

*Old Greenwich
Presbyterian Church*

The First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich Township



6th 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 SHARED MINISTRY

Elder Jennifer Miller

INTROIT

"How Majestic Is Your Name"

2023

*CALL TO WORSHIP and OPENING PRAYER

Al and Cooper Marino, Lay Readers

God of All Life, submitting to death, you conquer the grave.

God of All Life, lifted upon the cross, you draw all people to yourself.

God of All Life, raised from the dead, you restore the whole creation.

God of All Life, always and everywhere, we proclaim the marvelous mystery of your death and resurrection.

Together, let us worship the God of All Life! Let us pray:

God of All Life, our Father, our Mother, our Sister, our Brother: open up yourself to us today, and help us open, too. Meet us in pain, and in joy; in doubt, and in assurance; in death, and in life. Thank you that – when we stay with you, and when we stray – you love us more than we could fathom, and that you always call us back. Thank you, in Jesus' precious name, amen!

*OPENING HYMN

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

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*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Together, let us confess our sin to our all-gracious, all-forgiving God:

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Almighty God, our heavenly Creator, we have sinned against you, through our own fault – in thought, and word, and deed, and in what we have left undone. For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us all our offenses; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your Name. In Christ we pray these things.*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 with us and among us, granting us forgiveness and peace! But we cannot keep this peace to ourselves. With joy, 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

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

106, vs.1, 4

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Holy, life-giving Spirit, come now, and illumine your Word for your people. Quiet our inner turmoil so we can hear what you are saying. We are listening. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING – 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarrelling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, 'I belong to Paul', and another, 'I belong to Apollos', are you not merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So, neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labour of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

"The Homecoming"

- Abraham Lincoln & Andrew Young

My Childhood Home I See Again

by Abraham Lincoln - 1809-1865

My childhood home I see again,
And sadden with the view;
And still, as memory crowds my brain,
There's pleasure in it too.

O Memory! thou midway world '
Twixt earth and paradise,
Where things decayed and loved ones lost
In dreamy shadows rise,

And, freed from all that's earthly vile,
Seem hallowed, pure, and bright,
Like scenes in some enchanted isle
All bathed in liquid light.

As dusky mountains please the eye
When twilight chases day;
As bugle-notes that, passing by,
In distance die away;

As leaving some grand waterfall,
We, lingering, list its roar -
So memory will hallow all

We've known, but know no more.

Near twenty years have passed away
Since here I bid farewell
To woods and fields, and scenes of play,
And playmates loved so well.

Where many were, but few remain
Of old familiar things;
But seeing them, to mind again
The lost and absent brings.

The friends I left that parting day,
How changed, as time has sped!
Young childhood grown, strong manhood gray,
And half of all are dead.

I hear the loved survivors tell
How nought from death could save,
Till every sound appears a knell,
And every spot a grave.

I range the fields with pensive tread,
And pace the hollow rooms,
And feel (companion of the dead)
I'm living in the tombs.

SCRIPTURE READING – Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then

you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Reruns"

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, we want to remember your goodness; we want to remember your love. We give you thanks that, in love, you are always sending us from this place, and into the lonely and forgotten corners of this world. Use the gifts we give back to you now, that they may bless the whole creation. In Jesus' holy name we pray, Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

"I Danced in the Morning"

302, vs. 1-3 & 5

*THE SENDING

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"For God Our Way"

2221, vs. 4

POSTLUDE

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

The word "Announcements" is written in a large, elegant, black cursive script. The letters are fluidly connected, with a prominent 'A' and a long, sweeping tail on the 'y'. The background is a light gray.

On **Sunday, February 12, 2023**, we celebrate the **6th 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: Feb. 12 - Team 3; Feb. 19 – Team 4

TODAY'S FLOWERS are in honor and memory of Pastor Mary Beth's father, Tom LeCroy, from the Frinzi, Ahart, and DiGiovanni families; and by the church family of Old Greenwich in honor and memory of Pastor Mary Beth's father, Tom.

