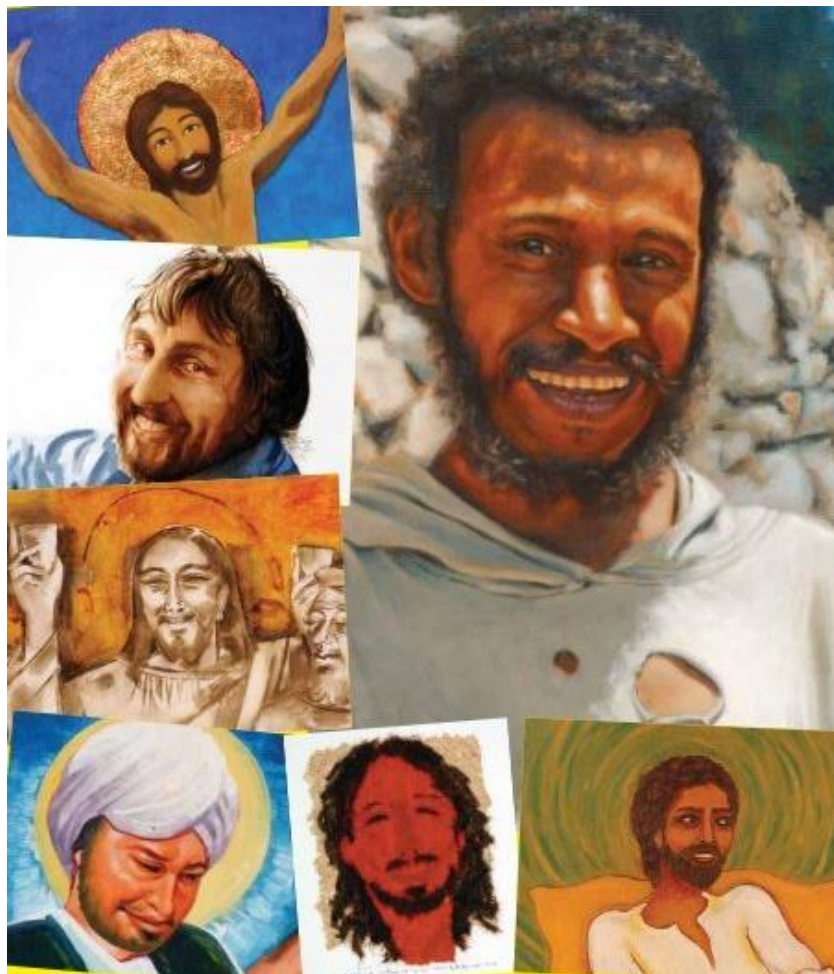


Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church

The First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich Township



3rd Sunday after Pentecost

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

PRELUDE - La Fiocco Trio	<i>Sonata decima a 3 in D Major</i>	- Johann Philip Krieger (1649-1725)
	<i>Toccata in G</i>	- Johann Jacob Froberger (1616-1667)
	<i>Sonata sopra</i>	- La Monica Biagio Marini (1594-1663)

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 plates later in the service.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (excerpted from Ps. 30) Sherri Wolfe, Lay Reader

I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

Sing praises to the LORD, O you faithful ones, and give thanks to God's holy name.

For God's anger is but for a moment; God's favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

*OPENING HYMN # 293

"This is My Father's World"

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Gracious God, our lives fall far short of your glory, and your desires for us. You give us life and breath, and pour out your Spirit upon us, yet we fail to return your love. Too often we are selfish and scared, ignoring you, and neglecting our neighbors. In Christ, we are given a sure hope and everlasting love, yet we follow the false promises and desires of this world. Holy and merciful Father, through the redeeming life and death of your Son on the cross, and by the power of your Holy Spirit, transform, forgive, and renew us to follow you with joy.

*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 Lisa Kolterjahn

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Holy One, your grace has dawned upon all the world with healing for the whole of creation. Let that same light shine upon your Holy Word, bringing forth what you would have us hear, and do, this day. Through your Holy Spirit we pray, Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING – Genesis 15:1-15

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants

be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. Then the Lord said to Abram, 'Know this for certain, that your offspring shall be aliens in a land that is not theirs, and shall be slaves there, and they shall be oppressed for four hundred years; but I will bring judgement on the nation that they serve, and afterwards they shall come out with great possessions. As for yourself, you shall go to your ancestors in peace; you shall be buried in a good old age.

