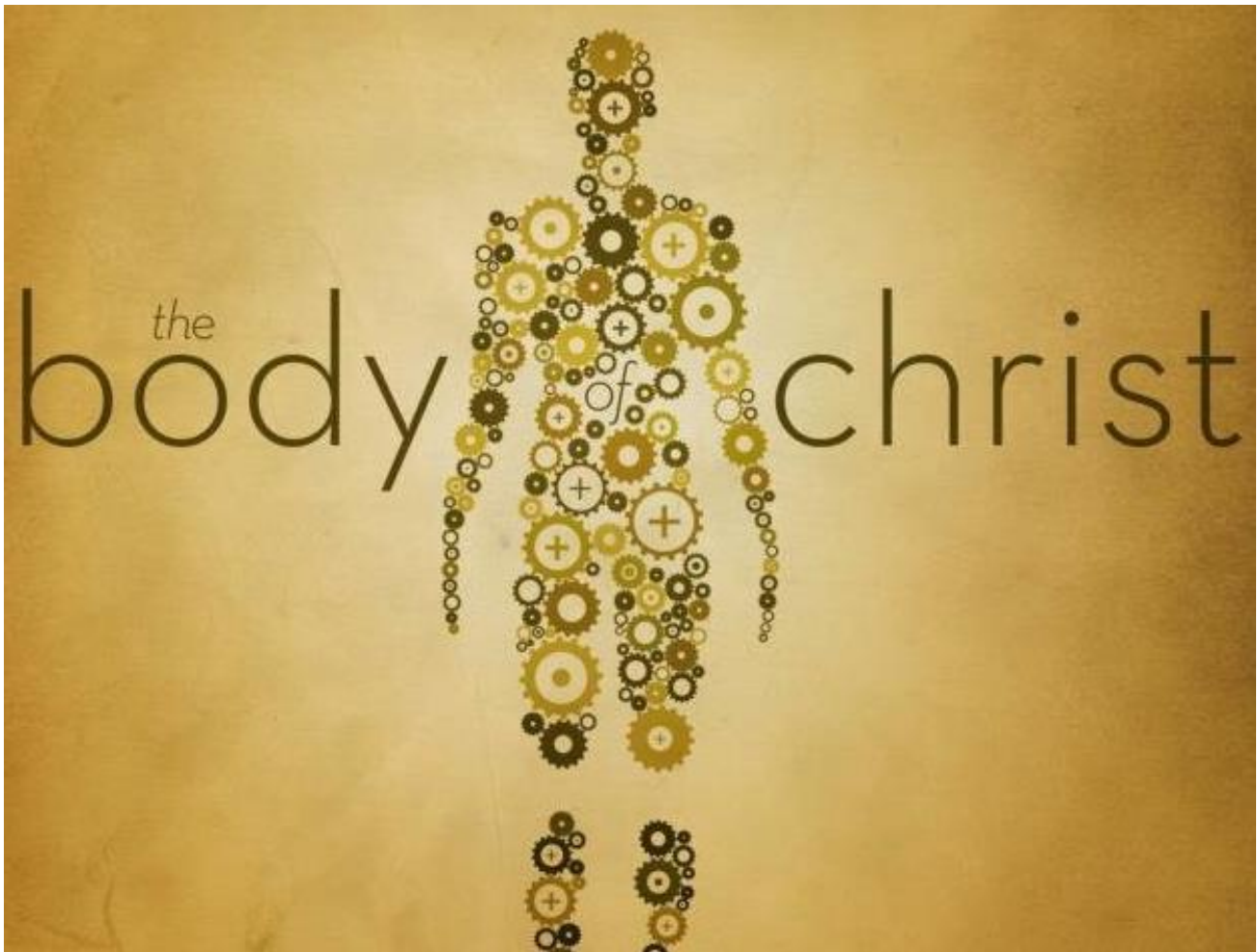


*Old Greenwich
Presbyterian Church*

The First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich Township



2nd Sunday of Easter

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

Welcome, all! If you have a prayer request, there is room on the reverse of the Welcome Card (found in the pew holders) for you to write your requests. 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 with your contact info. You may place the cards in the offering plate later in the service.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION – Deacon Scholarships

Deacon Ernie Maso

INTROIT

"Alleluia"# 2078
trad. Honduran

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 100)

Deacon Susann Dalrymple, Lay Reader

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

We worship the Lord with gladness; we come into His presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God.

