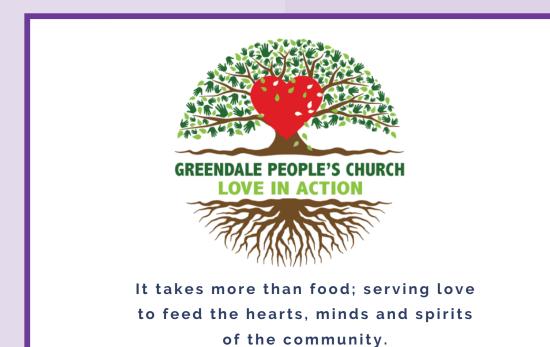


Whoever you are, wherever you are on your spiritual journey, WELCOME!



ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 29, 2020 First Sunday in Advent Online Worship Online Worship

GPC series presents:
"More Than Food: Engaging God's Vision and Mission for GPC "

www.GreendalePeoplesChurch.org





GREENDALE PEOPLE'S CHURCH

Whoever you are and wherever you are on your life and spiritual journey, welcome to worship at Greendale Peoples Church.

Welcome! We are glad you are worshiping virtually with us this morning. We invite you to center yourself and prepare for worship during the prelude. We will celebrate online services at 8:30 am on our website www.greendalepeopleschurch.org and 10:00 am on Facebook Live.

WELCOME	Lyn Wasilewski		
PRELUDE	"Come Now is The Time to Worship"		
FIRST READING	Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19 NIV - Linda Schubert		
*OPENING SONG	"Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates" #176 Lift up your heads, O mighty gates: behold, the King of glory waits! The King of kings is drawing near, the Savior of the world is here. Fling wide the portals of your heart: make it a temple set apart from earthly use for heaven's employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy. Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to you: here, Lord, abide! Let me your inner presence feel: your grace and love in me reveal. So come, my Sovereign, enter in! Let new and nobler life begin! Your Holy Spirit guide us on, until the glorious crown be won.		
PRAYERS OF			

THE PEOPLE &
LORD'S PRAYER

Janet Ordway

MUSIC INTERLUDE

"Magnificat"

MESSAGE

More than Food: "Hope" by Ellen Green

SONG OF **RESPONSE**

"Lead Me Home"

Thank you for the cross, thank you for your love, the perfect sacrifice of praise to God above. Thank you for the gift, thank you for the price of losing ev'rything to gain eternal life. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

Thank you for your joy, thank you for the pain of longing for peace in my suffering. Thank you for my hunger, for my poverty, that I would fall into the arms of mercy.

Ev'ry road leads back to you, ev'ry journey lies in you, So lead me home, my lover, Savior Lead me home, my Master, Redeemer Lead me home and I will rest in you

I praise you when I'm broken, I praise you when I'm lost, that it would keep me honest, in need of you alone. I praise you for the past, for the mess of sin, that I would never want to turn from you again.



Ev'ry road leads back to you, ev'ry journey lies in you, So lead me home, my lover, Savior Lead me home, my Master, Redeemer Lead me home and I will rest in you

OFFERING INVITATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us for virtual coffee hour on Zoom. Meeting ID: 326 302 867

Passcode: 18950408

INVITATION TO COMMUNION (KIM PARÉ)

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Kim Paré

*CLOSING SONG

"Come, O Come, Emmanuel" #154

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices; who, from our mother's arms, has blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is our today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all ills in this world and the next.



All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven,
the one eternal God
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

BENEDICTION	Sheri Kline
POSTLUDE	"How Great is our God"

Virtual Coffee Hour Zoom / 11 am

WORSHIP UPDATES

Sunday Virtual Coffee Hour at 11:00 am via Zoom

Web Browser/computer instructions:

1) Enter the following into a web browser: https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/326302867? pwd=Qmkrbkp5OGNtYoYvdUZqTWZkemhEUT09



2) Enter meeting ID: 326 302 867

3) Enter Passcode: 18950408

By Phone:

- 1) Dial 1 929 205 6099 or 1 301 715 8592 or 1 253 215 8782
- 2) Enter meeting ID: 326 302 867
- 3) Enter Passcode: 18950408

We need you!

