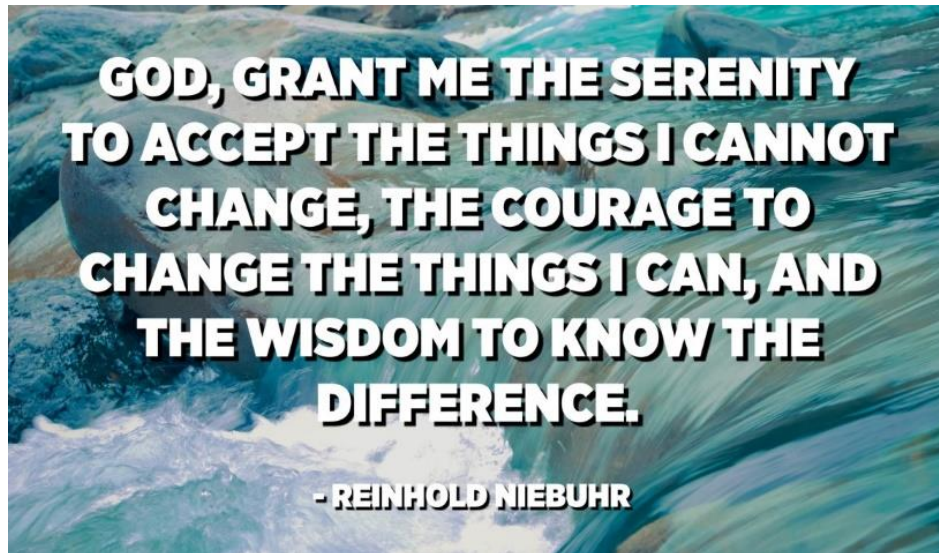


*Old Greenwich
Presbyterian Church*

The First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich Township



16th Sunday after Pentecost

Sacrament of Baptism

New Member Sunday

OUR CHURCH'S MISSION:
*To celebrate the love of God
in all we say and do.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

"Invocation"

- Rollo Dilworth

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Ps. 22: 27-31) and OPENING PRAYER**

Elder Jennifer Miller, Lay Reader

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to God; and all the families of the nations shall worship before God.

For dominion belongs to God, and God rules over the nations.

To God, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;

Before God shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for God.

Posterity will serve God; future generations will be told about God,

And proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that God has done it.

People of God, together, let us pray:

Almighty God, give us grace to love what you command, and desire what you promise; that in all the changes and chances of this uncertain world, our hearts may be surely fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever, Amen!

OPENING HYMN"A Mighty Fortress"*

260, vs 1-3

***INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

Let us remain standing, and tell the truth about how we sin against God and one another:

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)**

Almighty God, our heavenly Creator, we have sinned against you and against our neighbor – in thought, and word, and deed, and in what we have left undone. For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us all our offenses; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your Name.

SILENT CONFESSION with "Amen" played**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS*****GLORIA PATRI**

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost!

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be:

World without end! Amen! Amen!

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of Christ is here, among us, but we cannot keep it to ourselves! With thanksgiving, let us pass the Peace of Christ to one another!

Please sign and pass the pew pads.

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH: SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Mia Cheyenne Costley (daughter of Thomas & Melissa Costley)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED (TRADITIONAL)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic

church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

QUESTIONS TO THE PARENTS

QUESTION TO THE CONGREGATION

Do you, as members of the Church of Jesus Christ and this congregation, promise to love, encourage, support and nurture this child, **Mia Cheyenne Costley**, in the faith that we have received, supporting her that she may learn in all times, and sharing with her the good news of the Gospel, in all that you do or say, so helping her to know and follow our Lord Jesus Christ? **We do.**

BLESSING OVER THE WATER & BAPTISM

WELCOME

Mia Cheyenne Costley has been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church through baptism. God has made her a member of the household of God, to share with us in the priesthood of Christ. Let us welcome the newly baptized!

