looking to Jesus, still trust in his Word.
Benediction	Rev. Doug
Postlude	The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Altar Flowers



Today's Altar Flowers are offered:
**In celebration of everyone who supports GPC
in service and finances.**
By the Stewardship Committee

Coffee Fellowship



Join us for coffee hour after worship.
Sunday, November 21
Karen Allen and Stewardship Committee



Spiritual Vitality

REV. DR. DOUG CEDERBERG | GPC DESIGNATED TERM PASTOR
NOVEMBER 10, 2021

After a year of being with you at GPC, I have a thought I'd like to share with you this week. I have been told again and again how weary you all are of the decade-old search for the right mission and vision statements, strategic plans, and effective marketing strategy. The mindset has been, "If only we get those things right, we will succeed in bringing GPC into a new chapter of life."

I have a differing idea, based on *Zechariah 4:6*. "This is the word of the Lord: Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, says the Lord of hosts." Therefore, **it will not be by anything other than spiritual vitality that GPC or any other church will make it in the 21st century.** For the past 30 years in ministry, I have seen churches pin their hopes on business tactics, in particular, from the field of marketing. Seldom, if ever, have I seen this actually bring new people and new life into a church, in a lasting way.

First, let me state an old proverb from the field of business marketing: *No amount of marketing can save a bad product.*

Second, this proverb is backed up by an old story from the field of business marketing: A dog food company had just come out with a new product a year earlier. The can was covered with a bright, cheery label that caught the shopper's eye in the grocery store. The TV commercial for the dog food had a catchy tune and touted its all-natural ingredients. The "face" of the product was the winner of the prestigious Westminster Dog Show. In spite of all of this, the product's sales were dismal and continually getting even worse.

The Vice President of Marketing of the company called his department together to discuss the problem. He chided his employees, "We have the

snazziest label in the business. Our TV commercial is loved by viewers. Our supply chain is second to none. Why then are people not buying our dog food?" A market researcher sheepishly raised his hand to answer the boss, "The truth is, sir, the dogs won't eat it; they can't stand the taste." Yes indeed, no amount of marketing can save a bad product.

You can't outsmart a dog when it comes to what tastes good or not. Similarly, a church cannot outsmart the non-churchgoer with a lot of pizzazz, fancy mission statements, and clever marketing. The church is either a place where a person can experience God or not. And that will depend on whether the people already in the church are experiencing and finding joy in God or not.

Our "product" is a relationship with God through Jesus by the activity of the Holy Spirit in and among us. If the people of our church are not experiencing this for others to come and experience also, then no amount of all that business stuff will save a bad product.

It starts with faith that God makes a world of difference in your own life. Then, this enthusiasm is shared with others in the church, and thus it builds. It continues by being together in our experience of God each Sunday. And then it shows in our lives and makes an impression on people outside the church.

Now that we are resolved to keeping GPC going, it is only by the Spirit of God that GPC will be alive. Pray that God's spirit will come into your life and into the life of our church.

Doug Cederberg

Pastor, Greendale People's Church



“Happy Thanksgiving”

DENNIS CHRISTO | GPC GOVERNING BOARD CHAIR
NOVEMBER 17, 2021

Dear Congregation Family and Friends,
Last Sunday’s church service in the Chapel for Veterans Day Commemoration, we enjoyed the musical Prelude, I Will Rise, by music Director Annie Arsenault, a special song *You Say* was sung by Choir Member *Diane Morin*, and with Pastor Doug’s inspiring message: “Let Us Draw Near to God with a Sincere Heart” to explain how God sustained, encouraged, nourished, strengthened, gave endurance to God’s people as explained in the Letter to the Hebrews, and He does so today with us.

We have been blessed to belong to our historical church, 126 years old, that serves the community by being a house of godly worship, with our *Love in Action* programs and outreach ministries serving others. We are Christians who put our faith into action. We worship as a people of God, assemble in His presence to speak with Him by prayers and song, and hear Him speak to us by word and sacrament. This is and has been, our living history here at GPC. Yes, we face challenges; we will address them. Be assured: WE ARE HERE TO STAY!!!

You all have received the letter and *Financial Commitment Card* from our Stewardship Team to start this year’s campaign program called: **“Be a Vehicle of God’s Love.”** Please take a few minutes to read the letter, and return the Declaration of Intention Form sometime in November. Your Pledges and Donations are essential for the Finance Team to prepare and execute our Annual Operating Budget. Please prepare, submit and be generous.

