



Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church

Children's Worship Service

May 31, 2026

10 AM

Welcome to worship at Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church! No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here! During the summer months, children of all ages are welcome to stay during worship in the sanctuary. (Nursery Care and Sunday School will resume in the fall). To occupy little hands, there are bags with activities for kids at the back of the sanctuary. Feel free to grab one and be creative!

PRELUDE

Tom DiGiovanni

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Lisa Kolterjahn

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Elder Lisa Gray

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Children and Youth of OGPC, Liturgists

Jesus taught us how to love each other, to take care of people who are sick, and to share our food with the hungry.

God sends us to do good work in the world.

Let us worship and learn to follow him each day.

Let us worship God!

*OPENING HYMN

"Jesus Loves Me"

The Presbyterian Hymnal # 304

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have withheld mercy, guarded our hearts, and turned our backs on the cries of others. We have chosen selfish comfort over compassionate service and ignored opportunities to act as your hands and feet in a broken world. Forgive us, heal us, and set us free. We pray this in Jesus' 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!

*SHARING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*HYMN

"Arise, Shine"

Sing the Faith # 2005

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, open our hearts by Your Spirit. As we hear Your Word, shape us to see the needs around us and to serve with love. In Jesus we pray, amen.

SCRIPTURE READING – Philippians 2:3-4

New Testament, p. 197

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING – Proverbs 3:27

Old Testament, p. 586

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SERMON

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Tom DiGiovanni

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Call to Offering

Offering

God loves us so much. As a response to God's love, we are invited to give back. If you'd like to give to God through the mission of this church here and in the world, use the QR code to donate, or use the Welcome Envelopes in the pews.

*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

God, as we bring our offerings before you, we ask for your guidance in fine-tuning our faith. Help us to trust you more deeply, to step out in faith, and to follow where you lead. May our giving today be an expression of our growing faith in you. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

Sing the Faith # 2088

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

All are welcome to join us for refreshments! Follow the crowds and the smell of coffee!!

Announcements

Today, **Sunday, May 31, 2026**, we celebrate Trinity Sunday and the Children's Worship Service at our 10 AM online worship service. The service will be streamed on our Facebook Live feed at "Old Greenwich

Presbyterian Church." You can also find live streams, past services and other content on our YouTube channel (search Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church).

USHER TEAM SCHEDULE: May 31, Team 5; June 7, Team 6

Join us after worship for fellowship and refreshments in memorial hall! This week hosted by Sharon Dachisen, next week by the Beachts. **WE NEED SIGN UPS DURING THE SUMMER AND BEYOND, please consider signing up for this important part of what we do here at OGPC.** Sign up in Memorial Hall or contact Barb Grimm at 908 578 1273. Barb will happily answer questions about hosting fellowship!

Save the Dates - June 15-17 for Vacation Bible School. VBS at OGPC is back and we are so excited for it! Come explore God's love on a Tropical Trek with us! More info to come in the next few weeks!

Blessing of the Animals Service will be held on Sunday June 28! Bring your furry friends, or your slithery ones, or bring a relic or picture to be blessed. It will be a ***short*** service held in Memorial Hall. Invite your friends and neighbors!

Strawberry Fest!!!! Thursday, June 4 from 5:00 to 8:00 PM at College Hill Presbyterian Church, 501 Brodhead Street. Join us for this neighborhood festival featuring food, games, and musical entertainment including Mary Beth, Ellie and Wil! Proceeds benefit local non-profits, for more information see collegehillpc.org.

OGPC Book Club Summer Gathering and BBQ will be at Bradlau House, **Saturday June 13** beginning about 4:00pm. We will talk about books we enjoy and select our next read for the September season. **All are invited!**

COLLECTING SUPPLIES FOR A SELFLESS SERVICE PROJECT FOR YOUTH - We are collecting supplies for "Summer Fun" sling bags to be distributed to the Firth Youth Center. We will be collecting the following, May 10 through June 7, to be dropped off in the green room: youth sunglasses, sidewalk chalk, bubbles, jump ropes, beach balls, water balloons, and glow sticks. Questions? Contact Melissa Hixon at melissahixon24@gmail.com.

Poet, preacher and songwriter Donovan McAbee is preaching at OGPC! You won't want to miss it! **Sunday June 21 at 10AM**, followed by a discussion/poetry reading of his new book in Memorial Hall. Donovan's work has appeared in *The New York Times*, *TIME magazine*, *The Hudson Review*, etc. Donovan grew up in a small town in South Carolina, in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. He holds a Master of Divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary (where he and Pastor MB lived on the same hall their first year!), and a PhD in Creative Writing and Contemporary Poetry from the University of St Andrews in Scotland. He lives in Nashville, Tennessee with his wife and their two children. His poetry collection *Holy the Body* was published by Texas Review Press in March 2026. Invite your friends and neighbors!!

COMMUNITY MISSION

Thank you to everyone who contributed to last month's Pack the Purse collection. In May, we'll be collecting menstrual supplies. Access to these essential items isn't always guaranteed, and for many people they can be difficult to afford or obtain—creating real barriers to daily life. Thursday, May 28 is International Menstrual Hygiene Day, and we plan to deliver our donations to a local organization on that date. Please drop off your items in the Green Room anytime before **Wednesday, May 27**. Contact Sharon Smith (sharonsmith.08@gmail.com) with any questions.

