

*Old Greenwich
Presbyterian Church*

The First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich Township



**6th Sunday after Pentecost
Communion Sunday**

**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 Plate.

PRELUDE

Nathan Diehl

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Ps. 145, excerpts)

Please stand and join in the Call to Worship, which is prayed responsively. Deacon Phil Millon, Lay Reader

God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

God is good to all, and God's compassion is over all that God has made.

All your works shall give thanks to you, O God, and all your faithful shall bless you.

Your reign is an everlasting reign, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

God is faithful in every word, and gracious in every deed.

God upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

*OPENING HYMN

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!"

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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

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH

Elder Jennifer Miller

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Come, Holy Spirit. Enliven and enlighten your Word today. We are opening ourselves to you. We are listening. In Christ we pray, Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING – Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49

So, the servant said, 'I am Abraham's servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, "You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son."

'I came today to the spring, and said, "O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out

to draw, to whom I shall say, 'Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,' and who will say to me, 'Drink, and I will draw for your camels also' - let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master's son."

'Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water-jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring and drew. I said to her, "Please let me drink." She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, "Drink, and I will also water your camels." So, I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, "Whose daughter are you?" She said, "The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him." So, I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshipped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING – Genesis 24:58-67

And they called Rebekah, and said to her, 'Will you go with this man?' She said, 'I will.' So, they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, 'May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes.' Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus, the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.

Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, 'Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?' The servant said, 'It is my master.' So, she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So, Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Blessing to the World"

The Rev. Mary Beth Mardis-LeCroy

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

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)

Loving God, we are blessed, and we are broken. We are joyful, and we are grieving. We are hoping, and we are doubting. In it all, we give you thanks that you will never leave us comfortless. Take now these gifts we give back to you. May they bless the broken places in our world. In Christ we pray, Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

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*THE SENDING

POSTLUDE

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



Today, **Sunday, July 9**, we celebrate the **6th Sunday after Pentecost** 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: July 9 – Team 4; July 16 – Team 1

TODAY WE WELCOME GUEST ORGANIST, Nathan Diehl. Nathan has worked as a professional musician and music educator in the Lehigh Valley for almost 20 years. He has musical directed and conducted over 25 collegiate and regional musical theatre productions, as well as the Freddy Awards. He is currently part of the music faculty at Moravian Academy and holds a bachelor's and a master's degree in music education.

TODAY'S FLOWERS are from Dave Slack and family, in memory of his father, John Hamilton Slack, Jr.

A NOTE OF THANKS was received from Rev. David Jones that he wished to convey to the congregation: "David and the entire Jones family wish to thank the good folks of Greenwich Church for all their thoughts, calls, cards and prayers of support during this time of sadness for us. Our Dad had a special fondness for Old Greenwich. Before he became unable to travel, he visited with us on numerous occasions, and had several enjoyable conversations with members of the congregation. May God bless you all and your active ministries in what our Mom and Dad called, 'Nice New Jersey.'"

TECH PERSONS NEEDED: The Personnel committee is looking for a few volunteers to meet with Francis Rienzo to learn how to run the audio/visual equipment for the Sunday morning service. This would be to fill in occasionally while we look for a permanent replacement for him after he has left for college. If this sounds like a job you could assist with, please contact Don Hannis (sleepyhollowfarmnj@yahoo.com), Al Marino (almarinojr73@gmail.com), Barb Frinzi (frinzi3@msn.com) or Pastor Mary Beth (pastormarybeth@gmail.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: July 11 – llama; July 25 – donkey; August 1 – cow; 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

CELTIC PSALMS will be joining Old Greenwich again for worship on **Sunday, July 23 at 10am**, and we couldn't be more thrilled! Celtic Psalms (Kiran Young, Wimberly and The McGraths) is from Northern Ireland, and will be traveling through the Northeast US and Canada this summer, celebrating 10 years of doing music together and launching "Celtic Pilgrims."

