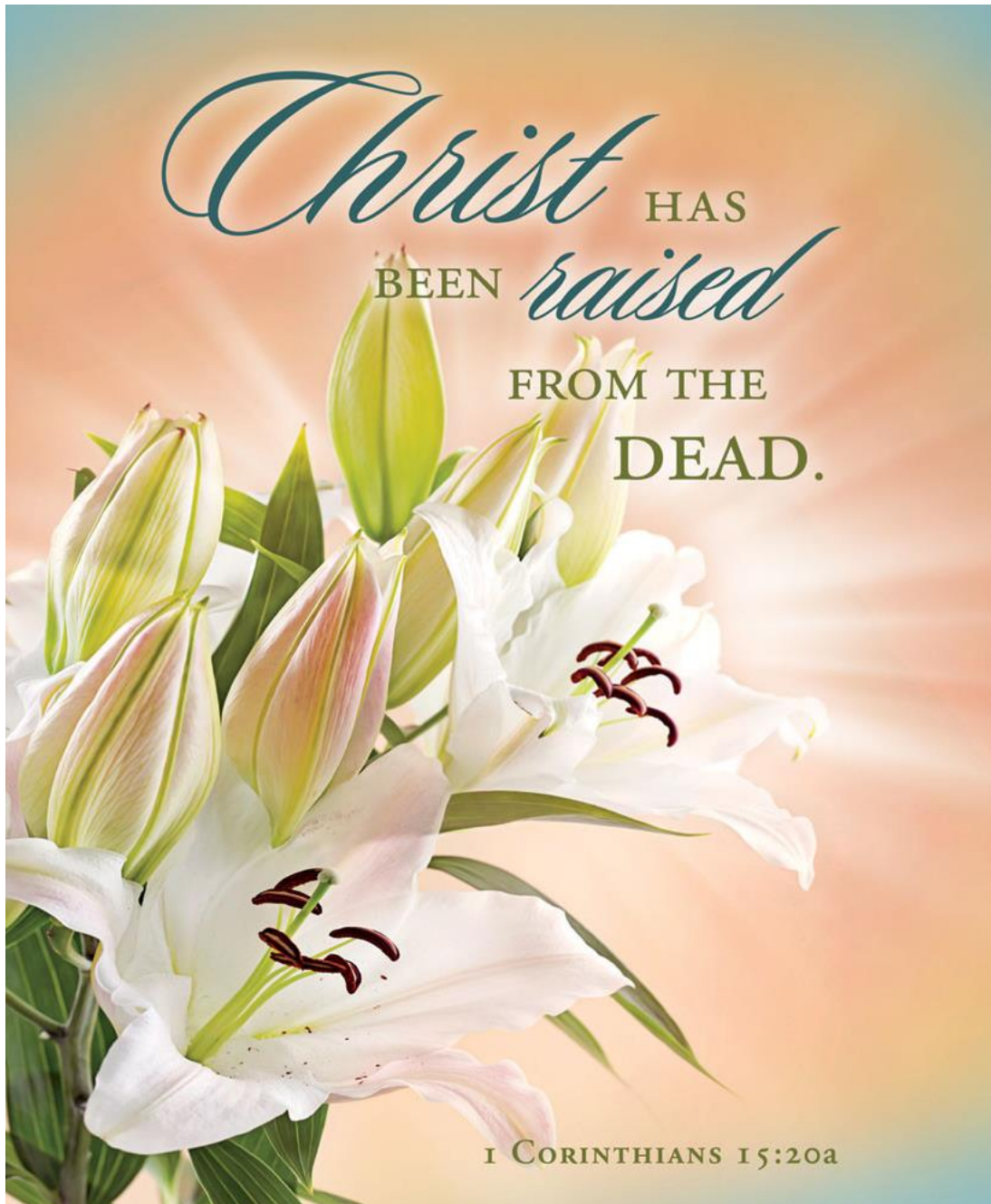


*Old Greenwich
Presbyterian Church*

The First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich Township



Easter Sunday

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

Easter Sunday

April 9, 2023

10 am

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

Tom DiGiovanni

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

"Alleluia"

2078

- Trad. Honduran

*CALL TO WORSHIP and OPENING PRAYER

Elder Susan Bradlau, Lay Reader

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

Glory to you, O God: on this day you won victory over death, raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life!

Glory to you, O God!

Glory to you, O Christ: for us and for our salvation, you overcame death and opened the gate to everlasting life!

Glory to you, O Christ!

Glory to you, O Holy Spirit: you lead us into the truth and breathe new life into us this very day!

Glory to you, O Holy Spirit!

Glory to you, O Blessed Trinity, now and forever!

Glory to you, O Holy Trinity!

People of God, let us pray.

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive, and has become the Lord of life! From the waters of death you raise us with him, and renew your gift of life within us. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ and help us to grow as your people toward fullness of life with you, through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen!