Our church is filled with people who Love and Serve God in many ways. Tori’s Testimonial affirmed what drew her to GPC several years ago and keeps her active and engaged today... Our Faith In Action!

In addition to your Financial Commitment, see what we do as a congregation through the many opportunities to give generously: Food Pantry, Clothing Drive, Thanksgiving Baskets, Angel Tree gifts for children, Hope for Housing support, Mustard Seed, and Worcester Fellowship to name a few, and underscore Tori’s testimony. Also, look forward to the Special Projects Team fundraisers: the **Poinsettia and**

Christmas Wreaths Sales, and the **Mini-Fair** with some food options: soup, chili, and chicken salad sandwiches; eat-in or take-out.

Be Thankful,
BE BLESSED.

Just an added thought: Don’t see the world through the sad headline news... see the world through the people who surround you: family, friends, church members, and fellowship shared neighbors, co-workers. Therefore, write your own headlines and find your renewed spirit at GPC!

Blessings and Peace,

Dennis Christo
Chair, Governing Board.

H A P P Y

Thanksgiving



Rejoice evermore.

Pray without ceasing.

In everything, give thanks, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

This Thanksgiving, may your heart be directed at God, who gives you countless reasons to be grateful.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Connect & Serve

Food Pantry

Wednesdays | 10am | Parking entry



Thanks to your generosity, we were happy to deliver 13 Turkey Baskets via the Food Pantry.

We are also happy to report the recipients were very grateful.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

- The Food Pantry Angels -

Help a family in need this Thanksgiving!

Organized by the Deacons



Consider making a \$35 donation to purchase a turkey plus side dish ingredients for one family in need. Your donation will provide a family with the following:

- 10-12 lb turkey
- 5 lb bag of potatoes
- 2 lb bag of carrots
- Canned vegetables
- Stuffing
- Cranberry sauce & gravy

Donations can be mailed to the church office at 25 Francis Street or delivered to mail slot on Francis Street entrance. Please note "turkey basket" on the check memo.

For additional information contact Janet Whittall at Teacup057@charter.net or 508-852-1342. Thank you for making the holidays bright for those in need, especially during this difficult time!

Angel Tree Mission 2021

Drop off Saturday, Dec. 11 | 10 am -4 pm



Every Christmas we partner with Rainbow CDC to donate new toys and clothing that match children's "wish lists" to guarantee their Christmas is bright and memorable!

How to participate

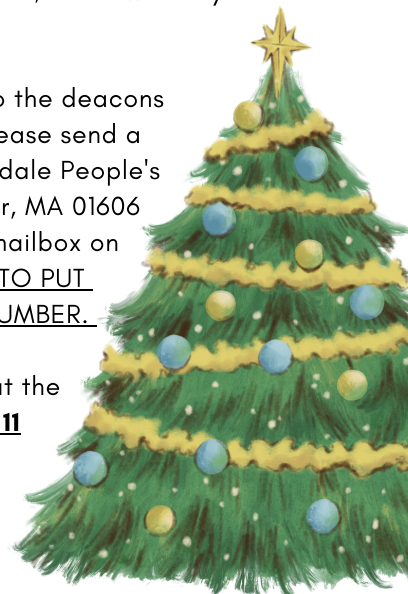
You will find a "wish list" in Fisher Hall. This list is arranged by children's age, gender, and gift wish.

1. Select a child by writing your name right next to the child's number. Do NOT purchase any gift until you have received verification from the church that the child you've selected is available. Please do NOT wrap gifts! Rainbow CDC will take care of this.

If you cannot make it to the church, contact Janet Whittall at Teacup057@charter.net; Janet will let you know what child is available.

2. You can also donate money so the deacons can purchase the gift for you. Please send a check (approx \$25.00) to Greendale People's Church, 25 Francis St., Worcester, MA 01606 or drop it off at GPC's secured mailbox on Francis Street. PLEASE BE SURE TO PUT ON YOUR CHECK THE CHILD'S NUMBER.

3. Drop off all unwrapped gifts at the church by Saturday, December 11 between 10 AM and 4 PM.



GPC Clothing Drive

Until December 5th, 2021 | Fisher Hall

Thank you to all those who donated winter clothing last Saturday at the church. We have about four boxes to be given to the Mustard Seed Groups and Dunkin's cards will go to Veterans Inc. You can still join this cause and donate winter clothing. Clothing donations will be accepted until **DECEMBER 5, 2021. Find our donation box in Fisher Hall.**

What to donate?

