

Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church

The First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich Township



"All we like sheep have gone astray;

4th Sunday of Easter

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

INTROIT

"All Hail King Jesus"

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*CALL TO WORSHIP (Ps. 23, King James Version)

Elder Al Marino, Lay Reader

Please stand, as you are able, and join in the Call to Worship which is prayed responsively.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:

For thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

*OPENING HYMN

"Many and Great, O God, Are Thy Things"

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*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Forgive us, O God, by the power of your Spirit, to live as love commands. Bound to Christ, set us free from our sinful ways so we may serve you with gladness. As Jesus gives his life with humility and courage, give us strength to serve you faithfully and fearlessly. We pray these things in Jesus' holy name, 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

Please remain standing for the passing of the peace. Christ is among us and is our peace. But we cannot keep this peace to ourselves. With joy (and with handshakes and hugs if we are comfortable with that!), let us pass the peace of Christ to one another. May the peace of Christ be with you!

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH

Elder Jennifer Miller

*HYMN

"Wherever I May Wander"

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. By your Holy Spirit, make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Christ, the bread of heaven, we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING – Acts 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

"I Sing Because I'm Happy"

- Rollo Dilworth

SCRIPTURE READING – John 10:1-10

'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So, again, Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"All We Like Sheep"

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)

Thank you, our Good Shepherd Jesus, that you are our constant companion. Thank you that we have you to show us the way. Now bless these gifts we give back, that they may bless this whole world in the wideness of your mercy. It is in your name we pray, Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

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*THE SENDING

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Sent Out in Jesus' Name"

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POSTLUDE

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

Announcements

On **Sunday, April 30, 2023**, we celebrate **4th Sunday of Easter** 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 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 30 – Team 2; May 7 - Team 3

COME SEE BEAUTIFUL ART... right down the hall! Did you know that we have an art group that meets every Tuesday? (Anyone can join!) And did you know that they have begun displaying some of their breathtaking work in Trinity Wing (right next to the pastor's office)? Come check it out! It's our mini art gallery!



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. We meet at **6 pm to 7:25 pm** on Thursdays through May 25. 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.

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 on **April 30** from **9:30 to 9:50 am** and will perform in worship on May 14. See Tom DiGiovanni for more information!

TIME'S RUNNING OUT! Payment deadline is today, April 30 to purchase tickets to the **Saturday, July 29**, 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.")



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

"FISH 'N CHYPS" YOUTH ACTIVITIES (middle and high school) Our youth ministry partnership with College Hill Presbyterian Church will have its **last meeting on Sunday, May 7, 6 – 7:30 pm**, and **what we will be doing is a "mystery!"** At College Hill Presbyterian (501 Brodhead St, Easton PA). Questions? Please see Pastor Mary Beth or email her at pastormarybeth@gmail.com.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN meet monthly on the third Tuesday at the church in the room next to 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

COME SUPPORT COMMUNITY MUSIC! The Lehigh Valley Chorale presents "*Of Steel, Fire, and Sky*" on **Friday, May 19, at 7:30 pm** and **Saturday, May 20, at 2 pm**. This event will be held at the First Presbyterian Church of Allentown, 3231 Tilghman St, Allentown PA. \$10 suggested donation at the door. For more information, go to www.LVChorale.org or talk to Elder Abbie Conlon.

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.

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 Kathleen Scala, David Kokinda, recovering from spinal surgery; Cynthia Healy's goddaughter, MaryBeth & her daughter, Melanie, for healing; Carol Lee Doeringer's heart health; Fritz & Sandy Hamlin's grandchildren, Crystal & Greg, on the passing of their grandmother, Ann Stone; 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*; 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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