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Sonata terza (from Book 1, 1621)

- Dario Castello (1602-1631)

SCRIPTURE READING – Genesis 21:1-7

The Lord dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised. Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. Now Sarah said, 'God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me.' And she said, 'Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.'

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

SERMON

"Laughter"

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

Bicinium no. 7

- Giovanni Gastoldi (c. 1554-1609)

*Doxology

"Glory to God"

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free!
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

God of promise, Abraham scoffed and Sarah laughed when they were told of your plans for them and their family. Yet you remained faithful to your promise. Help us to trust in your promises for our lives, and to live according to your will. Now take the gifts we give back to you and bless the world with them. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

145, vv. 1, 2

*THE SENDING

POSTLUDE

Sonata prima a 3

- G. B. Mazzaferatta (c. 1640-1681)

Folias echa para mi Señora Doña Tarolilla de Carallenos

- Andrea Falconieri (c. 1586-1656)

All are welcome to join for fellowship and refreshments in Memorial Hall following the worship service.

Announcements

Today, **Sunday, June 18**, we celebrate **the 3rd Sunday after Pentecost** at a 10 am worship service with preacher, **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.

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: June 18 – Team 1; June 25 – Team 2

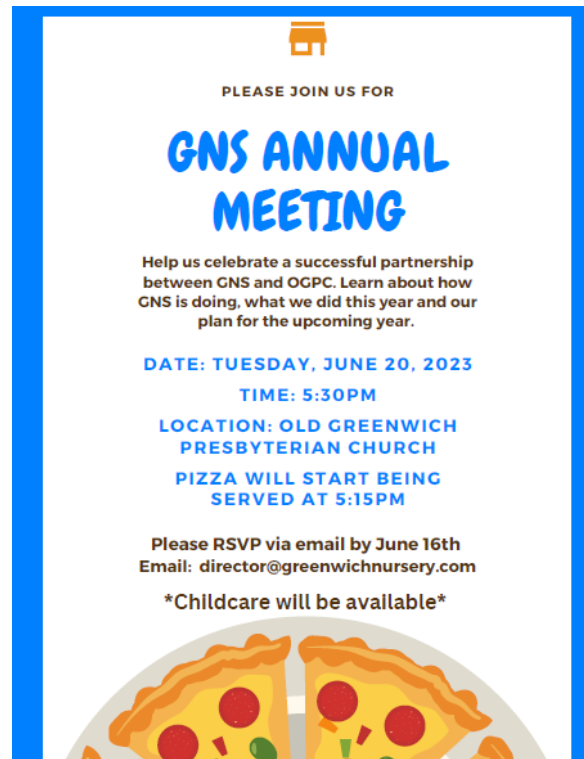
TODAY’S FLOWERS are in honor and celebration of Al & Lorraine Brown’s 60th wedding anniversary on June 22.

TODAY WE WELCOME MUSICAL GUESTS, *La FIOCCA*. This period instrument ensemble was founded by Lewis R. Baratz in 2010. Based in Bucks County, PA, and dedicated to performing music of the late 16th, 17th, and 18th centuries, *La Fiocco*’s regular concert series is in New Hope, PA, and Princeton, NJ. The ensemble has also performed in New York, Boston, and Providence, RI. Over 60 instrumentalists and singers from ten states have performed with *La Fiocco*. In an effort to create more opportunities for early-career artists, artistic director, Lewis Baratz, has developed a new project, *La Fiocco TNG: The Next Generation*, a smaller and more agile ensemble, with young artists Nathan Bishop and Elaine Yao as core players. This concert is *La Fiocco TNG*’s debut performance. For more information on *La Fiocco* and upcoming concerts of the full ensemble, visit www.lafiocco.org.