Please donate new or gently used clothes (**NO stains or holes**) like:

Hats, New white socks, Gloves, Scarves, Sweatpants (adult sizes), Sweatshirts (adult sizes), \$5 Dunkin' Donuts gift cards.



Greendale Ecumenical Group Advent Devotional

Submissions by Tuesday, Nov. 23



You are invited to offer a devotional for a day in Advent. Simply write a three or four-sentence thought and send it along to Doug at RevDoug@GreendalePeoplesChurch.org

Time is short, though!
Submissions are due on **Tuesday, November 23, 2021**

Each submission should include the following:

- TITLE** of the piece
- SCRIPTURE REFERENCED**
- NAME** of author
- AFFILIATION** of author

GPC News

Greendale Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service!

Sunday, Nov. 21 | 3:00 pm | Zion Lutheran

Join the Local Greendale area Thanksgiving service:



Sunday, Nov. 21
3:00 p.m. Zion Lutheran
41 Whitmarsh Ave,
Worcester, MA

Thanksgiving Donations are now being accepted

If you are able, please make a donation for Thanksgiving by writing "Thanksgiving" on the memo line. Your help is always appreciated.



2022 Declaration of Intention Cards are in the mail!



Watch your mail for your Declaration of Intention Card. The theme for this year is **"Be a Vehicle of God's Love."** You are all so special to God and He has sent many blessings to all of us. This is when GPC asks to know your plans for financial giving in the new year. Please be patient in receiving this letter as mail delivery has slowed. Pledge Sunday will be on November 21, Thanksgiving Sunday. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Allen, Financial Secretary, at karenallen2006@aol.com or leave a message for her at the church office at 508.852.7727

Hope for Housing special Fundraiser!

During the months of November and December, Panera is giving 20% rather than the regular 5% for all of their gift card sales to Hope for Housing. Cards are available every Sunday from Karen Allen.



Other cards available are from *Dunkin', CVS, Big Y, Shaw's, Hannaford, and Stop & Shop*. Please let Karen know if you need a large number of cards (more than 4 of any one type) for your holiday gifts. This fundraiser helps to keep people in their homes during these difficult times.

Poinsettia Sale

Pickup Sunday, December 5

The Special Projects Team will hold a Poinsettia Sale and Mini-Fair on Sunday, December 5th in Fisher Hall following church service. This event is for the congregation members only.



Poinsettias are **\$12.00 each**, to place an order contact, Marion McLaren. **Orders must be done and paid for by November 21st. Pickup will be on December 5th.**

Flower Chart for 2022 is posted!



Check the bulletin board outside of Fisher Hall to sign up for dedicating flowers for a Sunday in 2022. These are \$35 per Sunday

Please make your check to Greendale People's Church and write "Altar Flowers" on the memo line. These may be in memory of, in honor of, or in celebration of a person or event. Thank you for your continued support.

Holiday Fair is postponed



Our Annual Holiday Fair has been postponed this year due to the potential impact of COVID protocols now in place by Worcester and State Health Authorities.

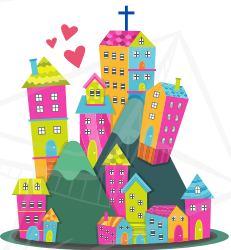
The good news is that the Special Projects Team will host some fundraising events this fall to help support our church budget:

a. Sunday, November 28th we will sell Christmas Wreaths in Fisher Hall after church.

c. Sunday, December 5th there will be a Poinsettia and Mini-Fair in Fisher Hall following church service **for Congregation members only. Not for the community.**

Volunteer Opportunities

Help GPC get involved in our community!



Do you have ideas to get GPC involved in our community?

Have you considered joining our **Social Media Focus Group** led by Russ Vickstrom? Help GPC make a difference in our our community!

For more details contact Russ at rvickstrom@gmail.com

Do you own a smartphone?

Please consider serving your church and the community by becoming part of GPC's Production Team.

We only have 3 volunteers and we desperately need more people to join! For more details contact Carolina at

Carolina@greendalepeopleschurc.org



Sunday Scripture Readers!



