



Weekly Newsletter – Sunday August 23, 2026

Office hours: Mon / Wed / Fri 9:00am-3:00pm.
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What Is Worship?

The question, “What is Worship?” is one we’ve no doubt pondered in our thoughts as well as in group discussion. Yet, it is one that no matter when we bring it into view, we never exhaust the content. As we raise the question once again, let’s consider the question along with the following points:

- **Worship is a response to God’s greatness.** Recall how Moses responded to God at Horeb as he witnessed the burning bush. While he was told by God to remove his sandals for he was standing on holy ground, Moses hid his face as he was afraid- he was awestruck. His response acknowledged God’s greatness and goodness, the living God worthy of honor and praise.
- **Worship deepens our relationship with God.** This was not only true of Moses on Mount Horeb, it was also true of Peter, James, and John at the Mount of Transfiguration. As these brothers saw Jesus transfigured with Moses and Elijah, they stood in awe, each falling face down in both adoration and surrender.
- **Worship unites believers as a community.** While our eyewitness of God may be delayed until the Lord’s return, we foster our unity in Christ, strengthen our faith and encourage one another. To quote the writer of Hebrews, we do so “as we see the day approaching” (Heb. 10: 25).
- **Worship renews and refreshes our spirits.** During times of challenge and struggle, we find comfort sharing those life issues with those facing similar ones that cause worry and concern. It also brings comfort and relief as we remind ourselves in song: “Jesus, lover of my soul; let me to thy bosom fly. While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high”. God is present even then.
- **Worship aligns our hearts and minds with God’s purpose.** We are each gifted for purpose; that is, God has gifted each one of us and called us to use our individual gift for His honor. In doing so, we are His agency through which the collective body functions and grows (Eph. 4: 11- 16). This glorifies God and honors Him in all we do.

May we as a collective body respond to God’s greatness in awe of His presence. May we strive to use our gifts, as Paul encouraged the Philippians to do, “in the unity of the spirit and in the bond of peace” (Eph. 4). Let us worship and praise God as we witness the great things He continues to do.

Comments by Mike Barker (bullet points from unknown source)

Praise and Prayer Request

George Kirkland Family: Our dear Elder, George, passed away yesterday morning. Please pray for Sherry, the family and our congregation as we grieve. A memorial service is being planned for Saturday, September 5 at 10 am at Greenbank.

Chrissi Parker: continued prayers for our family, good health, LeBron's job situation to improve and our future endeavors.

Dave Bower: pray for my brother, Walt.

Jenn Ring: asking for prayers for my sister, Lorri who continues battling cancer. I am asking for prayers for myself-I received a scary medical diagnosis this week. Praying for George & Sherry Kirkland.

Patty Conway: George & Sherry, Dawn D., Shawn & Tony, Kady & Chris, Moises, Jason, Lonnie & Sergio.

Taylor McPherson: prayers that my house sells quickly so that I am released from the financial burden of it. Also, that Lindsey, Drew, Deyzure, Lois, Terry, Denise and Jayson come to Christ.

Elisha Wall: Underwood family in passing of Rita Underwood; Kathy Groce's treatment for multiple myeloma and her broken femur; traveling mercies for Janet and Steve Hawkins; Janey Hawkin's gallbladder surgery and recovery; Shala Clark, Dawn Dorrel, Roxi and many others dealing with sickness, health issues, and difficult times; those struggling with mental health; Sherry Kirkland, family and friends in passing of George, My health and that of my family and wisdom in our decisions.

Sue Jones: PRAISE-Sister Carol completed her last cancer treatment and rang the bell, no more cancer cells, Praise the Lord.

Desmona Newsome: pray for my family in the passing of my grandmother.

Lillie West: pray that my relationship with God strengthens more each day.

Jan Adair, Liz Cox, Linda Crusco, Barbara Davis, Ed & Brenda Jones, Glen Jones, Sherry Kirkland, Christy Mickowski, Bob & Penny Pennington and all who are sick, homebound or caregiving a loved one.

Greenbank church: Pray for godly wisdom and guidance for our elders, minister, deacons, and ministry leaders.

