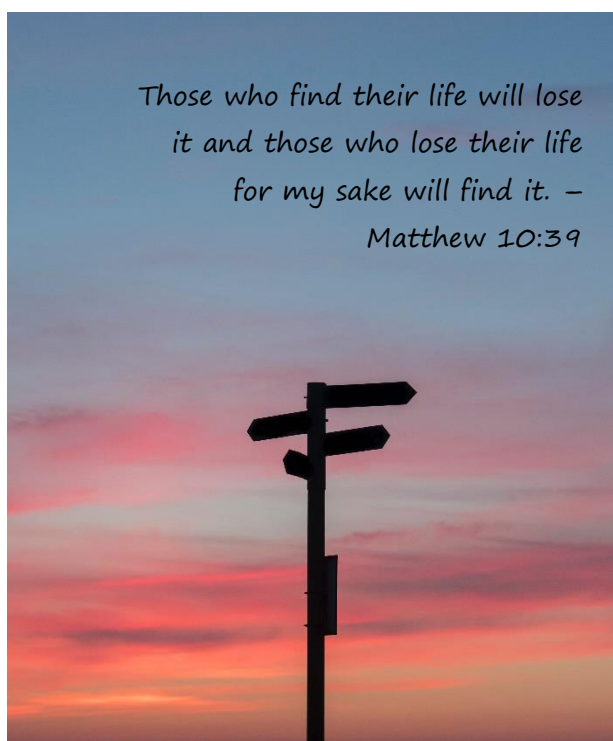


Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church

The First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich Township



*Those who find their life will lose
it and those who lose their life
for my sake will find it. –
Matthew 10:39*

5th Sunday after Pentecost

**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

Debbie Lahr, Pianist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Lisa Kolterjahn

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Ps. 46, excerpts)

Elder Barb Frinzi, Lay Reader

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; God speaks, the earth melts.

"Be still and know that I am God. I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth."

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

*OPENING HYMN

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

138, vv. 1 - 3

*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 are sorry for our wanderings. Forgive us, cleanse us and change us. By your Holy Spirit, help us to live for you, to love you more and more, and to trust that in you, we can be courageous disciples 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

Elder Lisa Kolterjahn

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. By your Holy Spirit, make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Christ, the bread of heaven, we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 13:1-6

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The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING – Matthew 10:37-42

NT page 11

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Welcoming Jesus"

Laura Zhang Choi

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

*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)

Gracious God, give us the courage to do your work in the world, to live out your vision, and to find you at work in it all. Take these gifts we give back to you, that they may bless the whole creation. In Jesus' holy name we pray, Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

"Amazing Grace"

280, vv. 1, 4, 5

*THE SENDING

POSTLUDE

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

Last week's beautiful flowers on the outside altar were given by Betsy & Bruce Gaston & Edith Slamp in loving memory of father & husband, Charles Slamp on his birthday, June 26, and in honor of Edith's 93rd birthday on July 1.



Today, **Sunday, July 2**, we celebrate **the 5th Sunday after Pentecost** at a 10 am worship service with **guest preacher, Laura Zhang Choi**. 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.

TODAY WE ESPECIALLY WELCOME BACK guest preacher, Laura Zhang Choi. Laura is a graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary in Christian Education and currently completing her M. Div studies at New Brunswick Theological Seminary as she pursues ordination. She is married to the Rev. Stephen Park Choi from Stewartsville Presbyterian Church and mother of three children. In her roles as a Christian educator, a school board member of the Greenwich Township School District, and a leader of API Rainbow Parents of PFLAG NYC/NJ, she is passionate about educational equity and creating safe spaces and spaces of belonging and full inclusion for all God's children.

TODAY WE ALSO WELCOME GUEST PIANIST, Debbie Lahr. Debbie moved to PA in April with her husband, Ray. They have two adult daughters and three wonderful grandchildren. Debbie has played the piano since she was five years old and especially loves playing for worship. Debbie also enjoys sewing, crafts, and playing table games.

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 2 – Team 3; July 9 – Team 4

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)

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

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.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: The PW Bible study group and any woman who'd like to join us will be having a potluck picnic July 25th at 12:30. Bring your bathing suit if you want to venture into the pool. Otherwise just bring a dish. 352 Hamilton Dr Stewartsville. RSVP lisa_a_gray@outlook or text/call 908-476-4720. The Bible study group will resume our lunch meeting in September.

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: 7/11 – llama; 7/25 – donkey; 8/1 – cow; 8/8 – “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

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.



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 lkolterjahn88@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: **Carol Lee Doeringer, who is in Warren Hospital, Rob Todd's mother, Thongma Todd, who is in the hospital;** brother of Jay Rutan, Robert, who entered hospice on 6/21; 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; *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;* 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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