



# Old Greenwich

Presbyterian Church



**4th SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

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

(Please turn off cell phones or put them in vibrate mode. Thank you.)

(\* indicates where the congregation may rise -- in body or in spirit.

Responses are in **bold font**.)

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 one of the Offering Plates later in the service.

PRELUDE

Tom DiGiovanni

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Mardis-LeCroy

INTROIT      *"The Baby in a Manger Stall"*      # 2098 vv. 1 & 2  
*Congregation is invited to sing along, if you feel so led!*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Deacon Joan Holloway, Liturgist

(Isaiah 43:1-3b, 5)

But now thus says the Lord,  
the One who created you, O Jacob,  
the One who formed you,  
O Israel:

**Do not fear,  
for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name,  
you are mine.**

When you pass through the waters,  
I will be with you;  
and through the rivers,  
they shall not overwhelm you;

**When you walk through fire  
you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.**

For I am the Lord your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

**Do not fear,  
for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you.**

\*OPENING HYMN      *"Our God, to Whom We Turn"*      # 278 vv. 1, 3, 4

\*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**Almighty God, you freely pardon all who repent and turn to you. We pray that you would fulfill in every heart the promise of redeeming grace; forgiving all our sins, and cleansing us from all our hurtful deeds; through the perfect love of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*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 Jen Miller

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

**Come, Holy Spirit, shine your light upon us. Open our hearts to hear what you are saying to your church through your Word of love. And, help us to act. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 111

OT, Pg. 562

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM “*Standing on the Promises*” - R. Kelso, arr by Mark Hayes

SCRIPTURE READING – Mark 5:1-17

NT, Pg. 39

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SERMON

“Exorcism”

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

# 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 Lord Jesus, you perform miracles that take away our shame. Surprise us today with miracles that we desperately seek, and make your presence known to all. Bless what we give now, that our gifts may bless this broken world. In your name we pray, Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN      *"Bring Forth the Kingdom"*      # 2190 vv 1,2,3

#### \*THE SENDING

CHORAL RESPONSE *"All Shall Come and Bow the Knee"* #2099 v.3  
*Congregation is invited to sing along, if you feel so led!*

#### POSTLUDE

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

*Today's flowers are in honor of Bob Tintle from his loving family and wife Sue.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, **Sunday, January 28, 2024**, we celebrate the **4th Sunday after Epiphany** 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." (Facebook account is needed 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, 9:30 am – 1:30 pm. Offices are closed on Fridays.

USHER TEAM SCHEDULE: Jan 28 – Team 1; Feb 4 - Team 2

**CONGRATULATIONS CONGREGATION!** on not only meeting, but exceeding our pledge goal of \$260,000, reaching \$273,994 and 76 pledging units! Thank you for your generosity and believing in God's work that we do together!

**2024 PER CAPITA:** Per capita is an opportunity for all members of the Presbyterian Church to participate equally, responsibly and interdependently in ministry and mission. In the entryway, you will see a poster filled with 243 people outlines. This represents each member of the church for whom we pay per capita. When you make your \$42.50 payment, or yours and someone else's, please color in an outline! Our goal is to fully color in the graphic representing each of our members. Together, and with God's help, nothing is impossible for OGPC!

**THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH committee will meet today, Sunday, January 28 after church in the Zoom Room. For details, see Elder Sharon Smith!**

**MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!** Musicians wanted! Would you like to sing or play an instrument during our Sunday service? Send Tom DiGiovanni an email to start the conversation. [digtom@hotmail.com](mailto:digtom@hotmail.com)

**RING THE NEW YEAR BY LEARNING BELLS!** Join us for handbells today. NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY! Meet on Memorial Hall stage, ages 5 to 125 welcome!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES:** We have two different age group Sunday Schools: Pre-K / Elementary School, and Middle / High School.

**Pre-K/Elementary** meets every Sunday (except the first Sunday of the month) Children will worship with their families until after Time with the Young Church when they will be dismissed to their classrooms.

