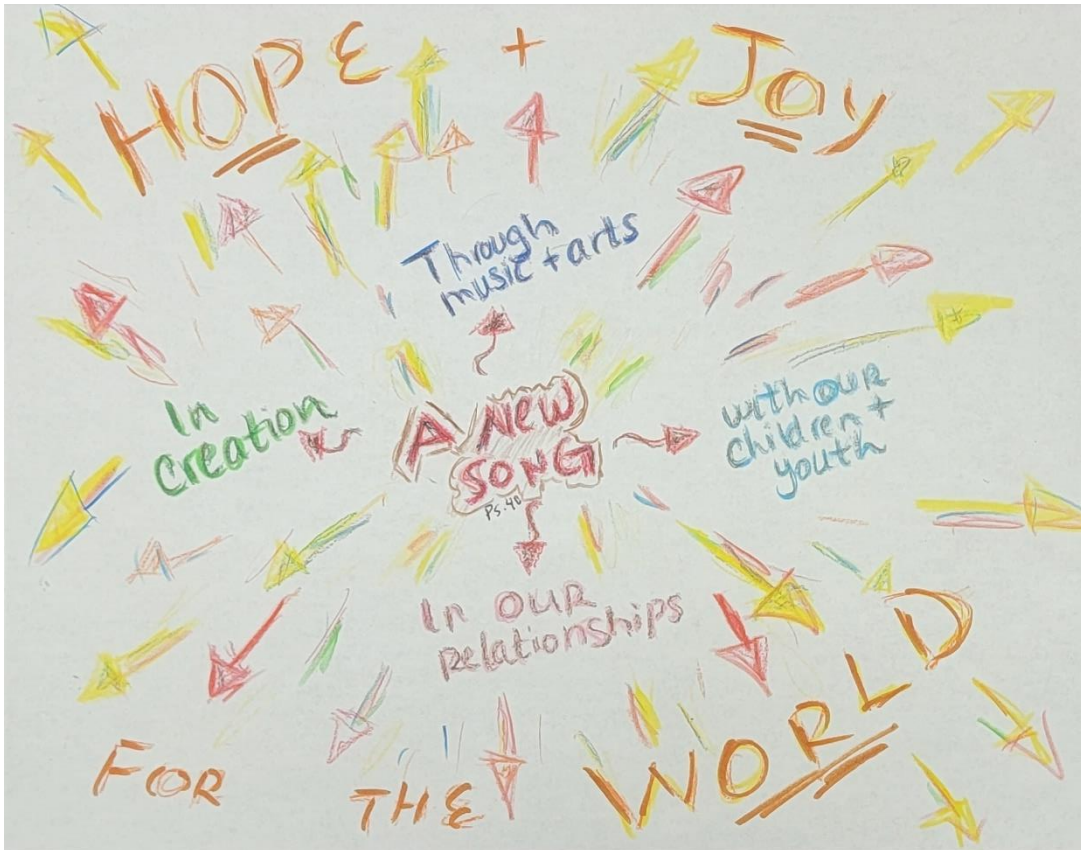


# *Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church*

The First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich Township



**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

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

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## MINUTE FOR MINISTRIES

ALL-AGE ADVENT WREATH-MAKING  
BOOK CLUB

Elder Cathy Ahart  
Elder George Bradlau

## INTROIT

*"We All Are One in Mission"*

# 2243, vs 1

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Ps. 107, selected verses) and OPENING PRAYER

Ernie Maso, Lay Reader

O give thanks to God, for God is good; whose steadfast love endures forever.

**Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those whom God redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands,**

From the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

**Some were sick through their sinful ways, and because of their iniquities endured affliction.**

Then they cried to God in their trouble, and God saved them from their distress;

**God sent out the word of the LORD and healed them and delivered them from destruction.**

People of God, together, let us pray:

**O God, giver of life and breath, your Son Jesus Christ has called us to hunger and thirst to see right prevail. Refresh us with your grace, that we may not be weary of well-doing; for the sake of the One who meets all our needs, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN

*"Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"*

# 434 vs 1,3,4

## \*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son, we pray.**

\*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 our peace. But we cannot grip 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)

**Come, Holy Spirit, and illumine Your Word for us this day. Open our hearts to hear, and our whole selves to obey. In Christ we pray. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING – Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

*"Oh! What a Beautiful City"*

- Rollo Dilworth

SCRIPTURE READING – Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"What's in a Name?"

The Rev. Mary Beth Mardis-LeCroy

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Tom DiGiovanni

SHARING OUR SONG

Katie Rienzo

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:

*"Sing to the Lord"*

- Celtic Psalms

\*Doxology

# 592

**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)

**Thank you, God, for naming us and claiming us as your beloved children. Help us to listen to our true names, and to believe them. Now take these gifts we give back to you, that they might bless this whole world. In Jesus' saving name we pray, Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN

*"Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!"*

# 111 vs 1,3,4

\*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).



On **Sunday, October 9, 2022**, we celebrate the **18<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 9 - Team 2; October 16 - Team 3

**TODAY'S LAY READER** is **Deacon Ernie Maso**. Ernie and his wife, Kathy, joined OGPC in 1990 during the year-long 250th anniversary of our church. He soon joined the Board of Deacons, eventually becoming Moderator. Later Ernie served as Elder, chairing the Stewardship and History Committees. Ernie is currently a Deacon and sits on the Scholarship and Transportation Committees. Ernie has also delivered meals on wheels for 20 years and was a member of the Mission Garden Committee.

Ernie says he loves everything about OGPC - the fellowship, the music, the Pastor and all the staff, the history, and our beautiful buildings and grounds. His favorite memory was the 2018 baptism of their great-granddaughter, Cora Maso McDonnell. His mother was able to attend, and they had five generations of Masos present. His greatest joy is being with their ever-growing family who all live in the area.

Ernie served in the US Navy and retired from Verizon in 2002 and tries to keep busy and make good use of his time by serving my family and community. He has served on several offices in the American Legion and is the Warren County Assistant Supervisor of Veterans' Interment.

**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](mailto:campbellw47@yahoo.com), or speak to any Deacon.

## OGPC STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

2023

PLEDGE GOAL  
\$260,000



Week 1

## 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.**

We have been waiting and wondering for and wondering about many things at Old Greenwich for the last few years, and through it all God has been inclining toward us! Even in our time of doubt, wonder and waiting, God has heard us!

**Psalms 40: 1 - I waited patiently for the Lord: he inclined to me and heard my cry.**

**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](mailto:treasurer@ogpc.org)
- Make your pledge online now at [www.ogpc.org](http://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:



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 next on **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.

The **PAINT & SIP** event planned by Presbyterian Women has been cancelled.

**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 on **Wednesday, October 19**, and will meet every third Monday 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 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!



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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:frinzi3@msn.com), or Cathy Ahart at [cahart6@msn.com](mailto:cahart6@msn.com) or you may tear off the sign-up sheet (below), and place in the offering plate.

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

How many adults? \_\_\_\_ How many children? \_\_\_\_  
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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](mailto: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](mailto:campbellw47@yahoo.com) or Pastor Mary Beth at [pastormarybeth@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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: **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; 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 had surgery to remove 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 Tintile; 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](mailto:pastormarybeth@gmail.com)

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