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Come, Holy Spirit, and speak to us through your Word today. Move us beyond ourselves and into this broken and beautiful world. In Jesus we pray, Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING –Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria, the notables of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel resorts! Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; who drink wine from bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore, they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

"I Sing Because I'm Happy"

- Rollo Dilworth

SCRIPTURE READING–Luke 16:19-31

'There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames." But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us." He said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house - for I have five brothers - that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them." He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." He said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"The Chasm"

The Rev. Mary Beth Mardis-LeCroy

UNITING WITH THE CONGREGATION – **Melissa (Lacamera) Costley and Christina "Tina" Schulman**

Through baptism, we enter the covenant God has established. In that covenant God gives us new life; in that covenant, we are guarded from evil and nurtured by the love of God and God's people!

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? **I do.**

Who is your Lord and Savior? **Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love? **I will, with God's help.**

Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, share in its worship and ministry through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ? **I will, with God's help.**

A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH (*abridged*, from the Presbyterian Church's *Book of Confessions*)
In life and in death we belong to God.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit! Amen.

WELCOME

As your new family, we welcome you to the ministry and mission of this part of the body of Christ! From this day forward, may the bonds of Christian love between us be strengthened and deepened, and may we stir one another up to love and good works, that together we may fulfill the purposes to which God has called us.

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Tom DiGiovanni

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (with the Lord's Prayer)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING

Offertory

*Doxology

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise God, all creatures here below!

Praise God above, ye heavenly host! Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

Divine Word, open our ears to hear your word, and our hearts to reflect the light of your truth.

When we stray, help us to admit it, and to change our ways. Take now the gifts we give back. May they bless this world, in the wideness of your mercy. In your holy name we pray, Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

"Transform Us"

2153, vs 1, 3

*THE SENDING

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Sing! Sing a New Song"

2172, vs. 3

POSTLUDE

All are welcome to join for fellowship (coffee, tea, juice) outside after worship.
(With inclement weather, we will have fellowship in Memorial Hall).



On **Sunday, September 25, 2022**, we celebrate the **16th Sunday after Pentecost**, the **Sacrament of Baptism** and the **welcoming of New Members** at a 10 am worship service with preacher, **The Rev. Mary Beth Mardis-LeCroy**. The service will be livestreamed on our Facebook Live feed at "Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church." (You need a Facebook account to access our Facebook live feed.)

To view past worship services, please visit our YouTube page at "Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church." You can also find our YouTube page services by visiting our website at www.ogpc.org, and scrolling down on the home page to "Watch a Service."

On June 15, 2022, Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church's Session (board of elders) updated our worship schedule and protocols to be:

- ◆ Masks are recommended indoors, but are optional for worship leaders, congregation, and small groups;
- ◆ Social distancing, as much as possible, is recommended in the sanctuary and other indoor spaces;
- ◆ Further, we strongly recommend:
 - ⇒ Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines
 - ⇒ Get tested if you have symptoms

(Additional precautions may be needed for people at high risk for severe illness.)

While we remain a mask-optional church campus, the CDC recommends wearing masks as a precautionary measure while indoors while rates in our region remain high. We will have hand sanitizer and masks available to those who feel more comfortable wearing one. Anyone not feeling well should avoid large gatherings and remain at home to care for their own well-being. The health and safety of our church community are the responsibility of all.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: The Pastor or the Administrative Ass't, or both, will be in the church Monday through Thursday, 9 am – 1 pm. Offices are closed on Fridays.

USHER TEAM SCHEDULE: September 25 - Team 4; October 2 - Team 1

TODAY'S LAY READER is **Elder Jennifer Miller**. Jennifer joined OGPC in 2004. A teacher, scout leader, coach and baker when not at church, Jennifer enjoys working with the children and education of our congregation. Jennifer just completed her Christian Education Associate program in 2022 and is looking forward to sharing these new ideas with all ages. Lately, Jennifer has been shuttling her four kids around with her husband Jeff - Jacob, to The Citadel; Jill, as a junior in high school, playing field hockey year round; Josh, with scouting and growing interests as a freshman; and Jacqueline, as an 8th grader, who also loves field hockey! Jennifer is most excited about the future of OGPC as it continues to instill the love and word of God in all members and visitors!