THE DIACONATE

Please consider volunteering during our virtual worship service.

We need a volunteer to deliver the message on **November 15.**

We appreciate your help! Please contact *Bill Hackett at:*

Deacons@GreendalePeoplesChurch.org

To alleviate any confusion, please do NOT contact the church office.

Online Ministry

Are you interested in helping with our online worship service, zoom streaming or hosting our Sunday's virtual coffee hour?
Whether you are experienced or willing to learn, we have a place for you on this team.

Interested in volunteering? contact Carolina
Mata, our Communications Coordinator at
Carolina@GreendalePeoplesChurch.org



COVID-19 & Virtual Worship Plan

BY DENNIS CHRISTO | CHAIR GOVERNING BOARD GPC NOVEMBER 18, 2020

Dear Congregation Family and Friends,

This is another update to keep you informed of the happenings at our church in this virtual world of the COVID-19 pandemic era. Just like all of you, I miss our ability and the time to share our Inchurch service, and the time to meet and greet before and after church services. I sincerely hope you are taking advantage of our *Virtual Church Service* being composed by Deacon Bill Hackett with music by Anne Arsenault, supported by church various members volunteering for component parts, and for the great work of Carolina integrating as the piece parts into a coherent Service. Equally important is to visit with one another during the Virtual Coffee Hour using Zoom or telephone, if no computer, using info provided in the Weekly Bulletin or on the GPC website. Please contact Bill Hackett at bhackett@qbdstrategies.com directly to volunteer for one or more segments in the upcoming weekly services. If you need help in recording a component part, we on the Board will help you record your segment/portion and submit it to Carolina for inclusion: iust let me know.

We need more active participants to support our weekly services which will remain Virtual well into the next year as we safeguard ourselves and families. The Board with Rev Kev has discussed this matter many times since the COVID-19 pandemic began in March, and most intently in the past few months. We have now determined to issue a clear statement. See the Board's Policy Statement below:

"The Governing Board agrees to defer in-person service and in-person use of the building/facilities/all church property for an indeterminate period into the future until circumstances allow us to review and evaluate new information regarding this matter."

I again want to remind everyone of the continuing need for financial support through donations and pledges to maintain our budget. Consider the upcoming holidays of Thanksgiving, Christmas and Advent, to show your financial support with special donations. Also, remember our Finance Team letter on our 125th Anniversary Special Fundraising Drive covering a three-year period, and the Stewardship Team Annual Pledge/Donation Drive for upcoming budget year 2021. Please be as generous as possible. Thanks to those who have already responded.

In addition, please continue your Hunger Action community support during this difficult time for

GOVERNING BOARD

many people and families, and a key element of our TLC Team's work on Vision and Mission Statement. See the Deacon's notice for Turkey Baskets for needy families, consider a donation for the Mustard Seed, and our own Food Pantry, to help us continue our efforts of Hunger Action, which is a key element of our TLC Team's work on Vision and Mission Statement.

And, we encourage everyone to call a church member or friend, and reach out with Christian Love, for a health and welfare check. This will help overcome the isolation many feel in this extended pandemic. WE ARE FAMILY!



Finally, the Board sends condolences to the families of Jane LaFlamme, Norma Copeland, and Harvey Hartleb for the recent passage of loved ones into the Larger Life with our Lord.

Blessings and Shalom from your Servant Leader,

Dennis Christo Chair, Governing Board

PASTORAL SEARCH

Introducing our New Minister

BY DENNIS CHRISTO | CHAIR GOVERNING BOARD GPC SEPTEMBER 23, 2020

We are excited to introduce our new *Designated Term Minister* just selected by your *Board of Directors*. Our Pastoral Search Team performed their task in admirable and timely fashion and recommended a candidate to the Board.

We interviewed the candidate and voted yesterday (Tuesday, September 22, 2020) to approve and extend a Call to *Reverend Doctor Douglas Cederberg* to be our new



Designated Term Pastor. We did this in accordance with our By-Laws which allows the Board to select an Interim Minister. Settled Pastor selection does require Congregation approval.

