



Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church

5th Sunday after Pentecost, Blessing of the Animals

June 28, 2026

10 AM

GATHERING MUSIC

Barbara Salbego Cotte

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Mary Beth Mardis-LeCroy

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Ps. 148, excerpts)

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise God in the heights!

Praise the Lord, sun and moon; praise God, all you shining stars!

Praise the Lord, you highest heavens and you waters above the heavens!

Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

*OPENING HYMN

"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

*SHARING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Come, Holy Spirit, Holy Breath, Holy Life. Come, open your Word. We are listening to you in everything, all around us. In Jesus we pray, amen!

SCRIPTURE READING - Isaiah 11:6-9

The wolf shall live with the lamb;

the leopard shall lie down with the kid;

the calf and the lion will feed together,
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze;

their young shall lie down together;

and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,

and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy

on all my holy mountain,

for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD

as the waters cover the sea.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION

REMEMBERING ANIMAL SAINTS

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

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, we are passing around baskets that you can place your offering in.

*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

God, our Creator, help us to love all creatures as our kin, all animals as our partners on Earth, all beings as unique expressions of your mysterious design. Take these gifts we give back to you now, that they may bless ALL of creation. In Jesus we pray, Amen!

*CLOSING HYMN

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

Refrain:

All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.

The purple-headed mountain,
the river running by,
the sunset and the morning
that brightens up the sky. [Refrain]

Each little flow'r that opens,
each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colors,
He made their tiny wings. [Refrain]

He gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty,
who has made all things well. [Refrain]

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*You are invited to stay as long as your animal will let you - right where you are - after worship for fellowship!
Snacks for all creatures are in the kitchen!*

Announcements

Today, **Sunday, June 28, 2026**, we celebrate the 5th 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 28, Team 3; July 5, Team 4

Join us after worship for fellowship and refreshments today in the kitchen! This week is hosted by Snoopy and Garfield with treats for their friends. Next week is open so consider volunteering to host. Sign up in Memorial Hall or contact Barb Grimm at 908 578 1273. Barb will happily answer questions about hosting fellowship!

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!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN - Thursday, July 9, all women – even if you've never participated in PW before, are invited to an afternoon cruise on Lake Hopatcong aboard the Miss Lotta. This relaxing 2-hour cruise offers lunch and a journey around scenic Lake Hopatcong. Tickets are \$55, book online with a friend (the smallest number of tickets available is 2). Contact Lisa Gray for more information or to get paired up: Text or call 973-476-4720. Carpool available from church parking lot at 10:15.

COMMUNITY MISSION - 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. **There are still a few openings for volunteers to pick up pre-ordered, prepaid meals from designated restaurants and deliver them to assigned locations.** Deliveries take place 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!



The Community Mission Committee is collecting non-perishable food for the Alpha Presbyterian Church's Food Pantry through Sunday, July 5. All donations can be dropped off in the Green Room entryway of church.

IRON PIGS BASEBALL TICKETS ARE IN and ready for pickup. Please contact Anita or Walt Campbell at 908-479-4737 or souptime2222@gmail.com to arrange to pick up your purchased tickets. Anita and Walt would prefer not to mail them, so arrange your pickup today!

Busy Bags for kids! 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).

SIGN UP FOR OUR ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC Sunday AUGUST 30! Sign up in Memorial Hall to bring a side dish or dessert and bring a lawn chair on the day of the picnic. We'll have hamburgers and hotdogs, yummy goodies, live music and fellowship!

"Wee" Connect Playgroup for families with kids PreK and under. This class, filled with activities, songs and connection, is in partnership with the Greenwich Nursery school. Offered each week on Tuesday from 10 to 11. 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: Cathy Ahart and her family as they grieve the death of Cathy's mother, June; Sandy Friedman's mother, in the hospital for severe leg pain and unsteadiness, along with a lesion on her lung; Carol Lee Doeringer, as she grieves the death of her sister Eileen; Peter Dachisen, who is in the hospital with complications from Covid; Bill and Sue Schisler, Bill is in the hospital; Howard Bell, recovering from health issues; the family of Sally Reinhard's Aunt Margaret Trebat, who passed away, and Sally's mother, recovering from a stroke; Emily and Joe Kelly, and new baby JD; the people of Venezuela as they recover from devastating earthquakes; the people of Lebanon, displaced and afraid; for all the Gulf Countries; the citizens of Iran and surrounding countries; for Sudan; for Ukraine; 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; 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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