

# *Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church*

**The First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich Township**



**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany  
Ordination and Installation**

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

January 8, 2023

10 am

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

*"Carol of the Epiphany"*

# 2094, vs 1, 3, 5

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (John 1:1-4) and OPENING PRAYER

Josh Miller, Lay Reader

In the beginning was the Word,

**and the Word was with God,**

and the Word was God.

**He was in the beginning with God.**

All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being.

**What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.**

Let us pray.

**Everlasting God, Radiance of our souls, who brought the nations to your light and kings to the brightness of your rising: Fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to all people; through the One who is our true light and bright morning star, Jesus the Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen!**

\*OPENING HYMN

*"On This Day Earth Shall Ring"*

# 46

\*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**Almighty God, you freely pardon all who repent and turn to you. We pray that you would fulfill in every heart the promise of redeeming grace; forgiving all our sins, and cleansing us from all our hurtful deeds; through the perfect love of Jesus Christ our Lord, the Light for the whole wide world.**

\*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 our peace and our light, but we cannot keep it to ourselves! With joy, let us pass the peace and light 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 Jennifer Miller

\*HYMN

*"Joy to the World"*

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness  
And wonders of His love.

O, may my humble soul be found  
Among the favored band:

And with them all my praise  
shall sound Throughout Emmanuel's land.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

**Holy One, your grace has dawned upon the world with healing for 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 – Matthew 2:1-2, 7-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising and have come to pay him homage.'

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

*"Epiphany Carol"*

- S. Decesare

SCRIPTURE READING– Ephesians 3:1-12

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles - for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"Light for the Whole Wide World"

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 of Session:* Representing the one holy, catholic, and apostolic church, the Session of Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church now Ordains and Installs for active service on their respective boards:

**Abbie Conlon** as Elder, and **Maria Hannis** and **Josh Miller** as Deacons.

And we now Install for active service on their respective boards: **Lori Metz, Jennifer Miller and Don Hannis** as Elders, and **Fritz Hamlin and Charlotte Pickell** 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 and Elders, 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

# 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)

**Gracious God, we give you thanks that you are the light – the light to *all* the nations. Help us to continue to see your light, and to respond to your call for us to welcome the stranger, to see and to seek you in the outsider. Bless the world with our offerings, which we give back to you now. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN

*"We Three Kings of Orient Are"*

# 66

\*THE SENDING

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*"Shine, Jesus, Shine"*

# 2173, vs 1

POSTLUDE

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

# Announcements

On **Sunday, January 8, 2023**, we celebrate the **1st 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](http://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.8 - Team 2; Jan.15 - Team 3

**TODAY'S LAY READER** is **Joshua Miller**. He was baptized at OGPC Father's Day 2008 by Rev. Gibbons. He was confirmed in 2022 and is being ordained and installed as a Deacon at today's service. A Life Scout working on his Eagle Rank (you can see his project across from the cemetery entrance- a sitting area and historical marker of OGPC) with Troop 63 at OGPC, Josh is also a member of the Speech and Debate club, Chess Club and Book club at Phillipsburg High School.

**CLOSING OF THE BOOKS:** The financial books for the year 2022 will be closed as of next Sunday, January 8, 2023. All offerings towards church pledges for 2022 must be received by this date. Please be sure notation on check states that it is for your 2022 offering and the envelopes are clearly marked as a 2022 offering.

All offerings received after Sunday, January 8, 2023 will be credited to 2023. Giving statements for the year 2022 will be mailed some time in February. Questions? Please contact Katie Rienzo at [treasurer@ogpc.org](mailto:treasurer@ogpc.org)

**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](mailto:treasurer@ogpc.org)

**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! Stay tuned for sign-ups, etc. Questions? Email Barb Frinzi at [frinzi3@msn.com](mailto:frinzi3@msn.com)

**"FISH 'N CHYPS" YOUTH ACTIVITIES** (middle and high school) Our youth ministry partnership with College Hill Presbyterian Church will resume on **Sunday, 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](mailto:pastormarybeth@gmail.com).

The last day to sign up for the **SIGHT & SOUND THEATRE** for the **2023 CHRISTMAS SHOW** will be **today, January 8**. Reservations will be made and information on the exact ticket payment totals will be in the bulletin by January 15. Please make checks payable to Barbara Frinzi or Venmo her (@Barbara-Frinzi) by January 31. Please give checks to Cathy Ahart or Jen Miller who will forward to Barb.

Transportation details will follow later in the year. We will try to carpool, but if we can't get enough vehicles, we will rent a bus and that will be an added expense. If you have a van or large SUV and can drive and take a few people, please contact Barb Frinzi at [frinzi3@msn.com](mailto:frinzi3@msn.com) or 908-343-1144.



The Church Care & Kinship Committee is so excited to organize this trip to Lancaster! It's going to be a great show! Special thanks to everyone on this committee and to Pastor Mary Beth for all of her help!

**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](mailto: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, Walt Campbell, at [Campbellw47@yahoo.com](mailto:Campbellw47@yahoo.com) or Pastor Mary Beth at [pastormarybeth@gmail.com](mailto: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: **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; *the family of Alan Hartzell, Kathleen Gooley's father, who died on 12/7; the family of Marie "Joella" Rush, who died on 12/9; the Frinzi's granddaughter, Giada Ippoldo, recovering from shoulder surgery; Debbie Mowrey's sister, Brenda, who has a wide range of health issues; Anita Campbell; Joanne, Sharon Smith's sister, and her husband, Tom, and son, Jason; Mimi Rienzo, recently diagnosed with diabetes, and her family; Al & Tricia Marino's friends and family: Sarah (friend), diagnosed with Hodgkins Lymphoma, Jenna R (cousin), diagnosed with Hodgkins Lymphoma and Jenna S & family (friend), as they grieve the unexpected passing of her father; Al Marino, with Covid; Carol Lee Doeringer's sister, Eileen, who is going through radiation treatments; friends of Carol Lee Doeringer, Kaleb, Jakob, Nikolas, Karolina & Victoria for spiritual & physical healing, Desiree for relationship healing and Becky & Harry Limons; 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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