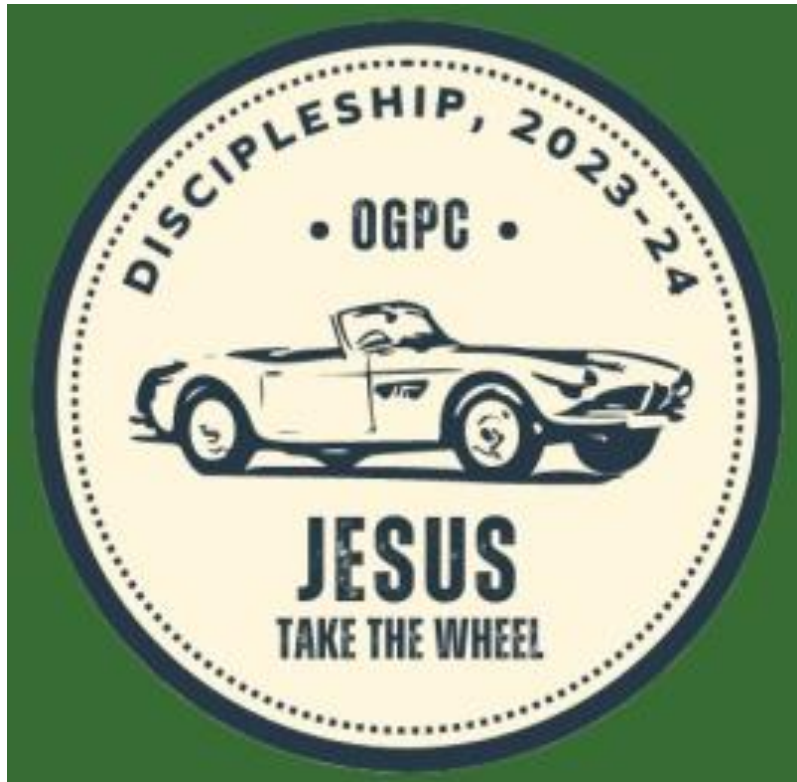


Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church

The First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich Township



21st 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 it. Please place the cards in the Offering Plate later in the service.

PRELUDE

Tom DiGiovanni

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Mary Beth Mardis-LeCroy

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

Elder Don Hannis

INTROIT

"How Majestic is Your Name"

2023

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Ps. 99:1-5)

Deacon Mike Lemons, Lay Reader

God is ruler; let the peoples tremble!

God sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

God is great in Zion; God is exalted over all the peoples. Let them praise your great and awesome name!

Holy is God!

Mighty Ruler, lover of justice, you have established equity;

You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Extol the Sovereign our God; worship at God's footstool.

Holy is God!

*OPENING HYMN

"Let the Whole Creation Cry"

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*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Loving God, we come before you, humbled in the face of our own repeated sin and failings. We hold out our hands to you, asking for mercy. Reach us, O God, and take us into your loving grasp. Heal and forgive us. Help us to follow more closely in the path you have set for us, the path of your Son, Jesus the Christ. It is in his name we pray.

*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

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 – Exodus 33:12-16

Moses said to the Lord, 'See, you have said to me, "Bring up this people"; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, "I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight." Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.' He said, 'My presence will go with you, and I will give you

rest.' And he said to him, 'If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

"Shall We Gather at the River"

- P. Drennan

SCRIPTURE READING – Exodus 33:17-33

The Lord said to Moses, 'I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.' Moses said, 'Show me your glory, I pray.' And he said, 'I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, "The Lord"; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But', he said, 'you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.' And the Lord continued, 'See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Getting to Know You"

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

*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, you are so near; and yet, you are inscrutable. You have made us in your very image; and yet, you are wholly other. You are fully human; and yet, you are fully divine. O Holy Mystery, we come to the end; we are still with you. Take these gifts we give back, that they bless this world that you made and love. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

"He is Exalted"

2070

*THE SENDING

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Song of Hope"

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POSTLUDE

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

Announcements

Today, **Sunday, October 22, 2023**, we celebrate the **21st 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.)

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: Oct. 22 - Team 3; Oct. 29 - Team 4

PERSONNEL CHANGE: We said good-bye to Cole Hosbach last week, and hello to Joshua Miller. As of 10/17, **Josh is our new Media Assistant!** As some of you might know, Josh already has some experience running the Vmix live stream, as he has filled in several times. Josh's first Sunday on the job is today and we are thrilled to welcome him aboard! If you see Josh, be sure to welcome him as the newest OGPC staff member!