Rev. Dr. Douglas Cederberg presently serves the congregation of the Pilgrim United Church of Christ, in downtown New Bedford, MA, and has been there since 2015. He has served as a Pastor in several churches in Massachusetts and other states, such as, congregations in Floral Park, NY, Iron River, MI, Lexington, MA, Glen Ellyn, IL, South Dartmouth, MA, and now New Bedford, MA, during his ministerial career which began in 1995. He received a Doctor of Ministry from Ashland Theological Seminary, Ashland, OH, a Master of Science in Business Management from Aurora University. Aurora, IL, and a Bachelor of Arts, North Park College, Chicago, IL.

He has been involved in Christian mission work in the local communities he has served, and formerly served as President, New England Seafarers Mission in Port of Boston, and as Co-Founder, Hearts and Minds for Uganda.

The Board is proud to announce our selection of Rev. Dr. Douglas Cederberg and warmly welcome him as our new Pastor. You should know he is married to his wife Gale, has 3 children, and 6 grandchildren. We all warmly welcome this family into our church family. We look forward to his leadership and participation in our church family, which will begin on December 1, 2020.

To learn more about Rev. Douglas please visit our website at www.GreendalePeoplesChurch.org

Blessings to all,

Dennis Christo, Chair, Board of Directors

GPC VISION

Team TLC





"It takes more than food; serving love to feed the hearts, minds and spirits of the community".

Team TLC has asked a lot of our congregation. We've held meetings, lectured, sang, acted, and even zoomed. We are grateful for your feedback and hope there will be more responses as we "wrap up the package" that is Greendale People's Church. You can email us your thoughts and ideas at teamtlc@greendalepeopleschurch.org

We've presented bedrock beliefs, core values, vision, and mission. This is the WHOLE package that identifies who we are.

- We believe God creates everything. God created us, lives in us, strengthens and sustains us
- We believe God sent Jesus to teach and guide us in our daily lives and we honor each individual's personal relationship with Jesus.

Bedrock Beliefs

- We believe that God has many names and can be worshipped in different ways.
- We believe God's presence is reflected everywhere and in everything; in the power, majesty and beauty of nature, and in many faith symbols.
- We believe prayer is a conversation with God. Prayer inspires, transforms, and heals us through inspirational thoughts, comforting words, music and expressions of faith.

- We believe fellowship is an expression of God's love for us, and our love for each other. We demonstrate this reflection of God's love through the practices of being and working together, service to our community, and acts of compassion and forgiveness.

Core Values

Spirituality, Healthy relationships, and Inclusivity.

- We value spirituality. We gather together to enrich our faith. Our faiths are diverse. We respect each other's unique spiritual journey and what that means to each person. We support each other on that journey. We create opportunities to examine our faiths, serve each other, practice spirituality and participate in a diverse faith community. In these ways, we learn and grow as individuals and as a people. We are a dynamic faith community.
- We value healthy relationships in all aspects of community life. We foster opportunities to create and strengthen bonds with God, our church family, and the community.
- We value inclusivity. We are a welcoming church. Whoever you are, wherever you are on your life or spiritual journey, you are welcome here.

Mision

How God is calling us to further Christ's ministry today

> "It takes more than food; serving love to feed the hearts, minds and spirits of the community".

Vision

A visual expression of who we are

The vision and mission complete the "package" and illustrate how we do more than just "feed people physically" (food pantry, meals at the church, mustard seed, etc.) but serve spiritual nourishment (God's love) to our community and beyond. It's what we've been doing all along, but expressed in new ways. That's all folks!! It's a "wrap" ... God bless. Joyce, Jan, Nancy, Joanne, Sarah, Ray and Fran

CONNECT & SERVE

Food Pantry

BY JOYCE, DONNA & TORI

Thanks to everyone who participated in supporting the *Turkey Basket Drive* this year. We handled out 14 turkey dinners to folks who come into the Food Pantry. and 6 others to other families who needed help. Also, thanks to those who came in early and put the baskets together. It made work a fun time!

Our needs continue. We are hoping that you can find good sales including baked beans, macaroni and cheese, pasta sauce and cereal.

Thanksgiving may be over, but each day when we participate in these worthwhile endeavors we are supporting and doing God's work. Blessings to all!