This summer we are partnering with the Firth Youth Center to help transport lunch and dinner meals from local restaurants to locations throughout the Phillipsburg area. We are looking for volunteers to pick up pre-ordered, prepaid meals from designated restaurants and deliver them to assigned locations. Slots are available for Thursday lunch and Tuesday and Thursday dinners. Contact Sharon Smith for details: sharonwsmith.08@gmail.com. Or sign up using the QR code. Thank you for supporting this important summer outreach effort!



Greenwich Cemetery Remembrance Services All are welcome to join us for an afternoon of reflection, prayer, and comfort as we remember loved ones laid to rest at Greenwich Cemetery. **Saturday, June 13, 2026 at 2:00 PM and Saturday, December 5, 2026 at 2:00 PM** led by our very own **Pastor Mary Beth Mardis-LeCroy** Location: Greenwich Cemetery, 15 Greenwich Church Rd., Stewartsville, NJ 08886. Come as you are and join us in remembrance.

Bags for kids in the back! Feel free to grab a bag in the back of the sanctuary! For kids of all ages... coloring, etc! Be creative! (Ask an usher to help you locate one if need be).

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN - the Presbytery of Highlands is offering the following event in June: June 18-20 @ 4PM Stony Point Conference Center Thursday - Saturday, New PW Bible Study Training (retreat) for Leaders (or anyone) "United through Christ, Bound to Each Other." Scholarships are available, more info on church bulletin board. Email jkmac3536@gmail.com for room info, registration \$400-\$600 Contact Lisa Gray for more info or carpooling 973-476-4720 Lisa_A_Gray@outlook.com

SAVE THE DATE for our annual CHURCH PICNIC Sunday AUGUST 30! More details to come!

The CCK Committee (church care and kinship committee) is reorganizing and looking for volunteers who enjoy planning and implementing fun events and entertainment for church members. This group traditionally has planned the church picnic, potlucks, and outings to promote fellowship through fun activities. If this sounds like something you would enjoy being a part of, please contact Sue Schisler @ 908-763-0886. (Previous CCK members and new members are all welcome!)

Sign up to be a lay reader on our website at ogpc.org >> Worship and Music >> Sign up to be a Lay Reader. It's easy, we tell you exactly what to say! Questions? Call or text Lisa Gray 973-476-4720

Starting June 2 "Wee" Connect Playgroup moves to 10 AM to 11 AM on Tuesdays! In partnership with Greenwich Nursery school, we offer a weekly playgroup for families with kids PreK and under! Tell your friends and family! Questions? Please contact Joan Holloway at jhollow@ptd.net or Sue Zarelli at sजारेल्लि@gmail.com.

"Fit Where You Sit" Chair Yoga! For 60+, - in partnership with the Warren County Division of Aging. Meets Mondays from 1:30 to 2:30 PM in Memorial Hall. Suggested donation is \$1 a class (feel free to give more. Donations help the church support the community). ALL 60+ folks are welcome! Tell your friends and neighbors... this is a community offering!

DON'T FORGET TO WEAR YOUR NAMETAGS! Don't have a nametag? See Katie Rienzo or email oldgreenwich@ogpc.org. Anyone can request a nametag!

OGPC is blessed to host a multitude of recovery meetings throughout the week: AA Monday, Tuesday, Friday 7:30; Sunday 3:00; Tuesday and Friday 7:00 ACoA.

Prayers, Thanksgiving and Contemplation

This week we pray for: Sally Reinhard's Aunt Margaret Trebat, who is experiencing serious health issues, prayers for her and her family; Ayden Huff's friend Makayli who is in the hospital; Carol Lee Doeringer's sister Eileen Brown, who is dealing with serious health problems, and for Carol Lee's health as well; Emily Kelly, recovering from a difficult labor and delivery, prayers for her husband Joe and son JD, prayers of gratitude for Joseph Dowling Kelly V, born on May 17, 2026 weighing 8lbs 12oz, 19" long to Deacon Emily Kelly & Joseph D. Kelly IV, JD is such a blessing to his grandparents, David & Crissy Brown and Great-grandmother, Lorraine Brown; for Sally Reinhard's mother who is recovering after a stroke; Shirley C., Audra Frank's sister; for 4-year-old Rylee, healing from surgery, and prayers for Rylee's family and for Donna; Tim and Sue Gardner, Tim is recovering in a rehab center, expected to be headed home soon; Patty, friend and colleague of the Freys, whose mother died suddenly; Sue Beacht's friends Bill and Joyce, Bill has passed away, prayers for Joyce as she grieves, and prayers for all who loved Bill; for David Jones, and his sons Rob and Evan as they grieve Susan Jones' death; the people of Lebanon, displaced and afraid; for all the Gulf Countries; the citizens of Iran and surrounding countries; for decision-makers everywhere; prayers for peace; for Sharon and Craig Smith and their whole family, as Craig faces health challenges; prayers for strength and healing for Barb Frinzi; for Karen and Jim Savacool; the people of Venezuela, for God's justice, mercy, and sustaining presence for those who are suffering and afraid; for Sudan; for Ukraine; for those struggling with mental illness and those who struggle with addictions and their families; continue to pray for our homebound members; those serving in our Armed Forces.



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Our Church's Mission

To celebrate the love of God in all we say and do.

"Blessed are the peacemakers"

We are a gun-free church - buildings and grounds

www.ogpc.org

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