

Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church

The First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich Township



3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

OUR CHURCH'S MISSION:

**To celebrate the love of
God in all we say and do.**

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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

"Sing to the Lord a New Song"

3045, vs. 1 & 4

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Ps. 46, excerpts) and OPENING PRAYER**

Abbie Conlon, Lay Reader

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; God speaks, the earth melts.

"Be still and know that I am God. I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth."

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

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*281 Morning Star, O Cheering Sight**

vs. 1 - 3

Solo

1 Morn-ing Star, O cheer-ing sight! Ere thou cam'st, how dark earth's
 2 Morn-ing Star, thy glo-ry bright far ex-cels the sun's clear
 3 Thy glad beams, thou Morn-ing Star, cheer the na-tions near and
 4 Morn-ing Star, my soul's true light, tar-ry not, dis-pel my

All

night! Morn-ing Star, O cheer-ing sight! Ere thou
 light. Morn-ing Star, thy glo-ry bright far ex-cels the sun's clear
 far. Thy glad beams, thou Morn-ing Star, cheer the
 night. Morn-ing Star, my soul's true light, tar-ry

Solo *All* *Solo*

cam'st, how dark earth's night! Je-sus mine, in me shine, in me
 cels the sun's clear light. Je-sus be, con-stant-ly, con-stant-
 na-tions near and far. Thee we own, Lord a-lone, Lord ex-
 not, dis-pel my night. Je-sus mine, in me shine, in me

All

shine, Je-sus mine, fill my heart with light di-vine.
 ly, Je-sus be more than thou-sand suns to me.
 lone, thee we own, our dear Sav-ior, God's dear Son.
 shine, Je-sus mine, fill my heart with light di-vine.

***INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sin, God who is faithful and just will forgive, cleanse, and relieve us. In humility and faith, let us confess our sin to God:

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)**

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your Way. We are misled. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to the paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior, 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 alive! God is working peace and reconciliation, forgiveness and freedom for all. Let us pass that peace to one another. May the peace of Christ be with you!

Please sign and pass the pew pads.

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH

Elder Jennifer Miller

***HYMN**

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

2007

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Come, Holy Spirit. Come, gentle breath. Silence in us any voice but your own. As we hear your Living Word, give us the courage not only to hear, but to act. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING – Matthew 4:12-18

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ‘Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles - the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.’

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.’ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake - for they were fishermen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“Creation Will Be at Peace”

- Williams/Page

SCRIPTURE READING – Isaiah 9:1-7

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and

uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“On the Day You Were Born”

The Rev. Mary Beth Mardis-LeCroy

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

Per Capita Sunday!

Elder Al Marino

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)

God of light, the darkness in this world can be overwhelming. But you shine your light and increase our joy, and for your brilliance we are grateful. As we give back to you, may our gifts also be a light to this world. We pray this in Jesus’ name, Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

“God of our Life”

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*THE SENDING

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“The Lord Bless and Keep You”

2280

POSTLUDE

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



On **Sunday, January 22, 2023**, we celebrate the **3rd Sunday after the Epiphany** 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.

USHER TEAM SCHEDULE: Jan. 22 - Team 4; Jan.29 - Team 1

**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 **next 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

TODAY'S FLOWERS are given in memory of F. Edward Ahart, on his birthday, from the Ahart, Frinzi, and DiGiovanni families.

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 meet next on **Sunday, February 5, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm**, (will include dinner on this night) 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.

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE! All folks of all ages are welcome to join our intergenerational drumming group *Rejoicing Rhythms*, led by Betsy Gaston... AND/OR our intergenerational chimes group, *The Greenwich Ringers*, led by Tom DiGiovanni. See schedule below! Each session meets right before worship, 9:30 - 9:50 am. This is a great way to make a joyful noise, no matter your age or musical experience! Questions? Please see Tom DiGiovanni, Betsy Gaston, or Pastor Mary Beth!

Drumming: Jan 29, Feb 5, Feb 19 + performance, May 7 & 21, June 4 + performance

Chimes: March 5 & 19, April 16, April 30 + performance

INSPIRED FUN WITH A TWIST: Children and youth, pre-school through elementary school age, are invited to join us in Memorial Hall on **Friday, February 10, from 6 - 7pm**, for a **Valentine Dance Party!** for Pre-K – third graders. \$5 suggested donation. Proceeds will go towards purchase of outdoor play equipment for GNS. Please RSVP to Amy at director@greenwichnursery.com.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDY meets at the church **every third Tuesday at noon (note time change)**. 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! And we'll add to the fun by playing a trivia game! Tell everyone! Please sign up in Memorial Hall. Questions? Email Barb Frinzi at frinzi3@msn.com.

Old Greenwich **NEW MEMBER CLASS!** Do you want to learn more about us and what it means to be a member here? Lucky you! There are two upcoming New Member classes! (You only need to attend one.) The first option is **Sunday, February 19, from 11:15 am to 12:45 pm**. The second option is the following week, **Sunday, February 21, from 11:15 am to 12:45 pm**. Please contact Pastor Mary Beth at

pastormarybeth@gmail.com or Barb Frinzi at frinzi3@msn.com if you are interested! Or... simply show up on one of the dates listed above!

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. 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 at 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 / 908-235-9322 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, Mike Lemons, at ML12504@gmail.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: **prayers of thanksgiving for Christine Mette getting good results from tests done in Jan.**; the Maso family on the sudden passing of Ernie's cousin, Jackie Roelant; friends of the Reinhards, 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 Doering, as they await their son, Julian's, pancreatic & liver surgery; Bob Tintle, who is receiving hospice care & his wife, Sue; Carl & Virginia Guthardt; 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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