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS! Joining Old Greenwich today as members are **Christina "Tina" Schulman** and **Melissa Costley**. Please join at fellowship following the worship service to say hello and welcome them to the Old Greenwich family!

CONGRATULATIONS to the Costley family on the Baptism of their daughter, Mia Cheyenne Costley.

TODAY'S FLOWERS are from Carl Guthardt in celebration of 62 years of marriage.

FLOWER COORDINATOR NEEDED: The Deacons are looking for someone to act as Flower Coordinator. This is a volunteer position and anyone from the congregation is welcome to step up. It involves receiving floral dedications and payments and disseminating information to the church Administrative Assistant and the florist so that arrangements are ordered and info is printed in the bulletin. If you are interested, please contact Walt Campbell, Deacon Moderator at campbellw47@yahoo.com, or speak to any Deacon.



If you have a child or grandchild in middle or high school, go tell them that there is some amazing **SHARED YOUTH MINISTRY** happening here at Old Greenwich!

All middle and high school kids (and their friends and neighbors!) are invited to join with College Hill Presbyterian Church (501 Brodhead St, Easton PA) every first and third Sunday from 6:00 to 7:30 pm for dinner, prayer, and games!

If you have questions, or would like to carpool, please contact Pastor Mary Beth. Yay for shared ministry! We are not alone!

CHORAL WORKSHOP AND FREE CONCERT – Saturday, October 8

The choral workshop will be held from noon to 5:30 pm and will be led by award winning composer and arranger, Rollo Dilworth. Cost for workshop is \$40 plus cost of music (approx.. \$18) To register, please contact Tom DiGiovanni, digitom@hotmail.com. The concert will begin at 7:30 pm and is open to the public. A free-will offering will be taken. (See flyer at the end of the announcements.)

A **PAINT & SIP** event is planned by Presbyterian Women for **October 16, at 2 pm** at the church. Cost is \$40. All supplies and an apron provided. It's a time for fellowship and hearing about the PW Mission, the Thank Offering which \$5 of the proceeds will go to, another \$5 will be donated to OGPC. Bring a favorite wine. Snacks and non-alcoholic beverages provided. Call/text Lisa Gray 973-476-4720 or email Lisa_A_Gray@outlook.com by Oct. 2 to sign up. Checks made out to her. Questions speak with Lisa Kolterjahn at worship or Pastor Mary Beth.

CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN ARTIST Fernando Ortega will lead worship at OGPC on **Sunday, October 23!** Descended from eight generations of Mexican weavers, this son of the Rio Grande entwines thoughtful melodies with Celtic, bluegrass, classical and Latin American influences to create something unique and rare. The whole community is welcome to join us in worship as Fernando leads our 10 am worship service on October 23. No tickets necessary. Tell your friends and neighbors!! (See flyer at the end of the announcements.)

HOW TO STAY HEALTHY AS WE AGE WORKSHOP: Do you want to stay active and injury free while aging? Robbins Rehabilitation believes it is fundamental to achieve and maintain peak health and fitness at ***all ages!*** It is essential to our well-being.

All are welcome to come join Todd Robbins to learn what you can do to stay healthy and live life to its fullest potential. He will be presenting an informative workshop **after worship on November 6**, teaching exercises and strengthening techniques to enhance our lives and well-being as we age. Free of charge! Includes bagels and coffee!

SUPPORT OGPC WHILE SHOPPING ON AMAZON! OGPC is registered as an Amazon Smile non-profit organization and when you shop through the Amazon smile portal linked below, 0.5% of the sale is donated to OGPC. Use the link below to connect to Old Greenwich using the portal or go to www.smile.amazon.com and search for Old Greenwich (make sure you select the one in New Jersey!). Each time you shop using the smile.amazon.com portal, a portion of the sale is donated to OGPC. Do your Amazon shopping and support OGPC at the same time - what could be better? If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Katie Rienzo at khrienzo@yahoo.com <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/22-1613653>

SUNDAY FLORAL DEDICATIONS: The cost to purchase arrangements for the communion table 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. Please place order *only one to two weeks prior* to the date which you would like the dedication to appear in the bulletin. (Orders placed months ahead leaves too much chance they will get lost or forgotten!)

