

Faithful Doubt

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

Have you ever heard it said that “doubt is the opposite of faith?” I heard that, or something along those lines, growing up quite a bit, and I still hear it some: that if we *really* believe in God, if we are *truly* faithful Christians, then there is simply no room for doubt. Sometimes, it seems to me, we imagine faith and doubt as if they were mutually exclusive – that if you have one, you can’t have the other.

- ◆ Covid protocol updates
- ◆ Lenten services
- ◆ Easter flowers
- ◆ Iron Pigs outing planned

As I shared with you during one of our recent Sunday worship services, I never knew until I studied Hebrew in seminary that *there is no word in the Biblical Hebrew language for “doubt.”* Out of all those words in our Hebrew Bible (and there are *a lot* of words!), there is not a single one for “doubt.”

Now, this means something. It means that what *we* call “doubt,” our Bible calls “faith.” Our questions, our anger, our fears, our pain, our wondering how in the world any of this makes sense – *all* of that – is not doubt at all, but *faith*.

If you’ve been worshipping with us for Lent, this will sound familiar. We have seen all throughout this season how even the most faithful among us have our doubts – and big doubts, at that. We have seen a man named Job – one of the most righteous people there is – lose everything: land, servants, animals, and most devastatingly of all, his children. And Job, we have witnessed, in his great faithfulness, has had no problem expressing his grief, his anger, his questions, his... great, big *doubt*... about it all.

So, Greenwich Church, I wonder: what if what we call “doubt” is really faith, or a key part of faith? What if when we feel doubt (and despair, and anger), it doesn’t mean that there is something wrong with us at all? What if, instead, our doubts put us in the company of Job, of the Psalmist, of Jesus crying out on the cross: “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

I’m so grateful that we are journeying through this season of Lent together – a truth-telling season, indeed. Please continue to journey with us as we enter into Holy Week.

We are offering a Maundy Thursday (April 14) 7:30PM service; a Good Friday (April 15) 7:30 pm service; a Holy Saturday event for children (April 16) at 10 am; and, of course, Easter Sunday (10 am) on April 17!

In life and in death, through our faithful doubts and our wildest hopes, I believe with every breath of my being that God is molding us more fully into the people that God intends for us to be.

Thanks be to God!
Pastor Mary Beth

Welcome to worship at Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church!

We are so glad you are worshipping with us – whether in-person or online!

We continue to stream online services even as we gather in person.

- We are now "Mask Optional" for all indoor facility use, including worship services. The change means that attendees of an indoor event, including worship services, are not required to wear a mask while indoors. However, all are free to do so if they wish; and
- We strongly suggest that those who are not vaccinated should continue to wear a mask for their own protection and that of the congregation; and
- For some additional period, we will continue to maintain social distancing for indoor events as much as reasonably possible, including by continuing the seating for Sunday services only in every other row, and by encouraging the attendees to spread out within those rows; and
- We will continue to enter through the Green Room to reduce crowding; and
- Decisions related to masking, positioning and social distancing for the choir will be made by Pastor Mary Beth, Tom and Betsy; and
- We will continue to reevaluate the situation over the coming weeks and provide additional updates.

Fellowship, following the worship service, has resumed. You may pick up food and/or drinks in Memorial Hall, but we encourage you to go outside for eating and fellowshiping;

As we want to keep the air moving and ventilated as much as possible (which will include some open doors and windows), keep that in mind as you dress for worship. If you are feeling ill in any way, please join us virtually.

Prepared by a Sub-Committee of Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church

Date: 3/1/2022

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Pre-K through Grade 3 meet **immediately following Time With the Young Church**, except on Communion Sundays, which is the first Sunday of each month.

Grades 4 through 7 meet at **9 - 9:45 am, in Classroom 22**. These students will also be able to attend the worship service on Sundays as part of their Christian enrichment.