- Donna, Tori & Joyce -

Angel Tree

BY BILL HACKETT

GPC is continuing our Angel Tree Mission in 2020 in the virtual format. We have received names from Rainbow CDC. Attached is our list of Rainbow CDC children by age, gender, and gift wish-list. Please select by number which child vou would like to donate a Christmas gift. Contact Janet Whittall at Teacupo57@chartner.net with your selection by number only and please put "Angel Tree" in your email title box. Do NOT purchase any gift until you have received verification from Janet that the child you have selected is available. (Please DO NOT contact the church office in reference to Angel Tree gifts).

If you are not able to donate a gift, you can donate money and the deacons can purchase your gift. Please send checks (around \$25.00) to Greendale People's Church, 25 Francis St., Worcester, 01606 or drop off at GPC secured mailbox on Francis Street.

BE SURE TO NOTE ON YOUR CHECK THE CHILD'S NUMBER

Continue next page ---->

Please do NOT wrap gifts! Rainbow CDC will take care of this. We ask that all unwrapped gifts be dropped off at the church on <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>December 16 between 10 AM and 4 PM</u>.

#	Gender	Age	Size(s)	Wish List
1	Girl	4	5T, shoe 12	My Little Pony, Magnetic blocks, Crayola arts and crafts
2	Girl	4	5T, shoe 9	My Little Pony, Magnetic blocks, Crayola arts and crafts
3	Boy	4	5T, shoe 10	Magnetic blocks, Pretend tool set, Crayola arts and crafts
4	Boy	4	5T, shoe 12	Pretend tool set, Crayola arts and crafts, wild or sea life animal figures
5	Boy	3	5T, shoe 12	Magnetic blocks, Pretend tool set, Crayola arts and crafts
6	Boy	3	5T, shoe 12	Pretend tool set, Crayola arts and crafts, wild or sea life animal figures
7	Boy	3	4T, shoe 9	Magnetic blocks, Pretend tool set, Crayola arts and crafts
8	Boy	3	4T, shoe 9	Pretend tool set, Crayola arts and crafts, cars, trucks, trains
9	Girl	3	4T, shoe 10	My Little Pony, Magnetic blocks, Magna Doodle
10	Girl	3	4T, shoe 10	My Little Pony, Magnetic blocks, Playfoam
11	Boy	3	4T, shoe 12	Magnetic blocks, Pretend tool set, Crayola arts and crafts
12	Girl	3	4T, shoe 10	My Little Pony, Magnetic blocks, Crayola arts and crafts
13	Boy	3	6X, shoe 12	Magnetic blocks, Pretend tool set, Crayola arts and crafts
14	Boy	3	4T, shoe 9	Pretend tool set, Crayola arts and crafts, wild or sea life animal figures
15	Boy	3	4T, shoe 9	Magnetic blocks, Pretend tool set, Crayola arts and crafts
16	Girl	3	4T, shoe 6	My Little Pony, Magnetic blocks, Crayola arts and crafts
17	Boy	3	5T, shoe 12	Pretend tool set, Crayola arts and crafts, cars, trucks, trains
18	Girl	3	4T, shoe 8	My Little Pony, Magnetic blocks, Crayola arts and crafts
19	Girl	3	4T, shoe 8	My Little Pony, Magnetic blocks, Crayola arts and crafts
20	Girl	3	4T, shoe 8	Magna Doodle, Crayola arts and crafts, Playfoam
21	Boy	3	4T, shoe 8	Pretend tool set, Crayola arts and crafts, wild or sea life animal figures
22	Boy	3	4T, shoe 9	Cars, trucks, trains, Crayola arts and crafts, wild or sea life animal figures
23	Boy	3	4T, shoe 10	Magnetic blocks, Pretend tool set, Crayola arts and crafts
24	Boy	3	4T, shoe 9	Magnetic blocks, Pretend tool set, Crayola arts and crafts
25	Boy	3	4T, shoe 9	Pretend tool set, Crayola arts and crafts, wild or sea life animal figures
26	Girl	3	4T, shoe 11	My Little Pony, Magnetic blocks, Crayola arts and crafts
27	Boy	2	3T, shoe 8	Stacking toys, stuffed animals, animal farm set
28	Girl	2	3T, shoe 8	Stacking toys, stuffed animals, My First Crayola Doodle Board
29	Girl	2	3T, shoe 8	Stacking toys, stuffed animals, My First Crayola Doodle Board
30	Girl	2	3T, shoe 6	Musical instruments, soft dolls, My First Crayola Doodle Board
31	Boy	2	3T, shoe 9	Stacking toys, building blocks, animal farm set
32	Girl	2	3T, shoe 7	Stuffed animal, Vtech Touch & Teach learning toy, soft doll
33	Boy	2	3T, shoe 8	Stacking toys, stuffed animals, animal farm set
34	Boy	2	3T, shoe 7	Stacking toys, building blocks, Vtech Touch & Teach learning toy
35	Girl	2	3T, shoe 7	Musical instruments, soft dolls, My First Crayola Doodle Board
36	Boy	2	3T, shoe 8	Stacking toys, stuffed animals, animal farm set
37	Boy	2	3T, shoe 7	Stacking toys, building blocks, Vtech Touch & Teach learning toy
38	Girl	1	24m, shoe 4	Soft plush toys, musical toys, soft baby dolls
39	Boy	1	24m, shoe 4	Vtech Pull and Sing Puppy, musical toys, stuffed animals
40	Girl	1	24m, shoe 4	Vtech Pull and Sing Puppy, musical toys, soft bay doll
41	Boy	1	24m, shoe 4	Vtech Drop and Go dump truck, musical toys, stuffed animals
42	Girl	1	24m, shoe 4	Vtech Pull and Sing Puppy, musical toys, stuffed animals

