



SUNDAY BULLETIN

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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After a Thunderstorm -The Oxbow | Cole, Thomas, 1801-1848



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

We Gather

Prelude	
Welcome	Rev. Doug
*Opening Hymn	<p>#518 Give Thanks for Life</p> <p>Give thanks for life, the measure of our days, mortal, we pass through beauty that decays, yet sing to God our hope, our love, our praise: Alleluia! Alleluia!</p> <p>Give thanks for those who made their life a light caught from the Christflame, bursting through the night, who touched the truth, who burned for what is right: Alleluia! Alleluia!</p> <p>And for our own, our living and our dead, thanks for the love by which our life is fed, a love not changed by time or death or dread: Alleluia! Alleluia!</p> <p>Give thanks for hope, that, like the wheat, the grain lying in darkness does its life retain, in resurrection to grow green again: Alleluia! Alleluia!</p>
Passing the Peace	Rev. Doug
Testimonial	Tori Jones
First Reading	Hebrews 10:11-18 Dennis Christo
Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer	Rev. Doug
Second Reading	Hebrews 10:19-25 Dennis Christo
Message	Rev. Doug
*Song of Response	<p><u>We Respond</u></p> <p>You Say - Sung by Diane Morin</p>
Invitation to Communion	<p>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</p>

Announcements	
*Closing Song	<p>#374 Refiner's Fire</p> <p>Purify my heart, let me be as gold and precious silver. Purify my heart, let me be as gold, pure gold.</p> <p>Refiner's fire; my heart's one desire is to be holy, set apart for you, Lord. I choose to be holy, set apart for you, my Master, ready to do your will.</p> <p>Purify my heart, cleanse me from within and make me holy. Purify my heart, cleanse me from my sin, deep within.</p> <p>Refiner's fire; my heart's one desire is to be holy, set apart for you, Lord. I choose to be holy, set apart for you, my Master, ready to do your will.</p>
Benediction	Rev. Doug
Postlude	

Altar Flowers



Today's Altar Flowers are offered:
In memory of Bessie Christo
 given by her son, Dennis Christo and family

Coffee Fellowship



Join us for coffee hour after worship.

Sunday, November 14
 Hosted by Deb & Bill Hackett



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



“Be a Vehicle of God’s Love”

DENNIS CHRISTO | GPC GOVERNING BOARD CHAIR
NOVEMBER 10, 2021

Dear Congregation Family and Friends,
Last Sunday’s church service in the Sanctuary for the All Saints’ Day Commemoration, we enjoyed the musical prelude, Tapestry, by music Director Annie Arsenault, and with Pastor Doug’s inspiring message: “If you believe, you will see the glory of God.” We also enjoyed the video, pictorial displays of loved ones collated by Carolina.

Just a 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, neighbors, co-workers. Therefore, write your own headlines and find your renewed spirit!

On a personal note, I must share these thoughts as we celebrate our National Holiday, Veterans Day, on November 11, 2021. For generations, the men and women of America’s Armed Forces have demonstrated their willingness to put the country before themselves; patriots who serve for the greater good and who don’t seek glory or recognition or personal gain. Over 100 years ago, on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918, the Great War – the war to end all wars – finally ended. Congress established a holiday called Armistice Day to commemorate the day. This day marks an opportunity to also pay our respects to those who have served so nobly. Years later, the day was changed to Veterans Day.

Our nation honors all those who made the ultimate, supreme sacrifice to protect our Nation in the name of liberty and justice; and to acknowledge the contributions of the nearly 22 million veterans living today. And while Veterans Day is a day set aside to thank and honor ALL who have served, living or deceased, it should also be a day for all Americans to be a part of, because every citizen has a role to play in carrying the legacy and burden of freedom. I must also acknowledge the sacrifices of the family members of all those who served. It is the family of loved ones who enabled our Servicemembers to serve so nobly. Thank you to ALL in our Church Family whose loved ones served our Nation!

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.