It is He that made us and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise.

We give thanks to Him and bless His name.**For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.**

*OPENING HYMN"

"When in Our Music God is Glorified"

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INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Lord, we want to be open to You. We try to be open to You. But all too often we turn away. We turn away because sometimes it just seems easier to live without you than to live with You. Turn us around. We pray that You forgive our sin Lord. Forgive us. Help us to know and celebrate Your gracious love in all we say and do. Amen.SILENT CONFESSION with *"Amen"* played

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

When we ask God for forgiveness, we open our hearts to receive Him. That is all it takes. We are promised that God welcomes us with open arms and frees us from our sins, as did the father of the prodigal son welcome his son's return. No matter who we are, no matter what we have done, we are forgiven! Live freely! Amen.

*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

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH

Tricia Marino

*HYMN

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Dear God, we pray that we may read and hear Your Word anew this day. Refresh our spirits with your

wisdom, oh Lord, that we may better understand how you would have us live as Your people. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING – John 20:19-29

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So, the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

"Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit"

- Rollo Dilworth

SCRIPTURE READING – I Corinthians 12:20-26

As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"One Body"

Elder George Bradlau

REFLECTION

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

"Richer Than Before"

- Heather Sorenson

Susan Bradlau/Tom DiGiovanni

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*Doxology

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)

Lord, as one body united by our faith, we happily return to You what has always been Yours. May You bless these resources for use in the work of Your church to bring Your saving Word to this entire world. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

"Blessed Be the Tie That Binds"

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***THE SENDING**

As we go out into a troubled world, let us remember that we are a forgiven people. Let us live freely, and, as one

body, celebrate the love of God in all we say and do.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Christ Has Risen"

2115, vs. 4

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



On **Sunday, April 16, 2023**, we celebrate **2nd Sunday of Easter** at a 10 am worship service with **guest preacher, Elder George Bradlau**. 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 by visiting our website at www.ogpc.org, and scrolling down on the home page to "Watch a Service." To find prior live streams, click on the "Live" tab in YouTube.

OGPC IS GUN FREE: On January 16, 2023, the Session (leadership board) of Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church voted unanimously to establish our church's land and facilities to be a gun free zone. For more information, please visit our website: <https://www.ogpc.org/we-are-a-gun-free-church/>.

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: April 16 – Team 4; April 23 - Team 1

TODAY WE ESPECIALLY WELCOME Elder George Bradlau as our guest preacher. George has been an Elder of Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church since 1996. He is currently the Chaplain for the Greenwich, NJ Township (Stewartsville) Police Department. A former organized crime and corruption prosecutor for the State of New York, George practices law part-time and enjoys gardening and reading when he can. His favorite job is being "Poppy" to four beautiful grandchildren.

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE! Chimes! Do you want to play the chimes? All are welcome, no matter your age! We will rehearse in Memorial Hall **today, April 16 and 30** from **9:30 to 9:50 am**, and will perform in worship on May 14. See Tom DiGiovanni for more information!

"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, 6 – 7:30 pm, until May 7. **We meet tonight, April 16**, 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.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN meet monthly on the third Tuesday (**April 20**) at the church in the room behind the pastor's office **at NOON**. 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. 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



Join us to share the evening with friends and enjoy interesting and in-depth discussions of Maya Angelou's, *"I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings."* This candid and poetic memoir is an American classic, banned in places for its honest depiction of a black women's childhood in 1930s-40s America, but beloved by millions of readers. Together, let's find out why the caged bird sings. **Starting Thursday, April 20, we will meet at 6 pm to 7:25 pm** on successive Thursdays. Come on in and see what the buzz is all about. All are welcome. See Pastor Mary Beth or Elder George Bradlau if you have any questions.

YOU'RE INVITED! Come join us **next Sunday, April 23**, during fellowship for a **BAPTISMAL OUTFIT SHOW**. Explore the fashions, read the stories and step back in time, appreciating the celebrations that the sacrament inspires. Lunch will be served... bring a friend to share in the festivities!

