

Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church

The First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich Township



**2nd Sunday after the Epiphany
Ordination and Installation of Officers**

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

"O Laughing Light"

2093, vs 2 & 3

*CALL TO WORSHIP (excerpted from Is. 62) and OPENING PRAYER

Lisa and Julia Kolterjahn, Lay Readers

Please stand, as you are able, and join in the Call to Worship which is prayed responsively.

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.

You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land, Married;

For the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married.

People of God, together, let us pray:

Almighty God, give us grace to love what you command, and desire what you promise; that in all the changes and chances of this uncertain world, our hearts may be surely fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever, Amen!

*OPENING HYMN

"Once in Royal David's City"

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*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Together, let us pray to our loving, living God:

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Compassionate Saving Lord, you have loved us with an everlasting love, but we have gone our own way. We are sorry for our wanderings. 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

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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, but we cannot keep this peace to ourselves! Let us pass the peace of Christ to one another. May the peace of Christ be with you!

Please sign and pass the pew pads.

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH

Elder Lisa Kolterjahn

*HYMN

"Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"

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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 in the ways of eternal life; through Christ, the bread of heaven, we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING – John 1: 29-34

The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

"Sometimes a Light Surprises"

- Cowper/Holst/Hill

SCRIPTURE READING – Jeremiah 31:7-14

For thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, 'Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel.' See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labour, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, 'He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.' For the Lord has ransomed Jacob and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Running from the Joy Police"

The Rev. Mary Beth Mardis-LeCroy

ORDINATION and INSTALLATION of OFFICERS

INVITATION (1 Cor. 12:4-7, 27)

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good. Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

Clerk (Pro Tem): Representing the one holy, catholic, and apostolic church, the Session of Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church now ordains and installs for active service **Sue Moore** and **Robert Todd** as Deacons.

Pastor: Ordination calls the whole Church to renewed commitment and reminds us all to bear gladly the yoke of Christ given in the covenant of baptism. Let us, therefore, reaffirm our baptismal vows, renouncing all that opposes God and God's rule and affirming the faith of the holy catholic church.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - The Apostles' Creed (in unison)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father

Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

TO THE OFFICERS

TO THE CONGREGATION

Do we, the members of the church, accept those named above as Deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation, to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? **We do.**

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION PRAYER AND WELCOME TO MINISTRY

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)

Please join in saying the Prayer of Dedication together:

Gracious God, give us the courage to do your work in the world, to live out your vision, and to find your true joy, together, even when our hearts are breaking. Take now these gifts we give back to you, that they may bless this whole wide broken and beautiful creation. In Jesus' holy name we pray, Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

"Born in the Night, Mary's Child"

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*THE SENDING

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"The Lord Bless and Keep You"

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POSTLUDE

All are welcome to join for fellowship (coffee, tea, juice) in Memorial Hall following the worship service.



On **Sunday, January 15, 2023**, we celebrate the **2nd Sunday after the Epiphany** and **Ordination and Installation of Officers** at a 10 am worship service with **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 the 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."

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. Offices are closed on Monday, January 16, in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

USHER TEAM SCHEDULE: Jan.15 - Team 3; Jan.22 - Team 4

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - PART II
Sunday, January 29, 2023**

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting - Part II of the Congregation and Religious Corporation of the First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich Township, in the County of Warren, will be held on **Sunday, January 29, 2023**, immediately following the 10 am Service of Worship.

The following will be presented:

Reports of the Session Committees
Budget for the year 2023
Financial Secretary / Treasurer's Report
Audit Committee Report

Attest:

Jennifer Miller, Clerk of Session
The Rev. Mary Beth Mardis-LeCroy, Pastor - Moderator

OFFERING ENVELOPES are available for pick-up in the Green Room following the worship service. If you do not find envelopes with your name and you would like them, please contact Katie Rienzo at treasurer@ogpc.org.

"FISH 'N CHYPS" YOUTH ACTIVITIES (middle and high school) Our youth ministry partnership with College Hill Presbyterian Church will resume **today, January 15, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm**, and will continue every first and third Sunday until May 7. We meet at College Hill Presbyterian (501 Brodhead St, Easton PA). Note that in 2023, there will be no dinner provided (except for February 5). Questions? Please see Pastor Mary Beth or email her at pastormarybeth@gmail.com.

INSPIRED FUN WITH A TWIST: Children and youth, pre-school through elementary school age, are invited to join us for **"Bowling for a Cause"** on **Monday, January 16, from 10 am – 12 pm**, at Oakwood Lanes in Washington, NJ. The cost is \$12 per child. Proceeds will go towards purchase of outdoor play equipment for GNS. Please RSVP to Amy at director@greenwichnursery.com.

In February, our event is a Valentine Dance Party! **Friday, February 10, from 6 - 7pm**, for Pre-K – third graders. \$5 suggested donation.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDY will be having the first meeting of the year at Acasia Thai restaurant in the Hillcrest Plaza (Roseberry St. & Rt. 22 W) **this Tuesday, January 17, at noon**. All women are welcome! We will be studying "Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the 10 Commandments," by Eugenia Anne Gamble. To get a copy, either order it on the PW website or ask Lisa Gray to get you one. Text 973-476-4720 or email lisa_a_gray@outlook.com.

ALL-CHURCH POTLUCK: All are welcome to come to an all-church potluck dinner on **Saturday, February 11, from 5 – 7 pm** (snow date, Sunday, February 12, after worship, from 11:15 am to 1 pm). What a wonderful way to fellowship, eat and laugh together! Tell everyone! Please sign up in Memorial Hall. Questions? Email Barb Frinzi at frinzi3@msn.com.

SIGHT & SOUND THEATER SHOW: Ticket reservations have been made for the Miracle Of Christmas Show in Lancaster, PA for Saturday, December 2, 2023 at 3 pm. Adult price, including 5% discount, is \$84.55 and price for children is \$39.00 Please pay Barbara Frinzi by the end of January. You can pay her by check or Venmo (@Barbara-Frinzi). If you are paying by check, please give them to Cathy Ahart or Jen Miller who will forward to Barb.

Tickets will be distributed two to three weeks prior to the show. Transportation plans will follow later in the year. We are hoping to carpool to avoid the cost of a bus. If you can drive, please notify Barb by email (frinzi3@msn.com) or call her at 908-343-1144. Thank you! It's going to be a great show!

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 Robert Todd at Robert_Todd@icloud.com / 908-329-0944 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

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: **the Maso family on the sudden passing of Ernie's cousin, Jackie Roelant; friends of the Reinhardts, Peter, for physical healing, and his family, and Don's cousin, Edwin Searle, for healing and strength;** Jim and Karen Savacool, prayers for healing and answers; Debbie Mowrey's mom, who is suffering with dementia, pneumonia and blood infections; strength for Desiree & Harry and Julian, friends of Carol Lee Doeringer, as they await their son, Julian's, pancreatic & liver surgery; Bob Tintle, who is receiving hospice care & his wife, Sue; Carl & Virginia Guthardt; *Lori Metz's Aunt Rose and her family*; brother-in-law of Kathleen Scala, Marc Cottone, who continues to have 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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