OUR OFFICIAL 2024 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN IS STILL GOING STRONG! We are excited to share that the theme of this year's campaign is "Jesus Take the Wheel."

Will you help us along the journey? We are all on this journey and we want you with us. Financially, together, we can ensure that the church remains a vessel for God's love through supporting the mission of OGPC.

- Have you never made an annual pledge amount to our church? No? This is a great time to start!
- Do you already pledge? If so, Thank you! Would you consider increasing your pledge to support all the beautiful things our church is involved in, through the grace of God?

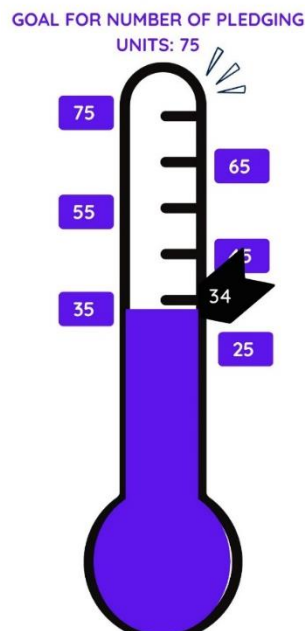
Here are some ways you can continue to support the work God is doing at OGPC:

- Email your pledge amount to the church Treasurer at treasurer@ogpc.org;
- Make your pledge online at www.ogpc.org;
- Pick up Pledge Card in narthex and place in Offering Plate.

OGPC STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2024



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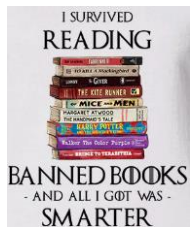
SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES: This year, we are thrilled to offer two different age-group Sunday Schools: (1) Pre-K / Elementary School, (2) Middle / High School. For the Pre-K / Elem group, Sunday School is held **every Sunday (except for the first Sunday of the month)**. Families will bring their children to worship in the sanctuary at **10 am**, and right after Time with the Young Church (10:15ish), the children will be dismissed to their classrooms. For the middle and high group, Elder Jen Miller and Pastor Mary Beth are co-teaching a class on “welcome” the **2nd and 4th Sunday of each month, from 9 - 9:40 am**, in Room 22, next door to the Pastor’s office. Please see Pastor Mary Beth pastormarybeth@gmail.com or Elder Jen Miller nijmillers@msn.com with any questions you may have.



CALLING ALL YOUTH!! (Middle and High Schoolers!) Our church is once again partnering with College Hill Presbyterian Church in Easton for the **“Fish ‘n Chyps”** evening youth program, and we’d love to see you there! The next gathering is **Sunday, November 5, 6 - 7:30 pm**. This group always meets at College Hill Presbyterian Church, 501 Brodhead St, Easton, PA. If you need a ride, let Pastor Mary Beth know, and we can carpool. We will meet **every 1st and 3rd Sunday evening** (Nov 5, Nov 19, Dec 3, and Dec 17).

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN’S MONTHLY BIBLE STUDY: The group will meet **this month on October 24, at noon**, in the Prayer Room (behind Memorial Hall) at the church. Finishing last two chapters of the Ten Commandments. Will begin an advent study in November (evening - more details to follow).

PRESBYTERIAN WEEKLY ZOOM BOOK GROUP: All women are invited to a weekly one-hour zoom book/spirituality group on **Thursdays at noon**. We’re using “Chicken Scratch-Lessons on Living Creatively from a Flock of Hens,” by Ann Byle. Chapter one is continuing 9/21. It’s not necessary to purchase the book, but helpful. For zoom invite, text/call Lisa Gray 973-476-4720.



WE READ BANNED BOOKS... and that’s no lie!! The fall season of the OGPC Book Club has begun but it’s not too late to join... every week is a stand-alone session, meeting **at 6 pm on Thursdays** through Nov. 2. Our selection for this round is *“The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn”* by Mark Twain. Lauded by literary experts as the foundation of authentic American literature, this beloved novel remains controversial to this day. We will read and review this classic story together and explore what Mark Twain wanted to tell us about American life and culture in the 1850’s and what current truths it may illuminate in our time. No experience necessary! All welcome. See Pastor Mary Beth or Elder George Bradlau for more information.

