

Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

June 7, 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

"Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord"

Stephen Schwartz
Mike Viscel, vocals

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Mary Beth Mardis-LeCroy

MINUTE FOR CHURCH CARE & KINSHIP

Deacon Sue Schisler

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Ps. 33:1-5)

Rev. Bill Cotte, Liturgist

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright!

Praise the Lord with the lyre! Make melody to God with the harp of ten strings!

Sing to God a new song! Play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts!

For the word of the Lord is upright, and all God's work is done in faithfulness.

God loves righteousness and justice!

The earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord!

*OPENING HYMN

"I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table"

lyrics below

Sing each verse two times

I'm gonna eat at the welcome table;
I'm gonna eat at the welcome table, Alleluia.

Here all the world will find a welcome;
here all the world will find a welcome, Alleluia.

I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus;
I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus, Alleluia.

We're gonna feast on milk and honey;
we're gonna feast on milk and honey, Alleluia.

I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers;
I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers, Alleluia.

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Creator, we come before You with humble hearts. We confess that in our thoughts, words, and actions, we have not always reflected Your love, truth, and justice. We have spoken when we should have listened, and we have remained silent when we should have spoken. We have pursued our own desires above Your will, and we have neglected the needs of those You have placed in our path. Jesus, we turn away from these sins and turn back to You. We ask for Your mercy and forgiveness. Wash us clean, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. We pray this in your 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**

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH Elder Samantha Hillier

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
O Jesus, Light of light, show us your Word as we hear the words of Scripture today, so that your will and way can illumine our paths. In your Holy Name we pray, Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING - Genesis 12:1-9 Old Testament, p. 10
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC "Forever Young" Bob Dylan
Mike Viscel, vocals, Bruce Gaston, violin

SCRIPTURE READING - Matthew 10:40-42 New Testament p. 11
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Welcome, Inside Out" Rev. Mary Beth Mardis-LeCroy

MUSICAL REFLECTION Tom DiGiovanni

GATHERING AT THE TABLE OF OUR LORD
Invitation
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving & Prayers of the People (with 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.

Blessing the Bread and the Cup & Communion of the People
All (and we mean ALL) are welcome at this Table! You may stay in your pews, where you will be served bread and a cup of grape juice. You may eat the bread and drink the cup once you receive them, or you may wait - either way is just fine. All ages (including children and tots and babies) are welcome to eat the bread and drink the cups (all filled with grape juice) if the family chooses.

OFFERING

Call to Offering

Offering Music

"Drifting"

Mike Viscel, guitar and vocals

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

Gracious God, we thank you that you not only call us to welcome, but to be welcomed; not only to serve, but to be served; not only to act in grace, but to receive that same grace from others. We pray especially that we would be open to all the ways in which you welcome us, as you shower us with your love and mercy. We pray, too, that the gifts we give today may witness to your great love in the world. In Christ we pray these things, Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

"We Come as Guests Invited"

The Presbyterian Hymnal # 517

***BENEDICTION**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Go Now in Peace"

Don Besig & Nancy Price

Mike Viscel, vocals

POSTLUDE

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

The flowers today are in celebration of Amy Ahart and Tom DiGiovanni's 25th Wedding Anniversary on June 9!

The Memorial Book is open to Sharon Bell in remembrance of her on the anniversary of her passing.

Announcements

Today, **Sunday, June 7, 2026**, we celebrate the 2nd 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 7, Team 6; June 14, Team 1

Join us after worship for fellowship and refreshments in memorial hall! This week hosted by the Beachts, next week is open. **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!

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!**

Save the Dates - June 14-17 for Vacation Bible School. VBS at OGPC is back and we are so excited for it! VBS will start during worship next Sunday and continue Mon-Wed, June 15 – 17 from 5:30 to 8 PM. 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!

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 through today, June 7, items 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 –

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!



We are also 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.

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** 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: Howard Bell, who is having medical issues and has been in the hospital; 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; 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.



Old Greenwich
Presbyterian Church

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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