Some feedback from our most recent GB meeting:

- a.** CANA has returned to hold their church services on Sundays at 4:30 PM in the Chapel, beginning on October 17th. We warmly welcome them back. Also, WIMS church continues to use our Sanctuary each Sunday at noon for their church service.
- b.** Fales Street lot restoration is finished and looks great. A storage shed is installed.
- c.** The Facility Use Team has updated our facility use agreement for all building users.
- d.** The Selah facilities are closed and weatherized for the season. Selah Team input to the GB expressed their intent to ensure the property is preserved as a natural space to honor our church historical leaders.
- e.** GPC Facility User Fees have been reviewed and increased.
- f.** The Stewardship Team reminds us that continued Congregational financial support remains essential. Note: look ahead to Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas for special giving opportunities.
- g.** Social Media Guidelines have been established and posted on our website. We need volunteers to work on the Social Media Team.
- h.** The Finance Team summary through October: while the budget is holding its own for income and expenses, our expenses were higher this month, primarily due to Fales Street Wall repairs which came in under its budget at \$37,000.
- i.** Added: It is not too soon for our church Teams to begin developing their Annual Reports for this operating year.

Dennis Christo
Chair, Governing Board.

Food Pantry

Wednesdays | 10am | Parking entry



Through the year 212 people have visited the Food Pantry. Some come weekly, some monthly and other occasionally. That means your generosity is very much appreciated.

Our needs this week include regular size baked beans and Chef Boyardee products. Thank you!

- The Food Pantry Angels -

GPC Clothing Drive

Saturday, Nov. 13 | 10 am -12 pm | Parking entry

This upcoming Saturday is our clothing drive and we invite you to join the cause. Also, to maximize donations, **clothing contributions will be accepted until December 5, 2021.**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13
10 AM - 12 PM
GPC PARKING LOT ENTRY**

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



Donated items will be distributed through Veterans Inc. and Mustard Seed Groups.

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

You can make this an unforgettable Christmas for a child by donating a Christmas gift.

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?

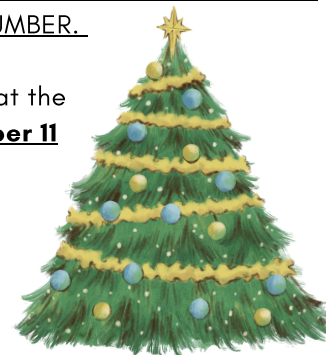
You will find a "wish list" in Fisher Hall. This list is arranged by children's age, gender, and gift wish.

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.

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.**

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



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.



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

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

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.

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.



This is a great idea for the holidays and there is no shipping. 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 her 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. Thanks in advance for your continued support.

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.**

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

Aauthorities. The good news is that the

Special Projects Team will host some fund-raising 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.**

GPC Talent!

We are excited to share with you the work of one of our talented members, Kathy Freeburn. Kathy has entered the "America Connects National Mural Mosaic", an art experience mosaic tiles painted by participants throughout the USA. The final mural will be designed, produced, and displayed both online and at a prominent location.



Volunteer Opportunities

Help GPC get involved in our community!



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

Have you consider 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 | bhackett@qbdstrategies.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

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. We are reviewing the Book of Acts and 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's Thoughts

Wednesdays on FB, YouTube and GPC website



On this 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

Weekly Calendar

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

Monday, Nov. 15

6:30 pm..... Proto 4 | Fisher Hall

Wednesday, Nov. 17

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

2 pm-3 pm.....Stewardship Team Mtg | 2nd CR

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

Sunday, Nov. 21

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

Family of Leonora Fairbanks
Amanda Perry
Bob Lambert
Leslie
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!

Robert (Bob) Copeland | 300 Central Park A311, Holden, MA 01520
Don Hebb | 15 Whippoorwill Drive, Worcester MA 01606

Ministering to the Congregation

Our Team

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RevDoug@GreendalePeoplesChurch.org

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Annie@GreendalePeoplesChurch.org

Communications Coordinator: Carolina Mata
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Deacons

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Care Ministry

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Food Pantry

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BoardChaire@GreendalePeoplesChurch.org

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ViceChaire@GreendalePeoplesChurch.org

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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
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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				