Nathan Bishop, based in Somerville, NJ, is a graduate of Mason Gross School of the Arts of Rutgers University, where he studied violin with Elena Chernova-Davis, fiddling with Cleek Schrey, and historical performance practice with Rebecca Cypess. He performs in a variety of classical and folk traditions and maintains a residency with his Irish traditional music band *Faoileán* at Flounder Brewing Co., in Hillsborough. He is currently conductor of Hunterdon Musical Arts’ Music for Youth Saturday Strings program, and runs a violin and fiddle studio for students of all ages,

Elaine Yao is a doctoral candidate at Princeton University, where she performs on baroque violin with Early Music Princeton and with various local period ensembles, including *La Fiocco*. She played baroque violin in *La Fiocco*’s *Messiah* performance with the choir of Trinity Episcopal Church in Solebury, PA, and in *La Fiocco*’s partnership performance of J. S. Bach’s *St. John Passion* with Princeton Pro Musica. Previously, she focused on solo piano repertoire and chamber music in Chicago, where she worked with the Spektral Quartet, Svetlana Belsky, and Amy Briggs.

Lewis R. Baratz founded *La Fiocco* in 2010. He has taught music history and theory at Mercer County Community College and Seton Hall University, and currently directs the chamber orchestra and early music ensemble at Lafayette College in Easton, PA. He has performed with numerous early music ensembles, is music director of the Highland Park Recorder Society, and has served on the Boards of the Arts & Cultural Council of Bucks County, Early Music America, and the Academy of Sacred Drama. As a music historian, he has published more than 20 articles and critical editions.



LAY READERS NEEDED THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER: Please visit our website and 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.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN meet monthly on the **third Tuesday** at the church in the room next to the pastor's office **at noon**. We are 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

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 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, volunteers will be available, as needed. ?'s - director@greenwichnursery.com / 908-479-6886

OUTDOOR WORSHIP IS BACK! We will be worshipping outside on **June 25, July 23, July 30, August 20, and August 27**. On July 23, we will have our annual Blessing of the Animals service.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held **Monday, August 7, through Friday, August 10 from 5:30 – 8 pm**, with **dinner included!!** Our theme this year is *Stellar*, where we will launch on a cosmic quest, shining Jesus' light to the world! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Lisa Kolterjahn at 973-809-2991 or lkolterjahn88@gmail.com.



You've packed your sunscreen and that new book you've been looking forward to reading... there's just one more thing... As you head off into your summer adventures, please continue to support the mission and outreach of Old Greenwich by sending in your offering, even if you're out of town. If you'll be missing a service or two, you can donate before you leave, donate for the month with one check, mail your offering to the church, give online through ogpc.org or automate your payments through your financial institution. Your offering helps us to stay on track with our financial commitments and helps OGPC to continue offering the many wonderful things we have planned over the summer, including our vibrant outdoor services, blessing of the animals, special music and Vacation Bible School just to name a few!

SUMMER CAMP AT JOHNSONBURG REGISTERING NOW! There are six one-week overnight sessions for kids in 1st-12th grades from June to August. For more information, visit www.campjburg.org/summer-camp

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!

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

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 Campbell's friend, Phyllis Raskin, who is having hip replacement surgery; the family of former member, Lisa Corbett, who died on 6/7; the family of Kathleen Scala's friend, Ruth, who died on 6/8; all suffering from the effects of wildfires in Canada; all suffering from the dam collapse in the Ukraine; the family of Sharon Bell, who died on 6/5, especially her husband, Howard, and children, Amy Katherine and Edward; Joel Farr, diagnosed with stage 4 brain and lung cancer; Jack Adams and family, Thomas Finnegan and Patty Tocci, friends of Dottie Davidson; *the family of Mary Frances Bortz-Graham, who died on 5/20; the family of Robert Jones, Rev. David Jones' father, who died on 5/22; Pastor Mary Beth's cousin John, who was in a car accident and has much healing ahead of him. Prayers also for Holly, his mother, and their whole family; Derard Sanchez, who is having complications following recent eye surgery;* prayers of healing for Carol Lee Doeringer, who has heart issues; Fritz & Sandy Hamlin's daughter-in-law, Robin Schnell, prayers for healing and comfort; Carl & Ginny Guthardt; 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

"BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS"

WE ARE A GUN-FREE CHURCH – BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

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