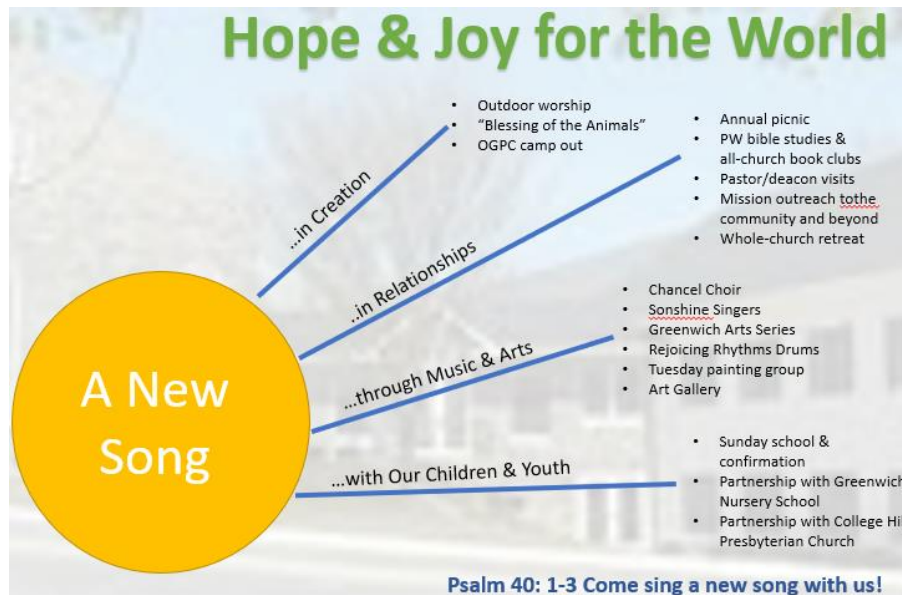


Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church

The First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich Township



17th Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

"Sing to the Lord"

- Celtic Psalms

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Is. 83, excerpts) and OPENING PRAYER

Mike Lemons, Lay Reader

But now thus says the Lord, the One who created you, O Jacob, the One who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

When you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

Do not fear, for I am with you;

I will bring your offspring from the east,

And from the west I will gather you.

Let us continue to pray together:

Blessed are you, O Lord, God of Israel. You have come to your people to set us free. Our souls proclaim your greatness; our spirits rejoice in you, Savior of all. You have shown strength with your arm, and scattered the proud in their conceit, casting down the mighty from their thrones, and lifting up the lowly. You fill the hungry with good things. Fill us now, O Lord, our God. Through Christ we pray, Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

"O Praise the Gracious Power"

471, vs 1-4

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Beloved of God, let us pray, together:

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

O Lord our God, we are lost without your grace. Search us, Loving Spirit, and know our hearts. Test us and learn our troubled thoughts. Forgive us all our wrongs. Transform us by your grace to live for you each day, and to learn to serve each other in humility and joy. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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! Christ is peace! But we cannot grasp it for ourselves. With joy and hope, let us pass the Peace of Christ to one another!

Please sign and pass the pew pads.

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH

Elder Jennifer Miller

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Source of all true wisdom, calm the troubled waters of our hearts, and still all other voices but your own, that we may hear and obey what you sing to us in your Word, through the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING – Jeremiah 31:31-34

OT, Pg. 735

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt - a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

"Across the Land You're the Word of God"

- Getty & Townend/ arr. Brad Nix

SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 40:1-8

OT, Pg. 43

I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the Lord. Happy are those who make the Lord their trust, who do not turn to the proud to those who go astray after false gods. You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts towards us; none can compare with you. Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted. Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required. Then I said, 'Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me. I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"A New Song"

The Rev. Mary Beth Mardis-LeCroy

SHARING OUR SONG

Elder Al Marino

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Tom DiGiovanni

GATHERING AT THE TABLE OF OUR LORD

INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (with 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.

BLESSING THE BREAD AND THE CUP & COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

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)

Loving God, you are giving us a new song, right here, right now! We want to sing it with you. Help us sing it with you. Help us sing together of your hope and joy for the whole wide world! And let us begin now, with what we give up to you – in our prayers, in our songs, in our life together, in our offerings. In Jesus we pray, Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

"The Day of Resurrection"

118 vs 2, 3

*THE SENDING

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Sing! Sing a New Song"

2172, vs 3

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

On **Sunday, October 2, 2022**, we celebrate the **17th Sunday after Pentecost** 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;
- ◆ Sunday worship service will be held outside (weather permitting) on **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 2 - Team 1; October 9 - Team 2

TODAY'S LAY READER is **Deacon Mike Lemons**. Mike and his wife, Missy, and their child, Celie (now 17), joined OGPC in 2010. Mike has been a member of the Deacons and Session in the past and is currently serving on the Board of Deacons. He also spent many years working on the Mission Garden Committee. Mike loves that OGPC is a part of his family and that he is a part of the Old Greenwich family. Mike and his family reside in Easton, PA.

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!

Psalm 40: 1-3 reminds us that God is not done with us yet. Although things may have once looked grim and bleak, God's 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!

The "**New Song**" Pledge Campaign is our opportunity to support our emerging vision, mission and ministries of Old Greenwich for this coming year to sustain the great things we have started and continue on our journey.

Will you sing this new song with us?

Please respond today and submit your pledge:

- Mail a pledge card to the church office, or in the offering basket during 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 '**Pledge Here**')
- Scan QR Code (on right) to go directly to the website and make your pledge:



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) every first and third Sunday. **Tonight, October 2**, we meet 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. Yay for shared ministry! We are not alone!

CHORAL WORKSHOP AND FREE CONCERT at Old Greenwich – 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, digtom@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.

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 on **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 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!

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 her at frinzi3@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? ____



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
Chapstick
Toothbrush

Fuzzy socks
Hand lotion
Toothpaste

Crossword/Sudoku/ Etc Books
Wipes (face/hand/etc)
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>

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: **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; 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; *the Burlaka family, immigrants from Ukraine, who are staying with Ernie & Kathy Maso's niece; Amy Collins, friend of the Reinhardts; George Bradlau,*

recovering from surgery; Lisa Kolterjahn, recovering from surgery; Bob & Trudy Frey; 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 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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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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No tickets necessary! Freewill offering will be taken during the concert.

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