

*Old Greenwich*  
*Presbyterian Church*

The First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich Township



**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

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

## PRELUDE

*"We've Only Just Begun"*  
*"Moonlight Serenade"*

- Paul Williams  
 - Glenn Miller

Woodwind Quartet - *CounHERparts* - Gabby Alfred, Oboe; Jewel Avila, Flute;  
 Caitlyn Wierzbicki, Clarinet; and Kayla Hueber, Bass Clarinet

## 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 to enter them. Please place the cards in the Offering plate.

## INTROIT

*"Shout to the Lord"*

# 2074

\*CALL TO WORSHIP and OPENING PRAYER - Psalm 68

Children and Youth, Lay Readers

Sing to God, sing in praise of His name, extol Him who rides on the clouds;

**rejoice before Him - His name is the Lord.**

A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in His holy dwelling.

**He leads out the prisoners with singing;**

Praise be to the Lord, to God our Savior, who daily bears our burdens.

**Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth, sing praise to the Lord... Proclaim the power of God...**

\*OPENING HYMN

*"Christ Whose Glory Fills the Sky"*

# 462

\*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**We come, O Lord, on this day of glory to confess our lack of trust. While we sing of your lordship over all creation, we have too often acted as though you are powerless in the face of today's events. Help us to live with confidence in your presence today and in hope for life with you forever. Amen.**

\*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

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH

Elder Jennifer Miller

\*HYMN

*"I Danced in the Morning"*

# 302

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

**O God, Lover of humanity, Joy of creation: Pour out your Spirit on us that we may hear your ancient words in a new key. Inspire us to sing your praise in every land and with every generation, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING – Acts 1:6-14 The Message

When they were together for the last time they asked, "Master, are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel now? Is this the time?" He told them, "You don't get to know the time. Timing is the Father's business. What you'll get is the Holy Spirit. And when the Holy Spirit comes on you, you will be able to be my witnesses in Jerusalem, all over Judea and Samaria, even to the ends of the world."

These were his last words. As they watched, he was taken up and disappeared in a cloud. They stood there, staring into the empty sky. Suddenly two men appeared—in white robes! They said, “You Galileans! - why do you just stand here looking up at an empty sky? This very Jesus who was taken up from among you to heaven will come as certainly - and mysteriously - as he left.”

So, they left the mountain called Olives and returned to Jerusalem. It was a little over half a mile. They went to the upper room they had been using as a meeting place: Peter, John, James, Andrew, Philip, Thomas, Bartholomew, Matthew, James, son of Alphaeus, Simon, the Zealot, and Judas, son of James. They agreed they were in this for good, completely together in prayer, the women included. Also, Jesus’ mother, Mary, and his brothers.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

*“The New Lord’s Prayer”*

- Heather Sorenson

SCRIPTURE READING – 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ’s sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion, your adversary, the devil, prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*“Everyday Joy”*

Elder Jennifer Miller

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

*“La Paloma”*

- Sebastian Iradier

\*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)

**O most merciful and gracious God, from whose open hand we all have received much: We ask you to accept this offering of your people. Remember in your love those who have brought it. Remember also, those persons and purposes for which it is given. So, follow this sacrifice with your blessing that it may promote peace and good will and advance the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN

*“I’ve Got Peace Like a River”*

# 368

\*THE SENDING

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*“He Is Exalted”*

# 2070

POSTLUDE

*“Raindrops Keep Fallin’ On My Head”*

- Hal David

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

## Announcements

Today, **Sunday, May 21**, we celebrate **7th Sunday of Easter** at a 10 am worship service with **guest preacher, Elder Jennifer Miller**. 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](http://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:** May 21 – Team 1; May 28 – Team 2

**TODAY WE WELCOME GUEST PREACHER, Elder Jennifer Miller.** Jennifer is a life-long Presbyterian who joined OGPC in 2004. A proud mother of soon-to-be four members of the church - Jacob a Citadel Cadet, Jillian a Junior, and Joshua a Freshman at Phillipsburg High School and Jacqueline, an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at P'burg Middle School. Jennifer completed her CE Certification and now also serves Flemington Presbyterian Church as their Youth Coordinator. Married to Jeff, and daughter to Judy and Jack Felch, Jennifer enjoys worshipping with so many family members at OGPC!

**WE WELCOME OUR MUSICAL GUESTS TODAY, *CounHERparts*,** a woodwind quartet formed at Phillipsburg High School by a group of friends who love making music together. Members are: Gabby Alfred, Oboe; Jewel Avila, Flute; Caitlyn Wierzbicki, Clarinet; and Kayla Hueber, Bass Clarinet. *Today marks their public performance debut!!* They have two other performances planned for this month.

**Gabby** is a multi-instrumentalist - she plays the alto saxophone, the soprano saxophone, and the oboe. She's been in music for around eight years and is a graduating senior at PHS. She plans to pursue a degree in Cybersecurity at New Jersey City University.

**Jewel** is a senior at PHS who has been playing the flute since the fourth grade. She plans to go to WCCC on the NJStars Program and then transfer to an accredited four-year institution to finish off a Psychology Degree.

