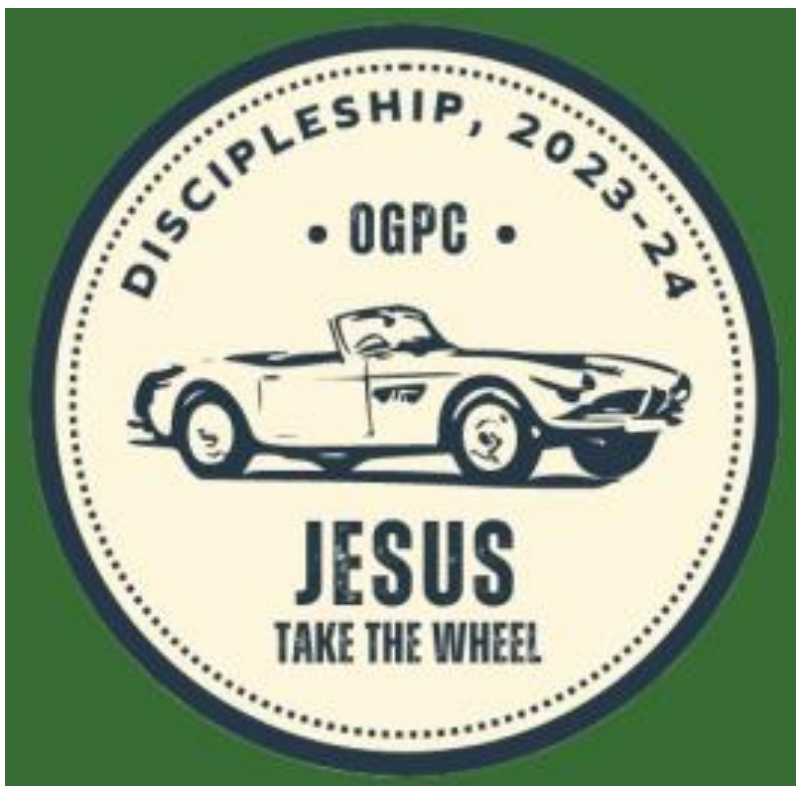


# *Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church*

**The First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich Township**



**19<sup>th</sup> 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 Old Greenwich Festival Choir - led by Patti Drennan

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Mary Beth Mardis-LeCroy

MINUTE FOR DEACONS Deacon Mike Lemons

INTROIT Old Greenwich Festival Choir

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Ps. 98, excerpts) Rev. Mary Beth Mardis-LeCroy

O sing to the LORD a new song, for God has done marvelous things!

**God's right hand and holy arm have attained the victory!**

God has remembered all steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

**Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody!

**With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before our Sovereign, the LORD!**

\*OPENING HYMN "O Day of Radiant Gladness" # 470, vv. 1, 3, 4

\*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**God Who Loves, we confess that we are limited by our own sinfulness, failing to respond to your grace and compassion. Have mercy on us. Empty us of our selves and replace our hearts of stone with hearts of flesh. We pray this in Christ's Name.**

\*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!**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

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

SCRIPTURE READING – Colossians 3 (excerpts)

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other, just as the Lord has forgiven you. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

WORD IN SONG Ms. Patti Drennan and Ms. Emily Drennan Lopez

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

Old Greenwich Festival Choir

\*Doxology

# 592

**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)

**Healing Christ, we pray that we would become ever more attuned to how you sing and speak to us every day of our lives. Take these gifts we give back to you now, that they may bless this whole world with the song of your unimaginable love. In Christ we pray, Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN

*"God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again"*

God be with you till we meet again;  
loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
may the Shepherd's care enfold you;  
God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain: Till we meet, till we meet,  
till we meet at Jesus' feet.  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

\*THE SENDING

POSTLUDE

Old Greenwich Festival Choir

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



Today, **Sunday, October 8, 2023** we celebrate the **19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost** at a 10 am Choral worship service with musical guests and worship leaders, **Patti Drennan** and **Emily Drennan Lopez**, Pastor, **The Rev. Mary Beth Mardis-LeCroy** and the **Old Greenwich Festival Choir**. 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](http://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:** Oct. 8 - Team 1; Oct. 15 - Team 2

**TODAY'S FLOWERS** are in appreciation for the music of Patti Drennan and Emily Drennan Lopez.

**Patti Drennan** earned a Bachelor of Music Education degree at Oklahoma State University and a Master of

Music Education degree at the University of Oklahoma. She taught Choral Music for twenty-eight years in Norman Public Schools, the first twenty years at West Mid-High School, where she was voted "Teacher of the Year," and eight years at Norman High School. In 2004, she was awarded the coveted "Director of Distinction Award" given yearly by the Oklahoma Choral Directors Association. She also was awarded the 2021 "Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Honoree." In 2022, she was awarded the Oklahoma State University College of Arts and Sciences "Distinguished Alumni Award" for the Greenwood School of Music.