Greenbank missions: Eduar Morales (Oxford, PA), Chad Westerholm (Mozambique), Edmund Borfay (Liberia), Samuel Agbeta (Ghana), Camp Manatawny, Reflect Campus Missions/BHC. Cameroon Bible Camp (Cameroon)

If you have an item for prayer or praise, please email it to office@greenbankcoc.org for inclusion in our weekly list. To view previous prayer requests and those on our ongoing lists, please visit the Weekly Bulletins page on our website www.greenbankcoc.org.

Offer of Thanks

Fern Davis: "Thank you everyone who donated items for the backpacks. Thank you everyone who helped fill and give out the backpacks. Your generosity and work was greatly appreciated. We were able to give 100 children backpacks and school supplies."

Announcements and Events

Recognition Ceremony

Rory Irwin is being honored for his military service by the Folds of Honor organization with a ceremony on August 26th at 10:00 AM at the building. The ceremony will be brief, and everyone is welcome to attend.

Monthly Food Drive

We will continue collecting peanut butter and jelly throughout the month of August. Please place your donations in the designated bin located in the lobby.

I Am My Sister's Keeper Women's Conference-Saturday October 10th 9:30

Ladies are invited for a morning of encouraging Bible-based teaching, inspiring speakers, meaningful fellowship, and more. Space is limited so register early. For information go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1212764940333502> or see the flyer located on the bulletin board in the lobby.

GriefShare Program

A GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place to learn helpful ways of coping with grief and gain support from people who understand the difficult emotions of grief. The next session is September 14 through December 7th. Sessions will be held on Monday evenings from 6:30-8:30 pm in the small chapel. To learn more and register go to www.griefshare.org See Fern Davis with questions.

Greenbank Small Group Meeting-Saturday August 29th

All are invited to join the small group led by Kamal Wall at Lums Pond at 12:00 for an impromptu picnic. Hot dogs, hamburgers and rolls will be provided. Please bring side dishes and desserts to share. We will not be renting a pavilion-grills and picnic tables are available. A sign-up sheet will be at the Welcome desk. See Anna DaCunha for park entrance tickets or with questions.

Sunday Meeting Times

In-Person Bible Classes @ 9:30 a.m. – including a Spanish-speakers class.

In-Person Worship Services @ 10:30 a.m. – English & Spanish

The English service is livestreamed with 3 ways to connect:

- 1) Facebook Live:** <http://www.facebook.com/greenbankchurchofchrist>
- 2) Greenbank Website:** www.greenbankcoc.org Click on the Facebook Live tab on the menu bar at the top of the page. You will need to log in to Facebook to join the live feed.
- 3) Zoom:** Meeting ID: 862 5363 5838 Passcode: 123456; Phone In: (301) 715-8592

Bible Studies

Community – Wednesdays @ 10 am – led by Domingo Reyes. (will resume in the Fall)

English Mid-Week – Wednesdays @ 7pm – hybrid class (in person & online) on Facebook Live or Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/98664842526?pwd=Rkp6Z3VYSGZpcjY4cXZWVjd1djNpQT09> (online only June-August)

Spanish Mid-Week – Thursdays @ 6:30pm at Greenbank. Contact Arturo Gallegos for information.

Ladies – 2nd Saturday each month @ 9am -hybrid class (in person & online) via Zoom – led by Crystal Reyes. Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88946018992> or dial in (301) 715-8592. Enter Meeting ID 889 4601 8992. (will resume in the Fall)

Men – 3rd Saturday each month @ 10am at Greenbank led by Mark Ray.

Youth – Thursdays @ 6:30pm at Greenbank – led by Eileen Hince

SMALL GROUPS

Greenbank – 2nd & 4th Sundays @ 12:30 pm in the building after services– hosted by Kamal Wall

North Wilmington – 1st & 3rd Sundays @ 2pm – led by Mark Ray.

Married Couples – 1st Tuesday each month @ 7pm in the small chapel– led by Domingo & Crystal Reyes. (will resume in the Fall)

3 Ways to Give

1) In Person: Place your offering in the collection plate as it is passed during our service.

2) By Mail: Send your contribution to 511 Greenbank Road, Wilmington, DE 19808.

3) Online: using our website, www.greenbankcoc.org, go to “Give” at the top of the page, scan the QR code or select “give online”. (Note: with PayPal there is a small fee assessed from each donation.)



Last Week: Attendance: 126 Contribution: \$8,221 Weekly Average: \$5,789 Weekly Budget: \$5,600