FALL WOMEN’S RETREAT AT CAMP JOHNSONBURG: Presbyterian Women are joining in on Johnsonburg Camp & Retreat Center women’s retreat being held **October 27 - 29**. Word has it only spots for Saturday, the one-day option, are still available. Leaders are Lorelei Oelschlager and Amy Clarkson. They have led many day retreats for PW and they are a dynamic duo. The theme is “A Fruitful Life: Abiding in God’s Grace Across the Seasons.” One day registration is \$45. Register directly on the J’burg website, www.campjburg.org. For carpooling, call or text Lisa Gray 973-476-4720.

NIGHTS OF PRAISE, MUSIC, FELLOWSHIP AND WORSHIP at Simply Grace Church, 61 Church St, Bloomsbury, on **Friday, November 10** and **Friday, December 8, at 7 pm**.

Come one, come all to the **DEACONS' ANNUAL ROAST BEEF DINNER! Saturday, November 11, 4 – 7 pm**. Pick-up or dine-in! Call Kathleen at 908-479-4449 (you can leave a message) OR sign up with Deacon Mike Lemons to make a reservation. Invite your friends and neighbors!! Also: **are you willing to contribute a dessert?** If so, please let Deacon Mike or Kathleen know!

“BRIDGES OF HOPE” is a program designed to bring awareness about mental illness to people of faith and to equip them with tools to become strong safety nets of welcoming communities for persons affected by mental disorders and their families. On **Sunday, November 12, from 1 – 3 pm**, Pilgrim Presbyterian Church, 750 Belvidere Rd, P-burg, is co-hosting an event with NAMI Warren County to further equip and inform the community about suicide prevention. All are welcome to attend this timely and crucial workshop. For more information, please contact Pastor Rich Gelson at revup2015@gmail.com.

Tickets for the **SIGHT & SOUND MIRACLE of CHRISTMAS SHOW** on Saturday, December 2, will be available for **pick-up on Sunday, November 19** and **Sunday, November 26**, after worship. See Barb Frinzi

for tickets. Information regarding transportation to the show will be announced in November.

SAVE THE DATE! The **8th Annual Iron Pigs Baseball Group Outing** has been set for **Saturday, July 20, 2024** at the CLUB LEVEL again (**access to AIR CONDITIONING!**). Ticket prices remain the same at \$17/person; children 2 and under are free if they sit on a parent's/guardian's lap. The Pigs (AAA affiliate of the Phillies) are scheduled to play against the WooSocks (AAA affiliate of the Red Socks). More info to follow. Contact Anita or Walt Campbell with any questions at 908-479-4737 or souptime2222@gmail.com.

LAY READERS: There are 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! Our wonderful community of artists that meet every Tuesday for watercolor and fellowship are displaying some of their work in the Trinity Wing (right next to the pastor's office). The works that are displayed change regularly and some pieces are for sale. 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: **Edith Slamp, recovering from pneumonia; Cathy Ahart's mother, June, recovering from pneumonia;** Charlotte Pickell's friend Donna, whose husband died unexpectedly; the people of Israel and Palestine - any life lost is a life you grieve, O God. We grieve, also, and pray for you to come quickly for an end to violence at every level; Julia Deemer, for healing from basal cell surgery; Marcia Taylor's cousins, Lori Frankenfield and JoAnn August, who both recently suffered heart attacks; Al Brown, for healing from a heart procedure on 10/5, and for his wife, Lorraine; Carla Davidson and mother Marie Burga, who's had a stroke, and her husband Carlos and their family; *Ava Hixon, who had major surgery on 9/28; Susan Jones, for healing, and Pastor David Jones, as he cares for her; Sue Tintle's caregiver Karen, who was in a car accident and is healing from a few broken bones; the family and friends of long-time member, Don Metz, who died on 9/24; the family and loved ones of Larry Marino as they grieve; Sandy & Fritz Hamlin's daughter-in-law, Robin, who has cancer; Carol Lee Doeringer; Dottie Davidson and her brother, Lee, diagnosed with Stage IV cancer; Stephen Toman; Debbie Mowrey; our homebound members; those serving in our Armed Forces; the citizens of Ukraine.*

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

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