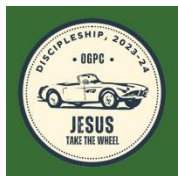
An active composer and arranger with over two and a half million copies sold, Patti has over 800 choral octavos, piano and piano/vocal books published with thirteen major publishers. She has served as a clinician for school and church workshops in 22 states, three times in Canada, and has presented four sessions at the Texas Music Educators Convention. She has been guest director at numerous "Composer Weekends." She has been an adjudicator for school choral contests in Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Kansas.

Patti retired from teaching in 2004 to compose and stay active as a clinician and workshop presenter. For almost ten years she served as Music and Worship Arts Director at First Baptist Church, Norman. She now is Music Director at North Haven Baptist Church in Norman. She and her late husband have two grown children, son-in-law and two beautiful grandsons! Patti enjoys writing leading music reading sessions for publishers and singing in a professional gospel choir. She also enjoys spending time teaching piano lessons and performing and recording with her daughter and son-in-law in numerous symphonic performances. Her Christmas CD recorded with her daughter, entitled "A Mother Daughter Christmas." is available on I-Tunes, Amazon, GooglePlay and on [www.emilydrennan.com/store](http://www.emilydrennan.com/store).

Born in Norman, Oklahoma, **Emily Drennan Lopez**, daughter of Patti, began singing at a very early age, predominately in church. Throughout her teenage years, Emily had the opportunity to sing for many varied events, most notably the national anthem for the Indianapolis Colts, Oklahoma City Thunder, NCAA Championship games and the Softball College World Series.

Her senior year of high school, Emily was selected as a National Foundation for the Advancement of the Arts (young ARTS) Competition Level 1 winner and was chosen as one of two Pop Vocalists in the US. She was later named a National Presidential Scholar in the Arts, which is the highest award given to a high school senior in the US.

Emily has been a featured soloist many times at Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center and Radio City Music Hall. She has appeared in various plays and shows touring Europe and the Caribbean, as well as Israel, Japan, and Dubai and also appeared on various TV shows. Emily is a published ASCAP and Recording Academy (GRAMMY®) producer, lyricist, composer, and recording artist for TV and Film. She is also an acclaimed studio singer and voice-over artist. Her favorite roles are wife to her husband, Greg, and mother to their 5-year-old and 2-year-old sons.



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

We are all on some sort of journey, and if you sometimes feel like you are losing your way, discouraged, or just simply don't fit in, OGPC will always be there to help you find yourself again. God's vessel always has room, and you are invited to join us for the ride!

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)

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](mailto:treasurer@ogpc.org);
- Make your pledge online at [www.ogpc.org](http://www.ogpc.org);
- Look for information and a pledge card to arrive in the mail and submit your pledge card to the church office or drop in the Offering Plate at Sunday worship.
- Pick up Pledge Card in narthex and place in Offering Plate.

**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 (around 10:15 am), 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](mailto:pastormarybeth@gmail.com) or Elder Jen Miller [nijmillers@msn.com](mailto: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, October 15, 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** (Oct 15, Nov 5, Nov 19, Dec 3, and Dec 17).

**SOMETHING “OLD” IS “NEW” AGAIN:** There’s now something “new” in the narthex, the entryway to the sanctuary... a Memorial Book. This book is a record of people who have been remembered by friends and family with a memorial gift to Old Greenwich.

In years past, the Memorial Book was open and each Sunday a page was turned to reveal a person to be remembered in prayer that Sunday. Throughout the year, there were many people we remembered, some family members, others church members from the past. Thanks to a suggestion by Deacon Carl Guthardt, we are “re-instating” the tradition of the Memorial Book.

If you wish to have a person’s name added to the Memorial Book, you may send a donation in their memory to the church, with check notation “in memory of” and the person’s name. You will receive an acknowledgement of your donation.

**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.

**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](http://www.campjburg.org). For carpooling, call or text 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.



If you're 65 years of age or older, you're invited to the **DEACONS' SENIOR DINNER**: Come and enjoy a delicious meatloaf dinner, wonderful fellowship and musical entertainment.



**Date: Saturday, October 14**  
**Time: 5 - 7:30 pm**  
**Place: Old Greenwich Presby. Church**

Please **RSVP no later than Oct. 5** to 908-479-4449 Please leave message if you get voicemail with your name and number attending or email the same to [oldgreenwich@ogpc.org](mailto:oldgreenwich@ogpc.org). Transportation is available, if needed.

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.

**PRAYER ROOM:** This world is so busy and loud and overwhelming sometimes. If you ever need a quiet space to just "be still and know," and the office or church is open, the Prayer Room is available for you. It is located behind Memorial Hall, right next to the Choir Room. God in stillness waits there.

**LAY READERS:** There are dates available through the end of the year. You can sign up at [ogpc.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:ML12504@gmail.com) or Pastor Mary Beth at [pastormarybeth@gmail.com](mailto: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: **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; *Bob Luzietti, at home; the family of Bob Frey, who died on 9/12; John Oakes, now home, and his wife, Linda; the people of Libya dealing with devastating floods and the people of Morocco, reeling from a devastating earthquake. Prayers for those who mourn the loss of loved ones, those who still are searching for loved ones, those who are injured, those who are afraid. Come quickly, Lord, with aid on every level; 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; all experiencing the effects of extreme weather conditions around the world.*

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