HOME COMMUNION: If you would like to receive home communion or know of someone who would, please contact Deacon Moderator, Walt Campbell, at campbellw47@yahoo.com or Pastor Mary Beth at pastormarybeth@gmail.com

DAILY DEVOTIONALS: The Worship/Music/Spirituality Committee continues to coordinate daily devotionals as they have become such a positive message to us during this pandemic. We invite anyone from the congregation to share their own inspiring devotional. Please send directly to Anita Campbell at souptime2222@gmail.com

NAMES ON THE PRAYER LIST will remain for four weeks. The first week, the names will be **bolded**. The last week, the names will be italicized. If you would like a name to remain longer or would like a name added, please email the church office. If you do not have internet access, please call the office with your request.

Please pray for: **Kerry, who recently lost her husband, and her family; Walter Campbell who has Covid and his wife, Anita, that she doesn't get it, too; prayers for health and healing for Geri Waterman, Walt & Anita Campbell's son-in-law's mother; tender prayers for the family of Carol Elting, Christine Brown's mother. Carol died suddenly on September 20; Darrin Carbin and his family (including his mother, Adrienne Carbin). Darrin is having surgery to remove lymph nodes on September 29; Debbie Jo Mitchell's daughter, Jessie, who is**

recovering from surgery to repair a torn ACL; the family and loved ones of 4-year-old, Gunnar Bickhardt, who died on Sept 1. Prayers especially for his parents, Lillian and Justin, and brothers Bryce and Oliver, and for Deb Wilson's family, who is close with Gunnar's family, especially Deb's daughter, Tara, and Tara's sons, Braden and Bruce; Bob & Trudy Frey; the Burlaka family, immigrants from Ukraine, who are staying with Ernie & Kathy Maso's niece; Amy Collins, friend of the Reinhards; friend of Carol Lee Doeringer, Sue Rake, diagnosed with the return of cancer; Caleb Frey, who had a procedure done on 8/30. We pray that it results in rapid and effective treatment of his relapsed brain tumor; Julia Deemer, recovering from a fall; Dylan Wayne (confirmation class of 2022), who had ACL and meniscus surgery; the Millon's friend, Rose, who is at Warren St Luke's with congestive heart failure; Praise God for Marcia Taylor's daughter's friend, Yael, who has had an amazing recovery after a terrible car accident; George Bradlau, recovering from surgery; Lisa Kolterjahn, recovering from surgery; Stephen Toman, Christine Lee's boyfriend's uncle. He may have blood cancer, which is what his sister, Nancy Hetman, is battling now; Skip Adams' son, Zachary; Bob Tittle; the citizens of Ukraine; Pastor Mary Beth's parents and family; Bob and Trudy Frey's friends, Nancy Hummer and Ian Arnot; Debbie Mowrey; our homebound members; those serving in our Armed Forces; those affected by the Corona virus and their families around the world; all experiencing the effects of extreme weather conditions around the world

Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church Presents
2022 Greenwich Arts Series

FERNANDO ORTEGA



Sunday, October 23, 2022 • 10AM

"Descended from eight generations of Mexican weavers, this son of the Rio Grande entwines thoughtful melodies with Celtic, bluegrass, classical and Latin American influences to create something unique and rare."

The whole community is welcome to join us in worship as contemporary Christian artist Fernando Ortega leads us in song!



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No tickets necessary! But could you drop us a line if you're going to attend? pastormarybeth@gmail.com

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Old Greenwich Festival Chorus
ROLLO DILLWORTH
CONDUCTOR



Saturday, October 8, 2022 • 7:30 p.m.

"The 2017 recipient of the Temple University Faculty Award for Research & Creative Achievement, Rollo Dillworth, as both a composer and an arranger, brings familiar and not-as-familiar Gospel songs to life for musicians of all kinds."

All are welcome!



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