We need Sunday scripture readers, if interested please contact our deacons:

Chapel: Nancy Cimato | nancy4yoga@verizon.net

Sanctuary: Bill Hackett | bhacketteqbdstrategies.com

Grow Spiritually

Wednesday's Thoughts

Wednesdays on FB, YouTube and GPC website



On last week's episode, Pastor Doug and Carolina explore how to be a good Christian!

Episodes are available every

other Wednesday on our website, FB, and YouTube channel. Do you have questions or topics that you'd like us to explore? send us an email to Carolina@greendalepeopleschurch.org

Women at the Well

2nd & 4th Monday | 10:30 am | Conference Room

Classes meet on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 10:30 am in the Conference Room of the church. Self-study videos will be available every other week on our website and YouTube channel. Contact Karen Allen if you have any questions at 508.942.2401 or by email at karenallen2006@aol.com

Wednesday Study Group

Wednesdays | 6:30 pm | GPC Library

Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm in the church's library. We will read "Jesus Through Pagan Eyes" by Rev. Mark Townsend. For details contact Dennis O'Malley at owensinned@yahoo.com

Weekly Calendar

GPC office is open Monday-Thursday from 9 am to 3 pm

Monday, Nov. 22

10:30 am..... Women at The Well | 2nd CR

Tuesday, Nov. 23

6:30 pm.....Governing Board Mtg | 2nd CR

Wednesday, Nov. 24

10 am-noon.....Food Pantry | Parking Lot Entry

6:30 pm-8 pm.....Wed. Study Group | GPC Library

Thursday, Nov. 25

Thanksgiving!

GPC Office closed

Sunday, Nov. 28

9:30 am..... Worship Service | Chapel, FB Live

Prayer Chain

Please carry this with you or place it on your table or beside your bed. As you include the following names in your prayers remember that your brothers and sisters in faith are also praying with you.

Nancy Raphael
Beverly
Janice
Stephanie Kissiday
Jessica Angers
Jim & Marie Wilmot
Brandon S.
Teresa LaFleur

Don Hebb
Don Wilbur
June Ayres
Dee Freeburn
Patricia Harnois
Laura Giurleo
Ray LeBlanc
Clara Carreno

Karen Allen
Sandy Grayson
Rita and Rob Lonnroth
Bob Copeland
Astrid Essex
Ethel Gustafson
Karen Legere

Care Ministry

Connect with GPC members by sending a postcard and telling them how much you care!

Roberta Wolanski | Jewish Healthcare Center, 629 Salisbury Street, Room 330B, Worcester, MA 01609
June Ayres | Beaumont Rehab & Skilled Nursing, Fairbanks Unit, 3 Lyman Street, Westborough MA 01581

Ministering to the Congregation

Our Team

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Food Pantry

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mormor.nw@gmail.com

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GREENDALE PEOPLES CHURCH



NOVEMBER 2021



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 10:00 am Food Pantry Parking entry 6:30 pm Wed. Study Group Library	4 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm Cub Scouts Eden/Gen. Room	5 Office closed	6 Office closed
7 9:30 am Worship Service Sanctuary 9:30 am Virtual Worship	8 10:30 am Women at the Well Conference Room 6:30 pm Deacons Mtg Fisher Hall	9	10 10:00 am Food Pantry Parking entry 6:30 pm Wed. Study Group Library	11 Veterans Day 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm Cub Scouts Eden/Gen. Room	12 Office closed	13 Office closed 10 am - 12 pm Clothing Drive Parking lot entry
14 9:30 am Worship Service Chapel 9:30 am Virtual Worship	15 6:30 pm PROTO 4 Fisher Hall	16	17 10:00 am Food Pantry Parking entry 2:00 pm Stewardship mtg Conference Room 6:30 pm Wed. Study Group Library	18 10am - 12 pm Mustard Seed Kitchen 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm Cub Scouts Eden/Gen. Room	19 Office closed	20 Office closed 9 am - 11 am Turkey Basket assembly and pickup Gen. Room
21 9:30 am Worship Service Sanctuary 9:30 am Virtual Worship	22 10:30 am Women at the Well Conference Room	23 6:30 pm Governing Board 2nd CR	24 10:00 am Food Pantry Parking entry 6:30 pm Wed. Study Group Library	25 Thanksgiving Day Office closed	26 Office closed	27 Office closed
28 Advent Sunday 8:30 am Wreath Sale 9:30 am Worship Service Chapel 9:30 am Virtual Worship	29	30				