**Caitlyn** is a senior at PHS who has been playing the clarinet since the fifth grade. She's been in concert band, marching band, regional band, local bands, and more. She plans to pursue a degree in publishing/editing.

**Kayla** is a senior at PHS. Another multi-instrumentalist, she plays clarinet, bass and contrabass clarinet, as well as marching snare. Kayla has been in PHS's marching and concert bands for the past four years and is also in the pit orchestra. She will be attending West Chester University in the fall and will be studying Forensic and Toxicological Chemistry. Kayla plans to continue with marching band in college.

In their own words, "As we are a small group that has no affiliation to PHS besides attending as students, we have been fundraising over the past few months to cover a few of our expenses, i.e., purchasing music, repairing instruments, buying necessary materials, as well as covering gas for the transportation that our two lovely drivers in the group provide! With that, our most recent and successful fundraiser has been crocheted flowers! We offer roses for \$7, and tulips and lavender for \$5 each. All flowers are made by our oboist and put together by the rest of the girls. Bouquets are available, however, please understand that those orders take longer to finish!"

**COME SEE BEAUTIFUL ART... right down the hall!** Did you know that we have a watercolor 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.

**NEW MEMBER CLASS:** Are you ready to make it official and learn more about what it means to be a member here? Lucky you! Old Greenwich is offering a New Member class **next Sunday, May 28, from 11:15 am to 12:30 pm**. Zooming into the class is also an option. Please contact Barb Frinzi at [frinzi3@msn.com](mailto:frinzi3@msn.com) or Pastor Mary Beth at [pastormarybeth@gmail.com](mailto:pastormarybeth@gmail.com) to learn more..

**CALLING ALL GRADUATES:** If you or a family member is graduating, please provide graduate's name, (who related to - children or grandchildren of), where they are graduating from and their future plans. We will be honoring all graduates at the worship service on **Sunday, June 11**. The information can be emailed to the church office, [oldgreenwich@ogpc.org](mailto:oldgreenwich@ogpc.org), or write it down and place in the offering plate

**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](http://Presbyterianwomen.org) or call/text Lisa Gray to get it - 973-476-4720 or email her at [Lisa\\_A\\_Gray@outlook.com](mailto:Lisa_A_Gray@outlook.com)

**LAY READERS NEEDED:** Please visit our website and sign up to be a Sunday morning lay reader! Go to [ogpc.org](http://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](mailto:lkolterjahn88@gmail.com).

**MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!** Upcoming chimes rehearsal in Memorial Hall from **9:30 to 9:50 am on June 4**. Performance in worship on June 4. See Tom DiGiovanni for more information!

### **2023 REGISTRATION OPEN FOR SUMMER KIDS CLUB CO-HOSTED BY GNS AND OGPC!**

This program is partially subsidized by Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church and Greenwich Nursery School to make it accessible to all. Reserve your spot today as our max is 25 kids per session.

**Dates:** Tuesdays - June 13 – rabbits; June 27 – sheep; July 11 – llama; July 25 – donkey; August 1 – cow; and August 8 – "baby unicorn"

**Time:** 10 am - 12 pm **Ages:** 2-8 years old **Cost:** \$12/session/child or \$60/all sessions//child

**NOTE:** Parent/guardian should plan to stay on-site for the program. If you have more than one child, there will be volunteers available to help, as needed.

Questions? Email [director@greenwichnursery.com](mailto:director@greenwichnursery.com) or call 908-479-6886, 9 am - 1 pm, Mon. - Fri.

**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](http://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](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.

**HOME COMMUNION:** Want to receive home communion or know of someone who would? Please contact Deacon Moderator, Mike Lemons, at [ML12504@gmail.com](mailto:ML12504@gmail.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 or call the church office.

**Please pray for: the family of former GNS teacher, Barbara Purcell, who died recently; the family of Lane Michael Claypool, who died on 5/6;** healing for Melissa Hixon's family, Melissa's cousin Karen died of cancer on Friday, April 28; healing prayers for Fritz Hamlin; prayers of healing for Carol Lee Doeringer, who has been in the hospital with heart issues; Fritz and Sandy's daughter-in-law, Robin Schnell, prayers for healing and comfort; *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; Howard Bell's wife, Sharon, who is in Abington Manor; friend of Carol Doeringer, Millie Miller, who is recovering from eye surgery and facing a second eye surgery; Gail, Diane and Josie, who all died recently, and their families; friends of Dottie Davidson, Anna, whose brother died on 4/8, and Sami, who recently lost her husband; friend of Kathleen Scala, David Kokinda, recovering from spinal surgery; Cynthia Healy's goddaughter, MaryBeth & her daughter, Melanie, for healing; Fritz & Sandy Hamlin's grandchildren, Crystal & Greg, on the passing of their grandmother, Ann Stone; 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, Skip Adams' son, Zachary; Bob and Trudy Frey's friends, Nancy Hummer and Ian Arnot; Debbie Mowrey; our homebound members; those serving in our Armed Forces; the citizens of Ukraine; those affected by the Corona virus and their families; all experiencing the effects of extreme weather conditions around the world*

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