Questions? Contact Melissa Hixon, CE Committee, mhixon868@yahoo.com / 862-812-9636.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

- Teachers: Pastor Mary Beth and Mike Lemons
- Theme: Big God, Big Questions
- Class will meet every other Sunday at 9 - 9:45 am in the Technology Room
- 15 sessions in total
- Confirmands will be invited to join the church on June 5, 2022 (Pentecost Sunday)

Questions? Contact Pastor Mary Beth at 515-979-9681 or pastormarybeth@gmail.com

2022 OLD GREENWICH CHURCH MUSIC SERIES:

Lent, Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter

*Join us for meaningful worship and Spirited music
for the season of Lent and on Easter Sunday.*

Invite your friends and neighbors!

Wednesdays in Lent - 7:30 pm

Wednesday, April 6, feat. Tom DiGiovanni & Mary Beth Mardis-LeCroy

Palm Sunday, April 10, 10 am

Sunday worship with an extended postlude. Jazz Goes (back) to Church!

Featuring NY City based musicians Hannah Marks (bass); Evan Hyde (drums); Lex Kortan (keyboard), Nathan Reising (alto sax), with Tom DiGiovanni and Katie Rienzo

Holy Week - 7:30 pm

Maundy Thursday, April 14

Featuring Hannah Marks (bass), Tom DiGiovanni & Mary Beth Mardis-LeCroy.

Good Friday, April 15

Featuring the Old Greenwich Church Choir, with Betsy Gaston, Choir Director, and Tom DiGiovanni with Aiden O'Shea on trumpet

Easter Sunday, April 17, 10 am

Sunday worship featuring the Old Greenwich Church Choir, with Betsy Gaston, Choir Director, and Tom DiGiovanni.

Holy Week at OGPC

Palm Sunday
April 10th,
10 am

Maundy Thursday
April 14th,
7:30 pm

Good Friday
April 15th,
7:30 pm

Children's Holy
Week Service
April 16th,
10-11 am

EASTER

Easter Sunday
April 17th, 10 am

Egg Hunt
after worship
Easter Sunday

Find us at OGPC.org
or on our Old
Greenwich
Presbyterian Church
Facebook page



We are blessed to be so close to a holy, life-giving, creative, welcoming Christian camp: Camp Johnsonburg and Retreat Center (Johnsonburg, NJ). Johnsonburg is offering amazing programs for folks of all ages all throughout the year. Please pick up a brochure in the narthex about summer camp experiences (and also remember, the Deacons offer scholarships!). You can see the summer schedule right now and you'll be able to register for summer camp at www.campjburg.org/summer-camp/. here is also a Social Justice Summit for teens July 24-27. See Pastor Mary Beth or Elder Sharon Smith for more information!



Holy Saturday Family-Friendly Event, April 16

Our Christian Education committee is pleased to offer an afternoon Holy Saturday (April 16) experience for our children and families! The activity will be based on the Stations of the Cross (an ancient Holy Week prayer practice), but will be kid-friendly and engaging for our younger folks.

It will begin at 10 am.

Please contact Lisa Kolterjahn at lkolterjahn88@gmail.com if you'd like to help, or have questions about the event.

Can you believe Easter will be here in about two weeks?! Following the season of Lent and great reflection comes the joy of the resurrection. If you would like to honor, celebrate, or memorialize a loved one, or demonstrate your praises to God, you can do so with beautiful flowers! Plants will be \$12 each.

Be sure to include your phone number, the number and type of plants you want along with the dedication you would like included in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Payments should be made payable to **OGPC Deacons**. Please place orders in the offering plates at church or mail to the church 17 Greenwich Church Rd., Stewartville, NJ 08886, ATT: TRISH MILLON. Deadline for orders is Sunday, April 10.

Questions?, please contact Trish at (908) 319-5061. Let's show our joy with beauty!

2022 EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM

Easter flowers are purchased by the congregation to decorate the church at the price of \$10 each. They are then taken to our Special People, members who are ill or homebound. Once that need is met, you may take the ones you purchased.

of Lilies _____ x \$12 = _____

of Tulips _____ x \$12 = _____

of Daffodils _____ x \$12 = _____

Purchased by: _____

Your Phone Number: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Celebration of: _____

To the Glory of God: _____

Please give ____ plants to our Special People.