*OPENING HYMN

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

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Aiden O'Shea, Trumpet

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Please remain standing for our prayer of confession. God is our light! Christ is our light! The Holy Spirit is our light! Let us confess the truth about ourselves in the light of God's salvation. Let us pray:

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to resentments and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak and abuse the earth you have made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant, given to us through Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord!

*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**

The Risen Christ is among us and is our peace! Let us pass that peace to one another! May the peace of Christ be with you.

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH

Elder Jennifer Miller

***HYMN**

"I Danced in the Morning"

302 vv. 1, 3-5

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Holy God, Creator of all, the Risen Christ taught from scripture of his death and resurrection to new life. May the living Lord now breathe upon us his peace, that our eyes may be opened to recognize him in the reading and hearing of the Word, and to follow where he leads. Come, Holy Spirit! Amen!

SCRIPTURE READING – Jeremiah 31:1-6

At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. Thus says the Lord: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the Lord appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore, I have continued my faithfulness to you. Again, I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again, you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers. Again, you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant and shall enjoy the fruit. For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: 'Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

"An Easter Celebration"

- Williams/Sorenson

SCRIPTURE READING – Matthew 28:1-10

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' So, they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly, Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Do Not Be Afraid"

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

"Rejoice Greatly, O Daughter of Zion"

- G. F. Handel

Kayla MacKinnon, soprano

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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)

Brightness of God's glory and image of God's person: as you have shared our vulnerability in

human flesh, help us to share your power in the Spirit. Bless these gifts we give back to you and bless our very lives so that they may bless this whole world. Fill our church, and our world, with resurrection life. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen!

*CLOSING HYMN

"The Day of Resurrection!"

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*THE SENDING

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Christ Has Risen"

2115, v. 4

POSTLUDE

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



On **Sunday, April 9, 2023**, we celebrate **Easter Sunday** 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 9 - Team 3; April 16 – Team 4

2023 EASTER FLOWER DEDICATIONS

In Memory of:

Ernie Maso	his father. Ernest F. Maso
Barb & Charlie Frinzi	F. Edward & Florence Ahart and Joseph & Minnie Frinzi
Tim Gardner	Dave & Elizabeth Gardner, Richard Gardner and Pat Gaydosh
Cathy & Ed Ahart	F. Edward & Florence Ahart, Endress H. Folk, Jr. & Sr., Ruth & Harry S. Pursel and Freda Scheetz & Frances Ward
Robin Glosser	the Vorhees & Rush families, Teri Lea Whitney, Sam Bartha, and Gus Gardner
Charlotte Pickell	her father, George Ingraham
Fritz & Sandy Hamlin	Evelyn Gyarmaty and Fred & Fran Hamlin
Kurt & Barb Grimm	Nina & Karl Grimm and Alex Smith
Anita & Walt Campbell	her parents, Margaret & Otto Steiner and his parents, Dorothy & Walter Campbell
John & Linda Oakes	their parents
Robert & Kristen Todd	Anna Wiley Johnson & Elizabeth Wiley, Earl Todd & Bernice Todd Witt, David & Louis Pickel and Irvin & Anna Swope
Ralph Wolverton	Bessie & Paul Wolverton
Robert Luzietti	Doris Luzietti

In Honor of:

Robert Luzietti	our deceased parents and Perini Luzietti
Carl Guthardt	loved ones
Sue Moore	Bill & Dee Moore
Kurt & Barb Grimm	Pastor Mary Beth, Tom, Betsy, and Choir

In Celebration of:

Sandy Friedman	the Easter season and all the promises it holds!
The Davidson Family	Leonardo Douglass Davidson
Sue Tintle	her husband, Bob

To the Glory of God:

Ellen and Mike Viscel	Anne Marie & John Caprio and Rosalie Viscel
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WELCOME TO OUR GUEST ARTISTS: Aiden O'Shea is a Phillipsburg High School senior who plans to study music and many other things in college. He excels at trumpet, piano and guitar, and is happy to be back at Old Greenwich for the second consecutive Easter celebration. Aiden will be playing on the hymns and on the Choir Anthem.

Kayla MacKinnon is a sophomore with an Environmental Science & Spanish Studies double major with a Sustainability Minor at Villanova University. Kayla is involved in many extracurricular choirs on campus, is secretary of the treble choir, and is a member of the a cappella group. Kayla is a longtime OGPC member and misses it so much that she has pursued music-making at Wayne PC, where she works as a Choral Scholar. She credits her success to the never-ending love and support of her family.

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



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 on **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.

To ensure that we have enough outfits to make the show worthwhile, will you please **drop this tear off sign-up sheet in the offering plate** to allow us to exhibit your baptismal outfits. Any questions, please contact Lori Metz, 610-972-7900.

Name_____

Phone_____ Number of outfits to display_____

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

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: **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; *Rob Todd's mother Noi Todd, who has Parkinson's*; *Al Marino, who had knee surgery on 3/21*; 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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Tom DiGiovanni, Leader, <i>Sonshine Singers & Greenwich Ringers</i>	
Betsy Gaston, Leader, <i>Rejoicing Rhythms</i> drummers	