**Middle/High School** meets on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month from 9 to 9:40 in Room 22. Elder Jen Miller and Pastor Mary Beth are co-teaching a class on Welcome. Please see Pastor Mary Beth or Elder Jen Miller [njmillers@msn.com](mailto:njmillers@msn.com) with any questions.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S MONTHLY BIBLE STUDY:** The group will meet next on Tuesday, February 20, 12 to 1 in the Prayer Room (behind Memorial Hall) at the church.

**FAMILY-FRIENDLY AFTERNOON WITH THE LEHIGH VALLEY PHANTOMS HOCKEY!** Sunday March 3rd, 3:05pm (doors open at 2pm). Ticket prices \$20-\$30. If anyone is interested please sign up in Memorial Hall by the end of January. Call or text 908-343-1144 or email [frinzi3@msn.com](mailto:frinzi3@msn.com) Barb Frinzi if you have any questions.

**THE CHURCH CARE AND KINSHIP** committee is already planning how to make next Christmas special by reserving seats for the Christmas Show at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse in Hampton, NJ (4 miles west of Clinton, NJ). The date is Sunday Dec 8, 2024. Doors open at 2:30 pm. Meal is served first & then the show is at 4 pm. Option of dinner plus show or just the show. Cost is \$82 for dinner & show or just the show for \$53.31. Children's tickets are \$10 less than adults.. Transportation is on your own. Contact Barb Frinzi with questions. 908-343-1144 or [frinzi3@msn.com](mailto:frinzi3@msn.com). Sign up in Memorial Hall with a \$10 deposit given to Cathy Ahart.

*THE OGPC DEACONS are the caring heart of our church, read below for announcements about floral dedications, home communion and transportation, all coordinated by our Deacons!*

**SUNDAY FLORAL DEDICATIONS:** Sign up for communion table flower arrangements dedicated to a loved one. The cost to purchase arrangements is **\$20 each**. Contact Robert Todd at [ogpcflow-ers@gmail.com](mailto:ogpcflow-ers@gmail.com) or 908-235-9322 to place an order and arrange a dedication. Please place order *only one to two weeks prior* to the date which you would like the dedication to appear in the bulletin. (Orders placed months ahead leaves too much chance they will get lost or forgotten!)

**HOME COMMUNION:** If you would like to receive home communion or know of someone who would, please contact Deacon Moderator, Robert Todd at [robert\\_todd@icloud.com](mailto:robert_todd@icloud.com) or Pastor Mary Beth at [pastormarybeth@gmail.com](mailto:pastormarybeth@gmail.com).

**TRANSPORTATION:** If you know of someone who needs transportation to and from church (other trips possible as well), please let Deacon Ernie Maso 908-619-8517 or Pastor Mary Beth know.

## *PRAYERS, THANKSGIVING AND CONTEMPLATION*

Carol Lee Doeringer gives thanks that an EMT was close by and able to help when she fell recently; prayers for healing for Wendy Theurer's sister Elaine, who has COVID and pneumonia, along with

underlying MS and kidney issues. Continue to pray for Debbie Mowrey's sister Brenda, who has suffered a second stroke, prayers of healing and strength. Also, Debbie Mowrey's sister, Kathy needs prayers for healing. Pray for Joan Pursel and her family, especially her sister Karen, who is in hospice care in Arizona. Prayers for Tammy and Mike Ludwig, friends of Barb and Charlie Frinzi, whose son Zach was killed on New Year's Eve. Pray for all those facing illness or circumstances that seem insurmountable. Pray for healing for Mary Pritchard, who was hit by a car a few weeks ago. Rainie, daughter of Kathleen Scala's good friend, hit by a car needs continued prayers. Pray for those struggling with mental illness and those who struggle with addictions and their families. Please pray for Anita Campbell, healing from foot surgery on 1/9; Pray for Sandy & Fritz Hamlin's daughter-in-law, Robin, who has cancer; Carol Lee Doering; and Stephen Toman. Lord we give you thanks for the generosity of our congregation, and guide us as we do your work in this new year. Continue to pray for our homebound members; those serving in our Armed Forces; the citizens of Ukraine and the citizens of Israel and Palestine.

*WHAT WILL YOU TAKE WITH YOU FROM SERVICE  
THIS WEEK?*

*"BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS"*

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