LAST DAY TO ORDER – Sunday, 4/10/22

A list will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin, noting the purchaser and who is being remembered, honored, etc. Please help decorate the church and also make the holidays festive for our Special People. Please make checks payable to "OGPC Deacons" and include payment with order form. Forms may be put in the collection plates during the worship service or mailed to the church office.

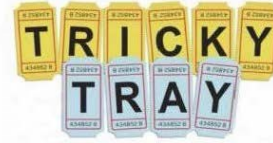
Questions? Contact Trish Millon at 908-319-5061.



DRUM CIRCLE

Drum Circle practice will resume on **Wednesday, April 20, at 6:30 pm** in Memorial Hall.

The practice previously scheduled for March 9 has been cancelled.



Saturday, April 9, 2022

Warren County Technical School
1500 Route 57, Washington, NJ 07882

Tickets sold only at the door

Admission \$20

(Includes 2 sheets of Level 1 tickets)

Doors open @ 5pm

Calling begins @ 7pm

Bring your own food/drink – NO ALCOHOL

SUNDAY FLORAL DEDICATIONS

The cost to purchase arrangements for the altar is **\$20 each**.

You may sign up for dedicated flower arrangements to honor or remember loved ones. Please contact Trish Millon via cell: 908-319-5061 or email: trishbrad00@aol.com to place an order and arrange dedication.

Orders should be placed two weeks or more prior to the service date which you would like the dedication to appear in the bulletin.

COMMUNION TABLE FLOWERS



HOME COMMUNION

If you would like to receive home communion, or know of someone who would like to receive home communion, please contact Pastor Mary Beth at pastormarybeth@gmail.com.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN APRIL:

04/01	Sharon Jiorle Sara Slack	04/17	Walter Campbell Brandon Bogyos Katy Lynn Leeper
04/02	Charlie Wojcik	04/19	Donald Hannis Amy Perkins Ella Snyder
04/03	Kim Mrotek	04/20	Jacob Miller
04/04	John Repko	04/21	Cora Bishop
04/05	Weston Newbrough	04/24	T. Hunter Simonds
04/08	David Brown Shelley Nazario	04/25	Melissa Mauricio
04/09	Sandra Stutzman Elizabeth Metz	04/26	Elizabeth Buckwalter Kyle Long
04/12	Gregory Bouton Conor Freer	04/27	Angela Donnelly
04/13	Susan Tintle Emma Mallory Nora Ronan	04/29	Edward Cichone
04/16	Harry Pursel II	04/30	Sharon Smith

***Children are in bold.**

**CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES IN APRIL:**

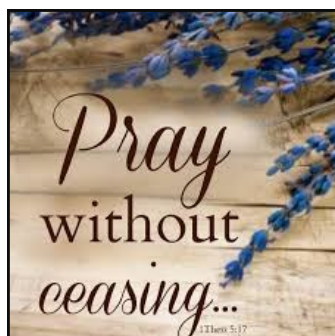
04/14/2012	Al & Tricia Marino, Jr.
04/19/1965	John & Barbara Repko
04/22/1990	Tim & Suzanne Newbrough
04/26/1975	Janice & Wayne Kosa
04/29/1995	David & Christine Brown



Ed Gardner, Tom Beacht, Bill Lee and Don Metz for replacing three balcony lights with LED bulbs. Thanks Don for the donation of bulbs .

Thanks also to **Bill Lee** for his help in replacing bulbs in Memorial Hall and helping to remove leaves off the Green Room roof.

Thanks to Boy Scout Troop 63 for picking up sticks and Christmas greens from the cemetery and church property.