If you wish to send condolences to Pastor Mary Beth's mom, Mary, her address is:

MaryWills LeCroy
745 Linwood Road
Birmingham, AL 35222

Pastor Mary Beth's address is:

10 Greenwich Church Road
Stewartsville, NJ 08886

LOSS OF THREE LONG-TIME MEMBERS:

Geraldine Ihrie died on February 4. Gerry was a member of Old Greenwich since 1938.

Condolences may be sent to her daughter, Beverly:

Beverly Wismer
286 Cherry Hill Road
Nazareth, PA 18064

Private services were held this past Wednesday.

Jean Meckley, 97, died on January 31. Jean was a member of OGPC since 1938.

Condolences can be sent to:

Marcia Taylor
1913 Richmond Road
Easton, PA 18040

Service will be held at OGPC on Tuesday, February 14, at 11 am. Note Change: Visitation 10 - 11 am at the church; service at 11 am.

Bob Tintle, 85, died on January 30. Bob and his wife, Sue, have been members here since 1963.

Condolences can be sent to:

Sue Tintle
197 Richline Hill Road
Stewartsville, NJ 08886-9708

The family requests donations to Old Greenwich in lieu of flowers.

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

SIGHT & SOUND THEATER TICKETS: Reservations have been made for the Miracle Of Christmas Show in Lancaster, PA for 12/2/23 at 3 pm. Adults - \$84.55; children - \$39. Please pay Barbara Frinzi, ASAP, by check or Venmo (@Barbara-Frinzi). Please give checks to Cathy Ahart or Jen Miller who will forward to Barb.

SHOWER OF CARDS: Julia Deemer, one of our Special People who is homebound, will be turning 90 years old on Monday, February 20. We would like to let her know that her Old Greenwich family is thinking of her by showering her with birthday cards. Please be one of many who sends a card to her at:

Julia Deemer
260 Sitgreaves Street
Phillipsburg, NJ 08865

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 every first and third Sunday until May 7. **Our next meeting is Feb. 19.** We meet at College Hill Presbyterian (501 Brodhead St, Easton PA). Note that in 2023, there will be no dinner provided. 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: Feb 19 + performance, May 7 & 21, June 4 + performance

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

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.

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 **next 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. Email / 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.

You're invited to the **7th ANNUAL IRON PIGS BASEBALL GAME** outing on **Saturday, July 29, 2023, 6:35 pm**, at Coca Cola Park, Allentown, PA. Tickets are \$17 per person (*includes a \$2 credit to be applied toward a food or merchandise purchase within the park*). ALL payments while in the park are cashless, meaning debit or credit cards only. Children ages 2 and under are free if they sit in their parents' lap. There will be access to air conditioning; \$5 per car for parking; park is handicap accessible and very kid-friendly; ample

parking with shuttle service from distant lots. (Carpooling is strongly suggested); fireworks featured directly after the game (weather permitting). All OGPC members, their families and friends can attend. Contact Walter or Anita Campbell with any questions. 908-479-4737 / souptime2222@gmail.com
Cash or checks payable to "Anita Campbell" or "Walter Campbell." PAYMENT DEADLINE - Sunday, April 30,

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: **Charlotte Pickell's mother-in-law, Shirley Parrish, recovering from surgery; victims of the earthquake in Turkey & Syria and their families, as well as rescuers and medical workers; healing for Sue Beacht, recovering from surgery on 2/2, and for husband, Tom, and their daughter, Bridget, as well; Alison Ahart, for healing from surgery; the family of Gerry Ihrie, who died on 2/4; the family of Tom LeCroy, Pastor Mary Beth's Dad; Lisa Kolterjahn, recovering from surgery;** the family of Bob Tintle, who died on 1/30; the family of Marcia Taylor's Aunt, Jean Meckley, who died on 1/31; Pastor Mary Beth's Dad and her family; Cooper Marino's Aunt Lourdes, on the sudden death of her husband, Bob; Melissa Hixon's cousin, Karen, recently diagnosed with pancreatic cancer; Sue Beacht, who had surgery on 2/2; *prayers of thanksgiving for Christine Mette getting good results from tests done in Jan.; 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; 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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