

Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church

The First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich Township



19th Sunday after Pentecost
Outdoor Worship Service

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR WELCOME

Elder Cathy Ahart

-General William Maxwell Chapter of the Daughter's of the Revolution

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT

"We All Are One in Mission"

2243, vs 1

We all are one in mission; we all are one in call;
 our varied gifts united by Christ the Lord of all.
 A single great commission compels us from above
 to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Ps. 121, excerpts) and OPENING PRAYER

Deacon Doreen Macchia-Germain, Lay Reader

I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come?

My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

God will not let your foot be moved; the One who keeps you will not slumber.

The One who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

Together, let us pray:

God of love, as in Jesus Christ you gave yourself to us, so may we give ourselves to you, living according to your holy Way. Keep our feet firmly on the path where Christ leads us; make our mouths speak the truth that Christ teaches us; fill our bodies with the life that is Christ within us. In Christ's holy name we pray, Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

"I Danced in the Morning"

302, vv 1-3

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
 And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
 And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth,
 At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain: Dance, then, wherever you may be;
 I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
 And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
 And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
 But they would not dance and they would not follow me;
 I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
 They came to me and the dance went on. *Refrain*

I danced on the sabbath when I cured the lame,
 The holy people said it was a shame;
 They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high;
 And they left me there on a cross to die. *Refrain*

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Friends, together, let us pray:

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Heavenly Creator, we praise you for adopting us as your children and making us heirs of eternal life in your Son Jesus Christ, who frees us from our sins. Yet we still fail to love you with all our heart, to love our neighbor as ourselves, and to serve you in fullness of joy. Forgive us all our offences, we pray, that we may continue to love you, in whom we find our light, and our salvation, and our joy. 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 with us, but we cannot keep Christ's peace to ourselves! With waves (and honks!), let us pass the peace of Christ to one another!

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH

Elder Jennifer Miller

SHARING OUR SONG

- Cooper & Elder Al Marino

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

God of light and love, show us your Word as we read and hear the words of Scripture today, so that your will and way can illumine our paths. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 119:97-104

Oh, how I love your law! It is my meditation all day long. Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is always with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your decrees are my meditation. I understand more than the aged, for I keep your precepts. I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep your word. I do not turn away from your ordinances, for you have taught me. How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore, I hate every false way.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

"Bye and Bye"

- Rollo Dilworth

SCRIPTURE READING – Acts 9:1-20

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

When you hear, "*And so we pray,*" please sing: "*Sing to the Lord, to the Lord a new song! Sing to the Lord, sing all the earth!*" (twice through, each time).

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)

Great God, help us to open ourselves to you, and to trust in your future. Guide us to take whatever steps we need to take – baby steps or otherwise – arriving where you call you us to be. Take now these gifts, that they may bless this whole world with your love and grace. In your Holy Name we pray, Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

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I want Jesus to walk with me

I want Jesus to walk with me

All along my pilgrim journey

I want Jesus to walk with me

In my trials, Lord, walk with me

In my trials, Lord, walk with me

When the shades of life are falling

Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me

In my troubles, Lord, walk with me

In my troubles, Lord, walk with me

When my life becomes a burden,

Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me

*THE SENDING

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"We All Are One in Mission"

2243, vs 3

Now let us be united, and let our song be heard.

Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word.

We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,

our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

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 16, 2022**, we celebrate the **19th Sunday after Pentecost** at a 10 am **outdoor** (weather permitting) 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;
- ◆ Sunday worship service will be held outside (weather permitting) **next Sunday, October 16**;
- ◆ 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 16 - Team 3; October 23 - Team 4

TODAY'S LAY READER is **Deacon Doreen Macchia-Germain**. Doreen joined OGPC in September of 2021 but has been attending services and sacraments since Lisa and Jason Kolterjahn became members (her daughter and son-in-law). Here are a few first-hand memories why she became a member of OGPC: "I remember Lisa inviting me to services to hear the OGPC choir on Sundays. I came to services for Jay and Lisa's wedding and Julia and Emily's Baptism. I was in awe with how children were welcomed into the church. I love the involvement of our youth in services and community. They are our future. I remember Susan B. sitting with Jen's daughter and singing together while Lisa and others performed a lyrical dance to the music. If this was not enough, last Saturday with a choir that sounded like angels, I was uplifted and at peace. I currently work for a Visiting Nurse Association doing quality, infection prevention and compliance. I hope these skills will assist me in my role as a 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) every first and third Sunday. We meet **this evening, October 16**, 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.

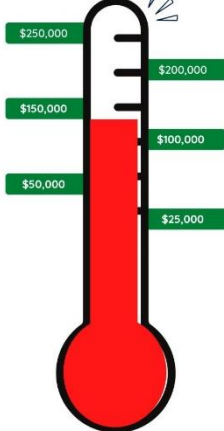
FLOWER COORDINATOR NEEDED: The Deacons are looking for someone to act as Flower Coordinator. This is a volunteer position and anyone from the congregation is welcome to step up. It involves receiving floral dedications and payments and disseminating information to the church Administrative Assistant 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.

OGPC STEWARDSHIP
CAMPAIGN

2023

PLEDGE GOAL

\$260,000



Week 2

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.**

Do you sometimes feel like these last few years have been like a miry bog?!?! Wondering where God has been? With our feet set securely upon a rock, it is time to move forward! Even in our time of doubt, wonder and waiting, God has heard us!

Psalm 40:2 - He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

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.ogpc.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 is starting up again **this Wednesday, October 19**, and will meet every third Wednesday of the month after that from 6:15 to 7:00 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" beginning **this Thursday, October 20, at 6 pm.** The group will meet on five successive Thursday evenings 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


CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN ARTIST, Fernando Ortega, will lead worship here **next 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 the service. 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!



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



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>

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? ___

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: **friend of the Guthardts, Brian Boyle; the Hamlin's daughter-in-law, Robin Schnell, who has cancer;** Phil Milon's friend, Sandra, who is having surgery; the grieving family of Glen Mashburn, who died on 10/1; Marc Cottone, brother-in-law of Kathleen Scala, injured in a motorcycle accident; all who have been affected by Hurricane Ian, including members of our church family; Bob and Trudy Frey's friends Suzie and Glen Snyder; Kerry, who recently lost her husband, and her family; *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 had surgery to remove his lymph nodes; 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; Stephen Toman, Christine Lee's boyfriend's uncle, and his sister, Nancy Hetman; Skip Adams' son, Zachary; Bob Tintle; 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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