Turkey Basket Drive

We reached our goal! Thanks to you we were able to provide at total of 51 meals to families in need. Here are some pictures of our volunteers meeting *Rainbow Child Development* at Price Chopper.



Mustard Seed Updates

KIM PARÉ

A big thank you and much gratitude to Joanne
Wilder, Michael Wilder, Jan
Anderson, Steve Hackett,
Bill Hackett,
Nancy Cimato, & Wendy
Fillow for making & assembling 120 bagged meals for the
Mustard Seed mission last Thursday, Nov
19. Conversation and busy hands got the job done in about 45 minutes! Wishing everyone good health and safe interaction this holiday season..



OTHER GPC NEWS

Message from the Facilities team

Those congregants who have keys to the church and *HAVE NOT been contacted by Dave Raphael*, PLEASE call him at 508.868.3500 or email him at dr@raphael.com - Thank You!

125th Anniversary Celebration

Firming the foundation for the Future

BY KAREN ALLEN - GPC FINANCIAL SECRETARY



Progress is being made! We have received pledges for 25% of our goal of \$125,000.

Thanks to those who have already pledged. You may send in your pledge card at any time in the next three years. This way if your circumstances change, you may make a donation at any time. These monies are for replacements of the boilers and the retaining wall near the garden, additional signage and the pastor's salary. These will help us for Firming the Foundation of GPC for the Future. Our poster for marking our progress will be ready to debut after Thanksgiving. Your support is appreciated.

2021 Declarations of Intention

Stepping Out in Faith and Stepping up in Generosity" The Finance
Team is meeting to develop a balanced budget for 2021. The main portion of our income is from each of you. We are making progress in our collection and your continued support is so greatly appreciated. You are welcome to complete your pledge card for January through December 2021 and mail it in to the office or drop it in the mailbox on Francis Street. You are also welcome to send your pledge information by email to *Karen Allen at karenallen2006@aol.com*

Spread Holiday Jolly!

JAMS & JELLYS MADE BY BARBARA PEARSON

Every year our dear GPC member, Barbara Pearson, delight us with some homemade jams, jellies and dill relish. We have left the following:

- Grape Jelly (2)
- Cucumber relish (5)

Don't wait, order yours today! Contact Dot & Dennis Christo at 508-835-3423 or dennisc286@aol.com

Christmas Wreaths!