ALSO - if you are willing to bring a quiche, mixed salad or fruit on the day of the show, please let Barb Frinzi (frinzi3@msn.com) or Lori Metz (LLMetz2159@gmail.com) know. Thank you.

THE 34TH RARITAN RIVER MUSIC FESTIVAL Tributes: The Legacy of Musical Traditions presents The Mohawk Trail Piano Trio (violin, cello, piano) featuring "Musical Monuments: Masterpieces by Arensky and Price" here at Old Greenwich on **Saturday, May 20, at 7:30 pm**

In-Person and Online Recorded Broadcast Family Viewing (YouTube Premiere link will be provided to view Sunday through Wednesday following each concert).

Tickets available through the web site: www.RaritanRiverMusic.org. For more information: 908-213-1100 or info@RaritanRiverMusic.org. If you purchase a ticket for the venue and decide for any reason to stay home, the festival will exchange that ticket for the link to the online recorded broadcast for that concert.

NJ CONSERVATORY PRESENTS: Mozart's Requiem and J.S. Bach's Cantata No. 80 (*A Mighty Fortress*) NJ Conservatory Symphonic Chorus accompanied by its Symphonic Orchestra performs at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, 246 Woodport Rd., Sparta, NJ **next Sunday, April 23, at 4 pm** - Edwin Foster, Director
Prices: \$45, \$40, \$35. Student discount 30%. Call 973-402-2004 for tickets. No children under 8 years old.



TIME'S RUNNING OUT! To purchase tickets to the **Saturday, July 29, 2023** Iron Pigs baseball game at Coca Cola Park. Tickets in the Club Level (access to air conditioning) and elevator access to the level is \$17/person. Kids two and under are free if they sit in their parent's lap. Fireworks after the game (weather permitting). Call or email Anita Campbell at 908-479-4737 or souptime2222@gmail.com. Cash or checks accepted (made out to either "Anita Campbell" or "Walter Campbell.")

Payment deadline is Sunday, April 30.

ULTIMATE YOUTH NIGHT: April 30, from 3 – 5 pm. Bring your 5th-8th grade child to this time of faith, fun, and fellowship! This event is open to all churches, and even friends who don't belong to any church. Leadership is provided by the trained staff of Camp Johnsonburg. And it's FREE! Come to the First Presbyterian Church of Hackettstown's Chapel, 291 Main Street, Hackettstown NJ 07840, where deepening faith will be fun! Questions? Call 908-852-2349 or email office@campjburg.org

SUMMER CAMP REGISTERING NOW! Johnsonburg is a place where all may gather and all are welcomed in God's beautiful creation...and registration is now open! As New Jersey's only Presbyterian summer camp, Johnsonburg has been the highlight of summer for thousands of kids for 63 years. There are six one-week overnight sessions for kids in 1st-12th grades from June to August. J'burg programs have tons of activities, and camp counselors are carefully hired, screened, and trained to be great role models for campers. Summer camp has been shown to increase social and emotional wellness in children and youth, as well as teaching them to be more independent and helping them to make friends. Compliment the faith-building you are doing in church and at home with what will be your child's favorite week of the summer. For more information, visit www.campjburg.org/summer-camp

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.

HOME COMMUNION: Want 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

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.

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 or call the church office.

Please pray for: **friend of Carol Doeringer, Millie Miller, who is recovering from eye surgery and facing a second eye surgery; Gail, Diane and Josie, all who died recently, and their families; friends of Dottie Davidson, Anna, whose brother died on 4/8, and Sami, who recently lost her husband; Howard Bell's wife, Sharon, who is in Abington Manor;** Tricia Marino's mother, Margaret Matthews, as she recovers from surgery; the family of Jeff Brown, Al & Lorraine Brown's son, who died on 4/2 - especially for Jeff's sons, Liam and Ryan, for comfort and a peace beyond understanding; the victims and families of the Covenant School shooting in Nashville, TN; continued healing for John Oakes, who was hospitalized the week of 3/20, but is now home; gratitude for Leni Voorhees and Dorothy Purdy being unharmed by their car hydroplaning on 3/23; *the family of Paul Dineen, especially his wife, Judy, brother-in-law of Susan Bradlau, who died on 3/22; Lisa Gray's brother, Neil, who had spinal surgery on 3/24;* Carl & Ginny 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; all experiencing the effects of extreme weather conditions around the world

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