

# *Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church*

The First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich Township



**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Communion Sunday**

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

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR COMMUNITY: "Sight &amp; Sound Theatre"

Elder Barb Frinzi

## INTROIT

*"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"*

# 150, vs 1

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Ps. 8, excerpts) and OPENING PRAYER

Sharon Jiorle, Lay Reader

O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. Hear us when we say:

**Christ the Lord is risen today!**

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? Hear us when we say:

**Christ the Lord is risen today!**

Yet you have made them a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor. Hear us when we say:

**Christ the Lord is risen today!**

O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! Hear us when we say:

**Christ the Lord is risen today!**

Together, let us pray:

**Everlasting God, Radiance of our souls, Resurrected Lord: Fill the whole world with your glory, and show yourself to all people, that we may serve you and one another with joy; through the One who is our true light and bright morning star, Jesus the Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen!**

\*OPENING HYMN

*"When in Our Music God Is Glorified"*

# 264, vv. 1, 2, 4

\*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

People of God, let us remain standing, and confess how we sin against God and one another. Let us pray:

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**God of glory, Jesus is among us as the light of the world, revealing your love for all people. But we confess that our sin hides the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus, our crucified and risen Savior. It is in his name we pray.**

\*SILENT CONFESSION with "Amen" played

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

\*GLORIA PATRI

# 579

**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

God is among us and is our peace! We cannot keep it to ourselves. Making a sign of Christ's peace, 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)

**Holy One, your grace and your light heal all of humankind. Let that same light shine upon your Holy Word, bringing forth what you would have us hear, and do, this day. Through your Holy Spirit we pray, Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 24:36-43

While the disciples were still talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

*"God Leads Us Along"*

- Young/Drennan

SCRIPTURE READING – 1 Corinthians 15:2-23, 51-57

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ - whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ.

Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: "Death has been swallowed up in victory."

"Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?"

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*"I Believe in the Resurrection of the Body"*

The Rev. Mary Beth Mardis-LeCroy

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

**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)

**Lord of the resurrection, you died and were raised so that death would not prevail, not even in our bodies! Remind us daily that death has no power over us. Take now our gifts, that they would bring life to this world, in need of its own resurrection. In your Name we pray, amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN

*"Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers"*

# 325, vv. 1,4,5

\*THE SENDING

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"*

# 150, vs 3

POSTLUDE

All are welcome to join for fellowship (coffee, tea, juice) in Memorial Hall after worship!  
Please also join us for a wonderful presentation on how to take care of our bodies as we age. Free of charge.  
Bagels will be offered!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

On **Sunday, November 6, 2022**, we celebrate the **22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost** and **Communion Sunday** 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](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;
- ◆ 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:** November 6 - Team 2; November 13 - Team 3

**TODAY'S LAY READER** is **Deacon Sharon Jiorle**. Sharon and her husband, Ralph, joined OGPC in 2001. Sharon is currently the Deacon Secretary and is the Chairperson of the Deacons' Helping Hands Fund. Sharon and Ralph raised their four children in Phillipsburg and she was an educator prior to her retirement. She now enjoys the company of her three grandchildren as often as possible.

**TODAY'S COMMUNION TABLE FLOWERS** are given by Sandy and Bruce Frey in celebration of Sandy's father, Glen Stalder, for his 101st birthday today.

**HOW TO STAY HEALTHY AS WE AGE WORKSHOP:** 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 today**, teaching exercises and strengthening techniques to enhance our lives and well-being as we age. Free of charge! Includes bagels and coffee!

The Church Care & Kinship Committee (formerly Congregational Life and Membership committees) is excited to organize a trip to the **SIGHT & SOUND THEATRE** in Lancaster, PA on **Saturday, December 2, 2023!** *The Miracle of Christmas* (live on stage) is returning after a five-year hiatus and is extremely popular. Travel back in time to Bethlehem, as the original Christmas story unfolds all around you. Journey alongside Mary and Joseph, a flock of surprised shepherds, and three wise men, along with their camels! There may be no room at the inn, but God has a lowly stable prepared as the angels announce the coming of the Messiah!

Tickets sell out quickly, so we must book our tickets in January 2023! Adult tickets cost about \$90 and children's cost about \$40. We will try to carpool to save money. If we have a large turnout, we may need to rent a bus which would be an additional charge. If interested, please sign up on sheet posted in Memorial Hall or contact Barb Frinzi in person, by email ([frinzi3@msn.com](mailto:frinzi3@msn.com)) or cell phone (908-343-1144). This will be a great show for all ages!



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 tonight, **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.

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

**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 the incredible 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](mailto:gbradlau@thebradlaugroup.com)) or Pastor Mary Beth ([pastormarybeth@gmail.com](mailto: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 be ringing their chimes at rehearsals **every first and third Sunday**. All ages, all abilities (or none!!) welcome! Intrigued? Please see Tom or email him at [digtom@hotmail.com](mailto:digtom@hotmail.com).

**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](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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**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](mailto:souptime2222@gmail.com) or [campbellw47@yahoo.com](mailto: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](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: **healing for Edith Slamp, who fell on 10/27, and prayers for Betsy and Bruce Gaston;** 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;* 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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