Since 2013 Celtic Psalms has arranged Biblical Psalms to Irish and Scottish airs. In the past decade they have recorded four albums, sung at concerts in sacred and secular venues across Ireland, performed live on BBC and RTE national television and radio, traveled to the US on four tours, shared their music at international conferences, and were published by the global sacred music publisher GIA. This tour also celebrates the start of something new: Celtic Pilgrims, a nonprofit dedicated to connecting communities through music. The purpose of Celtic Psalms has always been to create sacred music in the traditional style and bring people together across community divides, in Northern Ireland and beyond, and Celtic Pilgrims Nonprofit will continue this work by intentionally hosting music events that are welcoming to all communities. To learn more about Celtic Psalms music, visit www.celticpsalms.com

OUTDOOR WORSHIP IS BACK! We will be worshipping outside on **July 23** - with Celtic Psalms as our musical guests, **July 30** - Blessing of Animals (**NOTE: this has been mooooooved from July 23**), **August 20**, and **August 27**.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: The PW Bible study group will not meet in July and August. The group, and any woman who'd like to join us, will be having a potluck picnic on **Tuesday, July 25, at 12:30 pm**. Bring your bathing suit if you want to cool off in the pool. Otherwise, just bring a dish to share. 352 Hamilton Dr Stewartsville. RSVP lisa_a_gray@outlook or text/call 908-476-4720. The Bible study group will resume meeting at noon in September.

PICNIC TIME!: The Church Care & Kinship Committee is organizing the **Annual Church Picnic** for **Sunday, August 6**, (rain date Sunday, August 13) following the worship service. Sign-up sheet for food will be posted in Memorial Hall. Please sign up to bring food (side-dish, salad, dessert) and note the number of people in your party so we know how many hot dogs and hamburgers to order. There will be an ice cream truck and the musical entertainment will be organized by Pastor Mary Beth! There may even be a hayride!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held **Monday, August 7, through Thursday, August 10, 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.

The Church Care and Kinship Committee also planning a **POTLUCK LUNCHEON** on Rally Day, **Sunday, September 10!** Bring the kids - we will have a tail gate theme for that day! We would like to do something special for the men of the congregation, so we are asking for donations to make gift baskets for them. They must be present to win. Please give donations to Barb Frinzi or leave on bench in the Green Room. You may also make a basket to donate. Donations for baskets should be in by September 3.

Here are some ideas for donations:

Picnic grill basket	Deck of cards
Movie/game night at home & treats	Grill brush
Spaghetti dinner basket	Bug spray
Small cooler to use as a "basket"	OGPC baseball hat or shirt
Handheld igniter	Beer or wine
Bottle of hot sauce or marinade	Tools
Camp chair(for outdoor services)	Home Depot gift card
Nerf Football	Anything creative!

THE PRAYER CHAIN continues to grow! Please feel free to add to the prayer chain - instructions and paper for chain links are in the back of the sanctuary. New links will be added weekly, so please put your completed chain links in the bucket located at the entrance to the sanctuary!

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL: The CE committee would love to continue to give our children an opportunity to continue learning throughout the summer. We will be working on a variety of things from cooking to music, stories, and crafts. We will meet after TWTYC each week. Each Sunday we'll announce what we will be up to. We are also looking for interested leaders for a few open Sundays. Please contact Jennifer Miller at 908-329-5079 if interested.

RBG SCHOLARSHIPS: The Deacons have awarded five scholarships this year. Four were \$500 for Camp Johnsonburg. One was \$1000 for college. This is one of the main programs of the OGPC board of Deacons. If you would like to make a donation to help fund these scholarships, see Ernie Maso or Al Brown.



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

LAY READERS: There are still dates available through the end of the year. You can sign up at 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 kolterjahn88@gmail.com.

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 family of Robert Rutan, brother of Jay Rutan, who died 6/27; Sonja & Greg Gaertner and family on the death of their son, Eric. Sonja is the office administrator for Highlands Presby.; Dave Slack and family on the death of his father, John, on 7/1; Nicholas, Sarah, Liam, Connor & Jemma Hannis, and Don & Maria. Nicholas & Sarah's garage burned down, with thanks that house is untouched and no one was injured; Micah, son of Pastor Doug Batchelder, who has been diagnosed with Guillain-Barré syndrome; Kathleen's mother-in-law, Marilyn Scala, recovering from a heart attack, and friend Heather, who broke her arm; *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;* 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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