

*Old Greenwich
Presbyterian Church*

The First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich Township



4th Sunday after the Epiphany

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION - Safety & Security Team

Elder George Bradlau

INTROIT

"Sing to the Lord a New Song"

3045, vs. 1 & 4

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Ps. 25, excerpts) and OPENING PRAYER

Elder Katie Rienzo, Lay Reader

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

Together, let us pray:

Everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being, you have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Give us clarity of purpose, so that nothing may hinder us from knowing your desires; that in your light, we may see; and in your service, find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;

lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."

I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad; I
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream; my
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and

found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.
thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
in that light of life I'll walk till trav - eling days are done.

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

God Who Loves, we confess that we are limited by our own sinfulness, failing to respond to your grace and compassion. Have mercy on us. Empty us of our selves and replace our hearts of stone with hearts of flesh. We pray this in Christ's Name.

*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

Christ 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!

If you are new or visiting, we welcome you to Old Greenwich! If you would like the Pastor to contact you, please fill out the Welcome card found in the pew holders. If anyone has a prayer request, there is room on the reverse of the card for you to enter your requests. Please place the cards in the Offering plate.

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH

Elder Jennifer Miller

*HYMN

"In the Bleak Midwinter"

36, vs. 1, 4

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Eternal God, whose Word silences the shouts of the mighty: Quiet within us every voice but your own. By your Spirit, speak to us through your Holy Scriptures, so that we may receive the grace we need to shine Christ's love to the world. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING – Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

"The Music of the Song"

- York/Schwoebel

SCRIPTURE READING – Micah 6:1-4, 6-8

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. 'O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. 'With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?' He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Eyes on the Ball!"

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

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)

Gracious God, give us the courage to do your work in the world, to live out your vision, and to find you at work in it all. Take these gifts we give back to you, that they may bless the whole creation. In Jesus' holy name we pray, Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

"Though I May Speak"

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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.

A stylized, handwritten-style word "Announcements" in a dark, elegant cursive script, centered on a light gray rectangular background.

On **Sunday, January 29, 2023**, we celebrate the **4th 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.29 - Team 1; Feb. 5 – Team 2

**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 **today, January 29, 2023**, immediately following the 10 am Service of Worship in Memorial Hall.

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.

The Community Outreach Committee is hosting a "**SOUPER**" **BOWL COLLECTION**. Congregants are asked to donate canned soup **through February 12**. A collection bin will be in the Green Room.

SIGN UP ONLINE TO BE A LAY READER: Great news! You can now use our website to sign up to be a Sunday morning lay reader! Go to ogpc.org, click on the "Music & Worship" tab, and on the drop-down menu, click on "Sign up to be a Lay Reader." It will bring up Sunday dates and you enter your name for the week you'd like to be lay reader. You will receive a Lay Reader Bulletin via email on the Thursday prior to the Sunday you are scheduled, so you will be able to go over everything in advance. Questions? Please see Lisa Kolterjahn or email her at lkolterjahn88@gmail.com.

"FISH 'N CHYPS" YOUTH ACTIVITIES (middle and high school) Our youth ministry partnership with College Hill Presbyterian Church will meet **next 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 toward the purchase of outdoor play equipment for GNS. Please RSVP to Amy at director@greenwichnursery.com.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN will be meeting monthly on the third Tuesday at the church in the room behind the

pastor's office **at NOON (note time change)**. The study is for beginners who want to know more about the bible and those of us seeking a better understanding in the company of other women. We will be using Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments, written by The Rev. Eugenia Gamble, who mentored Pastor Mary Beth during one of her internships (pastor plans to join us!). It gives a more mature understanding of those commandments most of us memorized in Sunday School. The author calls them "Love Letters" (not rules) to keep us in relationship with God. There is a companion DVD where Eugenia gives her thoughts on the chapter that will be used. We will be delving into it as if you haven't read the chapter, so come. Even if you haven't read chapter one, it's OK to attend the **first meeting on February 21**, or any of the meetings. Hopefully, you won't be lost. The study can be ordered at Presbyterianwomen.org or call/text Lisa Gray to get it - 973-476-4720 or email her at 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 26, 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!

PW LENTEN BOOK STUDY: If you're looking for a way to deepen your Lenten journey with other women, using a book study called *Meeting Jesus at the Table*, by Cynthia Campbell and Christine Fohr... here's how. It will begin **Thursday, February 22, at noon**, and will be a one-hour meeting on Zoom. This group was formed originally from women who attended the PW Bible Study Workshop held at Stony Point Center. It has spread out to any interested women. Please email or text Lisa_A_Gray@outlook.com / 973-476-4720 to be sent the Zoom link.

LENTEN POETRY GROUP: Elders Katie Rienzo and Abbie Conlon, along with Pastor Mary Beth, are thrilled to offer a poetry group for our church and community during the season of Lent. We will explore themes such as grief, love, redemption, doubt/faith, beauty, and identity through poetry. We will meet **every Thursday during March (2, 9, 16, 23 and 30) from 6:30 pm to 7:25 pm**. Each session stands on its own, so come to one, two, or more sessions! This is a class for beginners, so no expertise expected! **OPEN TO THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY! INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS!** Questions? Please email Mary Beth at pastormarybeth@gmail.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. 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 Doeringer, 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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