SPECIAL PROJECTS



There are 5 Christmas Fresh Evergreen Wreaths remaining. Please reserve yours by calling Dot & Dennis Christo at 08-835-3423 or by email dennisc286@aol.com

The price is \$20.00 each. Pick-up date is planned to be on Saturday, November 28th at the church parking lot entrance ramp, with time to be from 10 am-1 pm; please pay cash or check to GPC.

Bible StudyWomen at the Well

2nd & 4th Monday of the month at 7 p.m. on Zoom.

For the Bible Study, the last class to discuss the book Beyond Resistance will be on December 14 and then our next class is on January

11, 2021. The book of the bible to be discussed is yet to be determined.

Contact Karen Allen at 508.942.2401 or by email at karenallen2006@aol.com to receive the Zoom hookup or if you have any questions.

Beginner Crochet

Learn crochet for beginners! In this DIY series, Lyn Wasilewski teaches how to crochet for absolute beginners. Watch part 1 and 2 on our website, www.GreendalePeoplesChurch.org or visit our YouTube channel.

Virtual Book Club

You can watch all episodes of GPC Book Club "Beyond Resistance, The Institutional Postmodern World" by Rev. John Dorhauer.

To watch visit: www.GreendalePeoplesChurch.org or our YouTube channel.

Hope for Housing (HfH)

There are still gift cards available for holiday gift giving. But as we all know it is important to order your cards early as it may take a few weeks to get the ones that you want.

HfH has \$10 and \$25 cards for Dunkin and Panera as well as \$10, \$25, \$50 ad \$100 cards from Big Y, Stop & Shop, Shaws and Hannaford; and \$20, \$20 and \$50 cards for CVS.

These can be delivered to you or arrangements can be made for you to pick up the cards at church. To place an order call *Karen Allen* at 508.942.2401 or email her at *karenallen*2006@aol.com.



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.

Edith King June Ayres **Curtis Berry** Nancy Raphael Don Hebb Brandon Beverly Harold Supernor **Bob Devio Janice** Dee Freeburn Ron Allen Stephanie Kissiday Kathy & Amy Elaine Doud Cyndi Ryan Carol Brainey Jessica Angers

Jim & Marie Wilmont Russ Vickstrom Senior Ron and Lonnie Miller Bette Staruk Ellen Gretchen Kraner

Brandon S. Burt Janet Ordway & Daughter Cecil Everett Beth's Daughter Bob Copeland and family

Teresa LaFleur Jerry. Hartleb Family

Care Ministry

During COVID-19 we should practice social distancing however, phone calls, texts, video-calls and emails are also ways to connect with your loved ones across-distance. Tell them how much you care and ask questions like: Are you okay? Is your family okay? Do you need anything? or join in a virtual collective prayer.

Barbara Lohnes | 19 Sandy Glen Drive, Holden, MA 01520 Nancy Raphael | 10 Trenton Lane, West Boylston, MA 01583

Ministering to the Congregation

Our Team

Music Director: Annie Arsenault Annie@GreendalePeoplesChurch.org Communications Coordinator: Carolina Mata Carolina@GreendalePeoplesChurch.org Custodian: Matt Duhamel Custodian@GreendalePeoplesChurch.org

Deacons

Deacons@GreendalePeoplesChurch.org

Care Ministry

CareMinistry@GreendalePeoplesChurch

Food Pantry

Food Pantry @ Green dale Peoples Church. org

Building Use

Scheduling & Camp Selah Liaison: Lyn Wasilewski Tenants@GreendalePeoplesChurch.org

Governing Board

Chair: Dennis Christo

BoardChair@GreendalePeoplesChurch.org

Vice-Chair: Lyn Wasilewski

ViceChair@GreendalePeoplesChurch.org

Clerk: Kim Paré

Clerk@GreendalePeoplesChurch.org

Finances: Bob Converse

Treasurer@GreendalePeoplesChurch.org

Facilities: Dave Raphael

dr@raphael.com

Stewardship: Dave Raphael dr@raphael.com

Bob Converse Treasurer@GreendalePeoplesChurch.org

Pastoral Search Team

PastoralSearch@GreendalePeoplesChurch.org

Membership

Membership Liaison: Charlie Wittall

Please like, follow & subscribe