Please hold in prayer: Trish & Phil Millon; Mike & Ellen Viscel's son, Anthony, who will be getting open-heart surgery on 4/4; Kathy Maso, who had a bad fall; Jack Taylor, who had emergency knee surgery; Lisa Gray, who had knee surgery on March 15; friend of Robin Glosser, Kathy Koch, whose mother passed away on 3/15; Bill Stober and family; Bill & Sharon Rimmmler and family (former members) on the loss of Bill's father, Bill, Sr., who passed away on 3/10; Carol Lee Doeringer's sister, Cathleen, who will be getting medical tests and her sister, Eileen, who is being tested for breast cancer; Sue & Mark Lizotte, as they move to Florida; Glen Snyder, who was in the hospital; Nancy Hummer and Ian Arnot (both with cancer), friends of Bob and Trudy Frey; and for good health for Trudy Frey; friends of the Jiorles, Bill, who was recently diagnosed with Stage 4 metastatic lung cancer, and his wife Kathy and their family; the citizens of Ukraine; Pastor Mary Beth's parents and family; Renee Herb, who is recovering from spinal surgery; Zachary Adams (traumatic brain injury); Debbie Mowrey; our home-bound members; those serving in our Armed Forces; those affected by the Corona virus and their families, around the world



PLAY BALL! Come join us for the 6th Annual Iron Pigs baseball game outing on **Saturday, July 23, 2022 at 6:35 pm.**

Now is the time to reserve your seat(s) for our sixth annual Iron Pigs baseball game group outing. Because seat reservations go quickly, we have secured a block of 45 seats for Saturday, July 23. We need a minimum of 20-25 people participate in order for this outing to happen. The game starts at 6:35 pm and will feature themed fireworks after the game. **Deadline to order tickets is Sunday, May 1, 2022.**

The Iron Pigs (the AAA affiliate of the Phila. Phillies) are scheduled to play the Scranton-Wilkes Barre Rail Riders (AAA affiliate of the NY Yankees). Tickets remain \$11 per person with \$2 credit embedded in that ticket to go toward food or merchandise purchases. We had 41 people attend the 2021 event and everyone had a great time.

If you have questions, please contact either Anita or Walt Campbell - Anita: souptime2222@gmail.com

Walt: campbellw47@yahoo.com or call them at 908-479-4737.

Cash or checks are welcome. Please make checks payable to either Walt or Anita Campbell.

EASTER SUNDAY

PLEASE REMEMBER to bring cut flowers to adorn the Easter floral cross which will be outside of the church on Easter morning.



Benefit Concert for Ukraine

Thursday, April 7 @7:00 p.m.
Bethlehem Presbyterian Church
 2 Race Street, Pittstown, NJ

Performances by local artists
 with a reception to follow.

**All proceeds will go to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
 Program and will be used for emergency humanitarian aid
 in Ukraine and for refugees.**



We are so excited for VBS 2022!!

August 1-5, 2022

9 am-12 pm

We had so much fun at VBS this year and extremely excited to make this year another successful VBS. This year our theme will be Food Truck Party where we will discuss different stories in the bible that are related to food and God's Love! We are planning a week full of fun activities all while learning lessons from the Bible.

In order to make VBS a huge success we need volunteers in multiple capacities! We need people who are free to help set-up and tear down and people to help us during the week of VBS.

If you are free and interested in volunteering, please reach out to Lisa Kolterjahn at (973) 809-2991 or LKolterjahn88@gmail.com to discuss.

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				3 Choir - Sanct. & Mem. Hall 7:30 pm	1 Office Closed Brownies 4:45 pm ACOA Mtg. 5:45 pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm	2 Boy Sc. Court of Honor 1 pm
3 Communion Sunday Worship Svc. 10 am & via Facebook Live AA Meeting - 3 pm	4 Boy Sc. Council 6 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm	5 Art Group 10 am AA Meeting 7:30 pm	6 Lenten Svc. 7:30 pm Christian Ed. 7:30 pm	7 Choir - Sanct. & Mem. Hall 7:30 pm	8 Office Closed ACOA Mtg. 5:45 pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm	9
10 Palm Sunday Worship Svc. 10 am & via Facebook Live AA Meeting - 3 pm	11 Boy Scouts 7 pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm	12 Art Group 10 am Personnel 7 pm Deacons' Mtg. 7:30 AA Meeting 7:30 pm	13	14 Worship, Music & Spirituality 6:30 pm Maundy Thur. Svc. 7:30 pm	15 Office Closed ACOA Mtg. 5:45 pm Good Friday Svc. - 7:30 pm AA Meeting 7:30 pm	16
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