

*Old Greenwich
Presbyterian Church*

The First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich Township



**Trinity Sunday
Communion Sunday
Handbell Dedication**

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

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.

PRELUDE

Tom DiGiovanni

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

"Oh, What a Beautiful City"

- Rollo Dilworth

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 150)

Elder Steve Gooley, Lay Reader

Praise the LORD! Praise God in the sanctuary; praise God in the mighty firmament!

Praise God for mighty deeds; praise God according to such surpassing greatness!

Praise God with trumpet sound; praise God with lute and harp!

Praise God with tambourine and dance; praise God with strings and pipe!

Praise God with clanging cymbals; praise God with loud clashing cymbals!

Let everything that breathes praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!

*OPENING HYMN

"When in Our Music God is Glorified"

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*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Compassionate God, you have loved us with an everlasting love, but we have gone our own way. We have sinned against you, and against our neighbor. Forgive us, cleanse us and change us. By your Holy Spirit, help us to live for you and to trust in you, so that we can be bearers of your peace, wherever you may lead us. In Christ we pray, 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

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH

Lisa Kolterjahn

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Come Holy Spirit, Holy Wisdom, Holy Song. Open up your Holy Scriptures to us today through music and word, that we may know you, and love you, and love this world. In Jesus we pray, Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING – Ezekiel 37:1-4, 7, 9-10

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD." So, I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and

stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Prayer for Our Time"

- Martin

SCRIPTURE READING – John 11:1-3, 17, 33-35, 39-44

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So, the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days.

When Jesus saw Mary weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So, they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"New Life Comes When God Says So"

The Rev. Mary Beth Mardis-LeCroy

*DEDICATION OF NEW HAND BELLS

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

To the glory of God – the Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit – who has called us by grace to this day and to all its gifts:

We dedicate these bells, these instruments of praise!

For the worship of God in prayer; for the preaching of the gospel through music;

We dedicate these bells, these instruments of praise!

For the comfort of all who mourn; for strength for those who are tempted; for light to those who seek the way;

We dedicate these bells, these instruments of praise!

For the inspiration of people of all ages; for the sanctification of all creation; for the promotion of justice and mercy; for the extension of the kingdom of God;

We dedicate these bells, these instruments of praise!

In the unity of the Gospel; in the bond between our families of faith;

In gratitude for the labors and faithfulness of all who loved and served Westminster Presbyterian Church and called her home;

In loving remembrance of all those who have finished their course in every time and place;

We dedicate these bells, these instruments of praise!

In one voice, we boldly claim:

We, the people of the Church of Jesus Christ, surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, grateful for our heritage, aware of the sacrifice of our forebears in the faith, now dedicate ourselves anew to the worship and service of Almighty God through these bells, these instruments of praise!

HAND BELLS PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Let us pray. Eternal God, let our prayers, and our gratitude, join with the songs of the heavenly choirs this day.

May these bells encourage our praise and lift our song to your throne in times of joy and of sorrow.

We praise you, O God, with all the sounds of heaven!

Trusting in the new life promised to us in Jesus Christ our Lord, we dedicate these bells, and all that comes with them, to you – Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever, Amen!

HAND BELL ANTHEM

"Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"

- arr Douglas E. Wagner

GATHERING AT THE TABLE OF OUR LORD

INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (with 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.

BLESSING THE BREAD AND THE CUP & COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

CHORAL ANTHEM

"God of Heaven"

- Sorenson

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)

O Christ, we pray that we would become ever more attuned to your healing music, and to your resurrection life that surprises and delights us! Take these gifts we give back to you now, that they may bless this whole wide world. In Jesus we pray, Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

"Come, Great God of All the Ages"

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*THE SENDING

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"On Eagle's Wings"

- Michael Joncas & Douglas Wagner

POSTLUDE

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



Today, **Sunday, June 4**, we celebrate **Trinity Sunday** and **Communion Sunday** 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 4 – Team 3; June 11 – Team 4

TODAY'S LAY READER is **Elder Steve Gooley**. Steve and his wife, Kathleen, have been members of Old Greenwich for six months. Steve became a Presbyterian 25 years ago at Westminster Presbyterian Church then was a member at Pilgrim.

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE! Chimes rehearsal in Memorial Hall from **9:30 to 9:50 am today, June 4**. There will be a Dedication of Handbells and performance during worship.

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 **next Sunday, June 11**. The information can be emailed to the church office by Wednesday, June 7, at noon, oldgreenwich@ogpc.org, or write it down and place in the offering plate no later than today, June 4.

IRON PIGS TICKETS ARE HERE! If you purchased tickets to the July 29 game, please see Anita Campbell to pick up your ticket packet. We want to avoid mailing tickets since the packets are thick and don't want to take the chance of the tickets getting lost in the mail. Anita will not be in church this Sunday, so please contact her via email at souptime2222@gmail.com or by phone (landline) 908-479-4737 to arrange for pick-up.

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 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 or call 908-479-6886, 9 am - 1 pm, Mon. - Fri.

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!

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.

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

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: 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; the family of former GNS teacher, Barbara Purcell, who died recently; the family of Lane Michael Claypool, who died on 5/6; 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 AND CHURCH GROUNDS.

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