

Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

June 14, 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! Today is the beginning of VBS, all children PreK to 5th are invited to attend during worship. VBS continues Mon - Wednesday 5:30 to 8 PM. Listen for the announcement for more details.

PRELUDE

Tom DiGiovanni

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Mary Beth Mardis-LeCroy

DEACON SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION

Deacons Sue Beacht, Leslie Strozeski & Patricia Kobasa

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Ps. 4)

Angela Peardon, Liturgist

Answer us when we call, O God!

You gave us room when we were in distress.

Be gracious to us and hear our prayers.

We know that you listen deeply.

When we are anxious and scared, hold us in your care.

And judge us mercifully in the fullness of your grace.

For you we yearn all our days long.

And with you we know we are destined to rest.

*OPENING HYMN

"Great God, We Sing That Mighty Hand"

The Presbyterian Hymnal #265

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we come before you with honest hearts, confessing the ways we have fallen short— in our thoughts, words, and deeds. We have turned away from you, and sought our own paths. We have been silent when we should have spoken truth, and have spoken when we should have listened. Forgive us, gracious God. Wash us clean from the weight of our sin, and renew our spirits with your peace. In Jesus' name we pray these things.

*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**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O Jesus, illumine your Word as we hear the words of Scripture today, so that your will and way can give light to our paths. In your Holy Name we pray, Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING – Romans 5:1-8

New Testament, p. 155

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING – Acts 10:9-15, 19-28, 44-48

New Testament p. 129

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Outside the Lines"

Rev. Mary Beth Mardis-LeCroy

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Tom DiGiovanni

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Many Presbyterians (though not all!) pray the following prayer saying "debts and debtors," but you are invited to pray the Lord's Prayer/Our Father any way you know it and love it best! (debts/ trespasses/ sins/ etc!)

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 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

Holy One, you are always coloring outside the lines: poking and prodding us to see beyond what is comfortable and familiar. Help us to follow you, to be bold, to be generous, to be open. Take now these gifts we give back to you, that they might bless the whole wide world. In Jesus' holy name we pray, Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

"O Lord, You Are My God and King"

The Presbyterian Hymnal # 252

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

"God Be With You Til We Meet Again"

William Tomer

God be with you till we meet again,
By His counsels guide, uphold you,

With His sheep securely fold 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.

POSTLUDE

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

Announcements

Today, **Sunday, June 14, 2026**, we celebrate the 3rd Sunday after Pentecost at our 10 AM online worship service with Rev. Mary Beth Mardis-LeCroy. 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: June 14, Team 1; June 21, Team 2

Join us after worship for fellowship and refreshments in memorial hall! This week hosted by Joan and Harry Pursel, next week is hosted by Joan Holloway. **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!

VBS at OGPC starts TODAY during worship and continues Mon - Wed, June 15 - 17. VBS starts today! Haven't signed up yet? Use the QR code to register. VBS is also asking for volunteers to help with dinner and assisting teachers. Use the QR to volunteer!

Scan to register for VBS



Scan to volunteer for VBS



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!

Poet, preacher and songwriter Donovan McAbee is preaching at OGPC! Next 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 in the same building 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!!

Bible Study led by Rev. Bill Cotte starts July 8 for 8 weeks from 6:30 PM to 8 PM. The title of the study is "Fact or Fantasy: An 8 Week Study on Challenging Biblical Subjects". Meets in the Zoom Room. Questions? See Rev. Cotte or email Pastor Mary Beth at pastormarybeth@gmail.com for more info!

COMMUNITY MISSION -

We are collecting items for **Spring Operation Hope Trek**. This organization is helping those affected by hurricanes in North Carolina by bringing a truck load of needed items to the area on 6/26. Requested items: clothing, shoes, purses, belts, blankets, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, suitcases, bikes, curtains, sleeping bags. NO pillows.

Donations need to be in bags and can be dropped off in the green room by Sunday 6/21. Contact Elder Sharon Smith (sharonsmith.08@gmail.com) with 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: sharonsmith.08@gmail.com. Or sign up using the QR code. Thank you for supporting this important summer outreach effort!



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 the 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!

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 sjzarrelli@gmail.com.

SUMMER IS A WONDERFUL TIME TO ENJOY THE OUTDOORS WITH YOUR CHILDREN! Wildflower Wellness, located on the grounds of OGPC, offers nature-based classes for children ages 1-8, either with a caregiver or as a drop-off program. As you pass their space, you can see the many engaging activities designed to help little ones grow and thrive. Check their website for class times and details: www.wildflowersflourish.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: Howard Bell, recovering from health issues; the family of Sally Reinhard's Aunt Margaret Trebat, who passed away; 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; 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

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