

Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church

The First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich Township

Hope and Joy for the World

In Creation

In Relationships

How will we meet God at OGPC?

In Music and Arts

*Psalm 40:3
A New Song*

In Our Children and Youth

Join us in singing a new song. Your pledge helps support our vision to spread hope and joy in our church, community and in the world.

21st Sunday after Pentecost

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OUR SONG: "Our Legacy: Planned Giving"

Elder Susan Bradlau

INTROIT

"We All Are One in Mission"

2243, vs 1

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Ps. 90:13-17) and OPENING PRAYER Youth Deacon Leah Riewerts, Lay Reader
Turn, O God! How long? Have compassion on your servants!

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, and for as many years as we have seen evil.

Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.

Let the favor of the Sovereign our God be upon us,

And prosper for us the work of our hands - O prosper the work of our hands!

People of God, together, let us pray:

Everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being, you have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you. We give you thanks for this restlessness, and for this peace that comes only from you. It is through Jesus Christ our Lord whom we pray, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

"Morning Has Broken" (vv. 1-3) & "Baptized in Water" (v. 1)

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*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Children of the living and loving God, let us confess our sins against God and against one another. Let us pray:

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Compassionate Lord, you have loved us with an everlasting love, but we have gone our own way. We do not love you with our whole heart, mind, body and strength. We do not love our neighbors as ourselves. We fail to pray for our enemies, as you have commanded us to do. Forgive us, cleanse us and change us. By your Holy Spirit, help us to live for you, to love you more and more, and to trust that in you, we can be courageous disciples wherever you may lead us. In Christ we pray, Amen.

*SILENT CONFESSION with "Amen" played

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*GLORIA PATRI

"Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.**

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

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Christ is here among us, offering us forgiveness, reconciliation, grace and peace! But we cannot keep any of that to ourselves. With joy, let us pass the peace of Christ to one another!

Please sign and pass the black pew pads, located on the inside of each pew.

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH

Elder Jennifer Miller

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. By your Holy Spirit, make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today; through Christ, the bread of heaven, we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING – Mark 10:17-22

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

"Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit"

- Rollo Dilworth

SCRIPTURE READING – Galatians 3:23-29

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore, the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Completely Wet"

The Rev. Mary Beth Mardis-LeCroy

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)

Gracious God, we give you thanks that you want *all* of us – mind, body, strength, and spirit. We give you thanks that nothing is out of your healing hands and loving embrace. We pray that you would both comfort and challenge us in the days ahead, always inviting us to give more to you, O God – you who gives us so much. Bless all our gifts, that they may bless this whole wide world. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

"Grace Alone"

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*THE SENDING

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"We All Are One in Mission"

2243, 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).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On **Sunday, October 30, 2022**, we celebrate the **21st Sunday after Pentecost** at a 10 am worship service with preacher, **The Rev. Mary Beth Mardis-LeCroy**. The service will be streamed 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: October 30 - Team 1; November 6 - Team 2

TODAY'S LAY READER is **Youth Deacon Leah Riewerts**. Leah currently serves as the Youth Deacon since she was first confirmed in 2020. She loves the extensive musical program that has grown over the past few years, and sees a bright future for the church's ministries, committees, and meaningful outreach efforts. Her favorite memory is being able to volunteer to help at Vacation Bible School and seeing the joy on children's faces! Leah is a current Junior at Phillipsburg High School and participates in field hockey, track, and a variety of clubs.

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. The coordinator also orders Easter flowers and Christmas poinsettias. If you are interested, please contact Walt Campbell, Deacon Moderator, at campbellw47@yahoo.com, or speak to any Deacon.

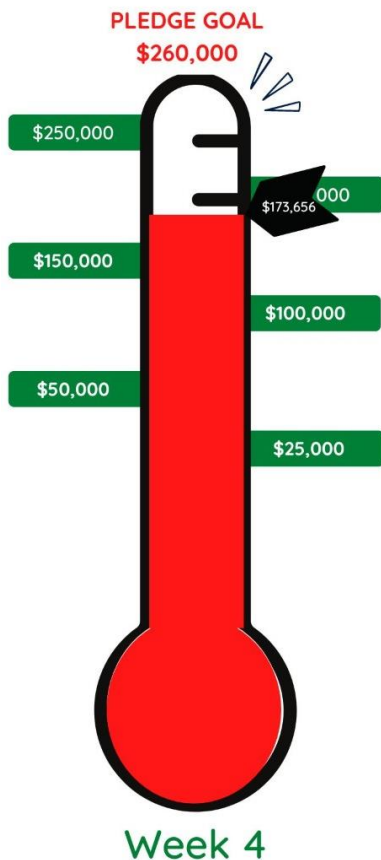
GOOD NEWS ABOUT HELPING HANDS FUND!

Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you. - Matthew 5:42

Your help has been invaluable for Helping Hand fund 2022 which has been busy assisting multiple families! We have distributed more than \$1600 to alleviate hunger, provide temporary housing, medical care, rent assistance and more. To the many who support this vibrant ministry we thank you. To those who refer hurting families to us, God knows your heart! Please prayerfully consider supporting this Deacon outreach. Each case is handled with confidentiality and your contributions help provide immediate relief which is often the situation for those in need. Donations can be made through offering (please indicate Helping hand fund on check memo) or mail to the church office.

Helping Hand Committee: Sharon Jiorle, Joan Holloway, Mike Viscel, Pastor MaryBeth

DISCIPLESHIP PLEDGE CAMPAIGN - "A New Song"



As we continue to emerge from some of the most turbulent disruption and uncertainty placed on our hearts, minds, and souls, we hold fast to hope. As a part of Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church, we rejoice that we always have our church family to not only spiritually connect with, but also to help remind us that God holds onto us during the good *and* the bad days. We rejoice that we are in this together! **The "New Song" Pledge Campaign provides us the opportunity to support the emerging vision and missions of Old Greenwich Presbyterian church for this coming year and sustain the legacy of our Church home.**

Psalm 40:1-3 reminds us that God is not done with us yet. Although things may have once looked grim and bleak, His truth and Word will hold us until eternity. Indeed, God's word fills our hearts with joy and assures us that God is always beside us, teaching us a new song!

¹ I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

What we hear: We at OGPC have been waiting for, and wondering about, many things. When will Covid be over, and things go back to 'normal?' When will a new permanent pastor arrive? What is our mission and vision? Even in all the waiting and wondering, God has been inclining toward us. It may not have been easy to recognize all the time, but even in our occasional doubt, wonder and waiting, God has heard us!

² He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog,

What we hear: Just as God draws out the psalmist from the pit, God is drawing us out too! Do you sometimes feel like these last few years have been like a miry bog?!?! Wondering where God has been? As we slowly emerge back to a new normal, we have the opportunity (and the promise!) to be placed back on solid

ground with vision and direction for a bright future!

...and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

What we hear: With our feet set securely upon a rock (could this be a symbol of God?), it is time to move forward.

³ He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

What we hear: YES, we are emerging on solid ground and yes, we have a NEW SONG TO SING! What is this new song, you may ask? It is certainly not the old one, but a new one filled with hope, joy, and new life! We are all learning this new song together right now. In a way, it's like we are all singing improv together!

Many will see and fear and put their trust in the LORD.

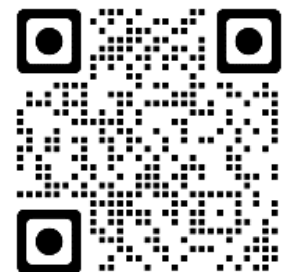
What we hear: What song does the world need to hear? What hope do we have to share, and to sing about? The song that God is giving us is not just for those of us here at Old Greenwich. God has put our feet on solid ground for us to sing this new song for friends and strangers to hear, and to join in singing!

Will you sing this new song with us?

We are just \$86,304 away from reaching our goal of \$260,000! Will you submit your pledge today?

Please respond today and submit your pledge:

- Mail a pledge card to the church office, or in the offering basket during the service.
- Email your pledge amount to the Financial Secretary at treasurer@ogpc.org
- Make your pledge online now at www.orpc.org (click the 'Click Here' button, then click 'Make your Pledge Here')
- Scan QR Code (on right) to go directly to the website and make your pledge:



REJOICING RHYTHMS DRUMMING GROUP BEGINNING AGAIN! Do you like to make noise? Do you like to make a joyful noise? Are you between the ages of 3 and 103? If so, please consider joining in the drumming fun! Our *Rejoicing Rhythms* all-age drumming group meets **every third Wednesday of the month from 6:15 to 7 pm** in Memorial Hall. Please see Betsy Gaston for more information! Pass the word around!

OGPC BOOK CLUB IS BACK! Everyone is invited to join Elder George Bradlau and Pastor Mary Beth for an interesting conversation about Ray Bradbury's *Fahrenheit 451*. The group meets **at 6 pm on Thursday evenings** (ending on 11/17) to share thoughts and ideas about this important book and what it has to tell us about life in America today. Please contact George Bradlau (gbradlau@thebradlaugroup.com) or Pastor Mary Beth (pastormarybeth@gmail.com) if you have any questions

THE GREENWICH RINGERS TO RING AGAIN!! Are you between the ages of 5 and 105? Would you like to make some music with the incredible Tom DiGiovanni? If so, consider being part of the *The Greenwich Ringers!!* This inter-generational group of amateur musicians will begin ringing their chimes at rehearsals beginning **Sunday, Oct. 30, from 9:30 to 9:50 am**, and **will rehearse every first and third Sunday thereafter**. All ages, all abilities (or none!!) welcome! Intrigued? Please see Tom or email him at digtom@hotmail.com.




