



SUNDAY BULLETIN

First Sunday of Advent

THE LATEST FROM GPC:

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***Indicates time to rise as you are able.**

We Gather

Prelude	Comfort, Comfort Now My People Ellen Green
Welcome	Rev. Doug
Lighting Advent Candle	
*Opening Hymn	<p>#108 There's Something About That Name</p> <p>Jesus, Jesus, Jesus: there's just something about that name! Master, Savior, Jesus, like the fragrance after the rain; Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, let all heaven and earth proclaim: Kings and kingdoms will all pass away, but there's something about that name!</p> <p>Jesus, Jesus, Jesus: there's just something about that name! Master, Savior, Jesus, like the fragrance after the rain; Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, let all heaven and earth proclaim: Kings and kingdoms will all pass away, but there's something about that name!</p>
Passing the Peace	Rev. Doug
Testimonial	Nancy Cimato
First Reading	Jeremiah 33:14-16 Marge Clark
Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer	Rev. Doug
Second Reading	Luke 21:25-36 Marge Clark
Message	Rev. Doug
*Song of Response	<p><u>We Respond</u></p> <p>#507 A Mighty Fortress is Our God (verses 1 & 2)</p> <p>A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe; his craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.</p>

Did we in our own strength confide,
 our striving would be losing, were not the right man our side,
 the man of God's own choosing.
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;
 Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same,
 and he must win the battle.

Baptism



Today we celebrate the Baptism of
Gabriel Michael Rivera

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**

#154 O Come, O Come Emmanuel (verses 1-3)

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
 that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here;
 disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh;
 to us the path of knowledge show, and cause us in her ways to go.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Benediction

Rev. Doug

Postlude

Altar Flowers



In memory of Carl and Evelyn Berglind
 By Dee Freeburn and family.

Coffee Fellowship



Join us for coffee hour after worship.

Sunday, November 28
 Kim Paré



“Happy Thanksgiving”

DENNIS CHRISTO | GPC GOVERNING BOARD CHAIR
NOVEMBER 24, 2021

Dear Congregation Family and Friends,
The Governing Board wants to wish everyone, our GPC Congregation Family and Friends, a **very Happy Thanksgiving**. We truly have much to be grateful and thankful for. God surely has been good and continues to bless us all. Thank you God!

During last Sunday’s church service in the Sanctuary, we enjoyed the musical Prelude by music Director Annie Arsenault, singing by our choir members, and with Pastor Doug’s inspiring message. We especially enjoyed Bill Trippi’s Testimony in support of the Stewardship Team’s Pledge and Donation commitment drive for Operating Year 2022. What a joy to hear Bill talk of his life experiences for him and his family as members of GPC, starting with his marriage to Diane many years ago.

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 through our Faith In Action. Our congregation gives generously through the many opportunities: Food Pantry, Clothing Drive, Thanksgiving Baskets, Angel Tree gifts for children, Hope for Housing support, Mustard Seed, and Worcester Fellowship to name a few. 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.

Here are a few notes from last night’s Governing Board meeting:

- a.** The Treasurer and the Finance Team presented their initial draft Operating Budget Proposal for 2022. The Board will review and evaluate. The finalized budget will be presented during our annual meeting in January 2022.
- b.** The Food Hub is now moving their client’s equipment/materials out of Fisher Hall so we can restore our spaces to normal use.
- c.** Various building maintenance items were discussed.
- d.** The Social Media Team hasn’t evolved as expected. We need a few people who understand Facebook and can send postings from our church to FB and other media sites to communicate our message and activities for community awareness. Help us with this and volunteer a little time.
- e.** The Board agreed to donate \$250 of our Hunger Action funds to Worcester Fellowship to support their food program. We are seeking your Congregation donations to match our donation by Christmas. Please make your special donation noting Worcester Fellowship to help needy community members.

Blessings and Peace,

Dennis Christo

Chair, Governing Board.

Food Pantry

Wednesdays | 10am | Parking entry

Our sincere thanks for allowing us to provide 14 turkey baskets to our Food Pantry visitors. It was truly a thankful group!

Thanks to you, our pantry is pretty well stocked for now!
Happy Thanksgiving to all!

- The Food Pantry Angels -

Win a Turkey with all the fixings!

Sunday, Nov. 28, 2021 | Fisher Hall

The raffle will be held in Fisher Hall this Sunday after the worship service. Tickets for the turkey raffle will be \$5.00 each. See Janet Whittall to get your tickets



Thank you for your donations!

Turkey Baskets



Thanks to your kindness we were able to donate 35 baskets to Rainbow CDC. The remaining baskets went to the families that the Food Pantry identified. Thank you for your support!

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.

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 matches 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@chartner.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 News

Wreath Sale

Sunday, November 28, 2021

Wreaths will be for sale in Fisher Hall after church service on Sunday, November 28th. There will be two prices. EverGreen wreaths with Bow will be \$20.00.



Decorated wreaths will vary in price.

GPC Fellowship - Calliope Theatre December 3, 2021 | 7:30 pm



For those interested in seeing the production of *Monty Python's Spamalot* at Calliope Theatre, on Friday December 3rd at 7:30 pm, please contact Deb Hackett at 774.249.0552.

The senior ticket price is \$20.00. The Sunday show is already sold out. We need to order the tickets in advance so please let us know by November 28th.

Christmas Party & Yankee Swap

December 11 | 5:30 pm | Fisher Hall

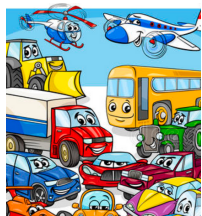


This year Proto 4 will be joining us again for our annual Christmas Party/Yankee Swap. It will be on December 11th in Fisher Hall, with appetizers at 5:30 PM

and dinner to follow at 6:00 PM. The gift exchange is \$15.00.

Please let *Deb Hackett* (774-249-0552) know what you will bring an appetizer, salad, main course, or dessert. There will be a small charge of \$3.00 to offset costs. Those who have paid their GPC Fellowship dues will have their charge covered. Proto 4 will need to cover their charge. All are welcome to join!

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

Advent and Christmas donations!

Advent and Christmas Donations are now being accepted. If you are able, please make a donation for Advent and/or Christmas and remember to write "Advent" or "Christmas" on the memo line. Your help is always appreciated.



Gifts for GPC staff

Please consider making a monetary gift to the staff by writing a check to GPC marking it with "Gift" on the memo line. All funds collected will be divided between Rev. Doug; Carolina, our Communications Director; Annie, our Music Director; and Kevin, our Sexton.

They all have contributed to a great reopening this year even with the continuing COVID pandemic. This is a small way to show our appreciation for all that they do. Thank you.



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. Pick up will be on December 5th.**

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.

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:

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



Doug and Carolina explore the meaning of Gratitude!

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

Wednesday, Dec. 1

10 am-noon.....Food Pantry | Parking Lot Entry
6:30 pm-8 pm.....Wed. Study Group | GPC Library

Friday, Dec. 3

7:30 pmGPC Fellowship | Calliope Theater

Sunday, Dec. 5

9:30 am.....Worship Service | Sanctuary, 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
Robert Jewers
Charlotte LeBlanc

Care Ministry

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

Don Hebb | 15 Whippoorwill Drive, Worcester MA 01606
Ethel Lind | Tatnuck Park, 340 May Street - A207, Worcester MA 01602

Ministering to the Congregation

Our Team

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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				