If you have a child or grandchild in middle or high school, 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) every first and third Sunday. We meet next on **November 6, from 6:00 - 7:30 pm** for dinner, prayer, and games!

If you have questions, or would like to carpool, please contact Pastor Mary Beth.

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!



Collections for Caring for Homebound
In partnership with Greenwich Nursery School and OGPC
November Inspiring Good Family Fun With a Twist Event




is looking for the following donations

Travel size tissues	Fuzzy socks	Crossword/Sudoku/ Etc Books
Chapstick	Hand lotion	Wipes (face/hand/etc)
Toothbrush	Toothpaste	Floss sticks

Monetary donations can be given to fill in additional items such as the baskets or quantities needed for the baskets.

Care baskets will be filled on Nov. 11, so please have all donations in by Nov. 6th so we can see what else is still needed. Contact GNS or OGPC with questions

Over 80 baskets to fill



DEACONS' ANNUAL ROAST BEEF DINNER: Enjoy a home-cooked Roast Beef Dinner on **Saturday, November 12, from 4 – 7 pm**

Dine-in buffet or take-out includes roast beef, gravy, mashed potatoes, vegetables, salad, rolls, and choice of dessert. Please purchase tickets following the worship service on Sundays from Walt Campbell or any Deacon or call the church office at 908-479-4449 to reserve your meals. (If leaving a message, please specify number of adults, youth and free dinners and choice of dessert(s) – cake or pie – and leave call-back number.)

Adult - \$17; youth (6 – 15 yrs.) - \$9; 5 yrs. and under – free. Proceeds support the Deacons' Scholarship Fund.

CALLING ALL BAKERS: This year the Deacons would like to include home-made desserts at the Roast Beef Dinner. Those Deacons who are bakers, will provide desserts, but most likely that will not be enough to go around. We know there are many members who love to bake. Please feel free to

make your favorite dessert for the dinner. Let Walt Campbell or any other Deacon know if you would like to bring a dessert.

ADVENT WREATH-MAKING FOR ALL AGES! ALL are welcome to join us for an all-church Advent wreath-making event on **Sunday, November 20** (right after the worship service)! All ages are welcome to join in the fun. If you are going to attend, please let Barb Frinzi know. You may email Barb at frinzi3@msn.com, or Cathy Ahart at cahart6@msn.com or you may tear off the sign-up sheet (below), and place in the offering plate.

____ **YES!** I will attend the **Advent Wreath-Making** all ages event on **Sunday, November 20**

How many adults? ____ How many children? ____

SAVE THE DATE! The **ANNUAL IRON PIGS BASEBALL OUTING** will happen again on **Saturday, July 29, 2023, at 6:35 pm**. A block of 50 seats has been reserved. This year (2022) we had 49 tix purchased. There are three changes: (1) We will be on the Club level (which will have access to air conditioning) instead of the field level of previous outings; (2) the price of a ticket will be \$17/person (children two and under - free); (3) the Pigs will be playing against the **Syracuse Mets** instead of the Scranton Wilkes-Barre Rail Riders. More details to follow in the coming year. Any questions, please contact Anita Campbell or Walt Campbell at 908-479-4737 (landline) or email them at souptime2222@gmail.com or campbellw47@yahoo.com.

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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: **friends of the Jiorles, the family of Bill Runco, who died last week; friends of Kathleen Scala, Kathy & Michael Nazzaro and family, who recently lost their son and brother, Thomas; continued prayers for Bob Tintle, in rehab, and Sue; Gretchen Alencewicz, as she recovers from recent surgery; the family of Bill Miller;** the Guthardt's son-in-law, Brian Boyle; the Hamlin's daughter-in-law, Robin Schnell, who has cancer; *Phil Millon's friend, Sandra, who is having surgery; the grieving family of Glen Mashburn, who died on 10/1; Kerry, who recently lost her husband, and her family;* brother-in-law of Kathleen Scala, Marc Cottone, who is having multiple surgeries on his ankle and foot; Bob & Trudy Frey; Stephen Toman, Christine Lee's boyfriend's uncle, and his sister, Nancy Hetman; Skip Adams' son, Zachary; 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

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