

Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church

10th Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 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 Gray, Guest Preacher

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 145:8-9, 14-18)

Angie Peardon, Liturgist

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The Lord is good to all, and God's compassion is over all that God has made. The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

The eyes of all look to you, God, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

The Lord is just in all God's ways, and kind in all God's doings. The Lord is near to all who call on the Lord, to all who call on the Lord in truth.

***OPENING HYMN**

"For Everyone Born"

lyrics below

For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead,

For woman and man, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
for woman and man, a system that's fair, (Refrain)

Refrain:
and God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!

For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong,
(Refrain)

***INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy God, you have revealed yourself to us in Jesus Christ. Everything we need to know about you has been shown. Your goodness, mercy, healing and renewal are on full display. But sometimes we do not see what is right before us. Sometimes we miss the miracle. We misunderstand you, and so we misunderstand the world. Forgive us, we pray. Restore to us the ability to see you as you reveal yourself. Renew within us the capacity to perceive your way in the world, for this life, and in the life that is to come. We pray it in Jesus' name, and for his sake.

***SILENT CONFESSION** with "Amen" played

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** (2 Corinthians 5:17 – 19)

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see: everything has become new.

All this is from God, who reconciled us to God's self through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

Believe the promise of the Gospel: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

***GLORIA PATRI**

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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 Lisa Kolterjahn

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, amidst the flood of words that barrage us daily, speak your eternal Word that offers life, and bless us in its hearing, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING – Genesis 32: 22-32

Old Testament, p. 30

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Afternoon in Paris (1949)"* - John Lewis Sam Rapp & Louis Quagliato, alto saxophone

SCRIPTURE READING – Matthew 14: 13-21

New Testament, p. 16

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"What Are You Hungry For?"

Elder Lisa Gray

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Tom DiGiovanni

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From a Declaration of Faith, 1977)

Jesus Christ stands at the center of the biblical record. The Bible is the account of God's word and action in history, together with his people's response in faith.

It tells how the Lord has moved with Israel and the church towards the kingdom of God, his just and loving rule over all. It is the story of the one God, who is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

That story is still unfolding and in faith we make it our own.

It forms our memory and our hope. It tells us who we are and what we are to do.

To retell it is to declare what we believe.

GATHERING AT THE TABLE OF OUR LORD

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you, **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

God of all creation...a unified chorus of praise: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

All glory and honor...mystery of faith **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Pour out...in need. **Through the Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Spirit, we bless you , God of glory, now and 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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your son, our savior, Jesus Christ. You have fed us spiritual food in this sacrament. Send us now into the world in peace and grant us the strength and courage to live and serve you with gladness through Christ our Lord. 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 God, the world and all that is within it was made at your Word. You have blessed us with countless gifts of love. Receive then, our offerings as commitments of our intention to see the world through the eyes of your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

The Presbyterian Hymnal # 376 vv. 1, 2, 3

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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

The flowers on the communion table are in celebration of wedding anniversaries for Ed and Susan Gardner and their daughter and son-in-law, Shannon and Steven Bakros!

Announcements

Today, **Sunday, August 2, 2026**, we celebrate the 10th Sunday after Pentecost at our 10 AM online worship service with guest preacher Elder Lisa Gray. 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: August 2, Team 2; August 9, Team 3

Join us after worship for fellowship and refreshments today in the kitchen! This week is provided by Lori Metz, next week by Sandy and Fritz Hamlin. The sign-up sheet is in Memorial Hall. Contact Barb Grimm at 908 578 1273 with any questions.

PLEASE WELCOME OUR GUEST MUSICIANS TODAY:

Sam Rapp is a freshman at West Morris Central High School. He is a member of the North Jersey Area Band, WMC Wind Ensemble, and concert band. While Sam pursues his musical passions, he also enjoys Scouting, fishing and all things outdoors. Sam is the beloved grandson of George and Susan Bradlau.

Louis Quagliato recently retired from the West Orange Board of Education as Director of Visual and Performing Arts after 24 years in the position. He has been a music educator since 1986, previously employed by the Union Board of Education where he taught instrumental music for sixteen years. In his career, he taught at all grade levels, with the majority of his work as a high school band director. Louis earned both his bachelor's degree in music performance and a master's degree in music education from the Manhattan School of Music. He enjoys performing all types of music, with a special affinity for jazz. His main instrument is the saxophone; he is also proficient on the clarinet and flute. (Old Greenwich connection: Louis taught Tom DiGiovanni during most of his junior high school and high school years. After that, they performed in a wedding band together for many years!)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Meeting of the Congregation and Religious Corporation of the First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich Township, in the County of Warren, will be held on **Sunday, August 9, 2026**, immediately following the 10 am service of worship. The following will be presented: Vote to elect Susan Zarrelli to Session, Class of 2028. Attest: Melissa Hixon, Clerk of Session, Rev. Mary Beth Mardis-LeCroy, Pastor, Moderator.

WE ARE EXCITED TO BE HOSTING AN EVENING OF MUSIC AND CANDLELIGHT WITH LUMOS EXPERIENCES ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2026. An unforgettable candlelit concert experience will fill our sanctuary with beautiful music and warm light, an experience for the whole community. Two seatings are available, 6:30 PM and 8:30 PM. Get your tickets here: <https://fatso.ma/f2b9f>. Use code WELCOME15 for a discount on gold level tickets. See the website for details about ticket price, music and seating. Mark your calendars and invite friends and neighbors to join us for this special evening at Old Greenwich!

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT BEING PART OF OLD GREENWICH? Join the New Member Class after worship (11:15 to 12:30) Sunday, September 20 and 27. This two-part class will cover what it means to be a Presbyterian and part of the PC(USA) as well as our church history what it means to be part of OGPC. All are welcome, even if you just want to learn more (joining the church is not obligatory!). Elders and Deacons willing to share their experience being part of this life-giving community are invited to come to the sessions to share. If interested in the class, please contact Elder Hope Duncan (hopeld5@yahoo.com)

We are looking for lay readers during the summer season! There are spots available in July and August. Please consider sharing your gifts at Sunday services! Sign up at ogpc.org >> Worship and Music >> Sign up to be a lay reader.

COMMUNITY MISSION is collecting notebooks, pens and pencils for the Firth Youth Center's Hooray Day celebration. Please bring donations to the green room through **August 7**. Also, non-perishable food items are being collected for donation to the **Alpha Food Pantry**. Items accepted include pasta, shelf stable items and canned items. Collection continues in August.

SUPPORT THE DEACONS WITH A FLOWER ORDER! Remember the days when the congregation would order flowers for the communion table? Usually dedicated to a loved one for a special occasion? You are invited to bring flowers/greens from your garden any Sunday but if you don't have a green thumb, the Deacons are happy to order flowers for \$30 from a local florist for your special person or event. Order forms are available at the QR code or email ogpcflowers@gmail.com. Dedications will be printed in the bulletin. After service you can take your flowers home or donate to someone on the prayer list. The Deacons will happily deliver them if we know in advance.



Bible Study led by Rev. Bill Cotte Wednesdays in July and August, 6:30 PM to 8 PM. "Fact or Fantasy: An 8-Week Study on Challenging Biblical Subjects". Meets in the Zoom Room. During the study, the group will wrestle with questions like: What IS our authority? Is Genesis history? What does Biblical prophecy mean in today's world? Are there ways to God other than biblical Christianity? And others! Bring your questions with you! See Rev. Cotte or email Pastor Mary Beth at pastormarybeth@gmail.com for details!

REMINDER for those with tickets to the Iron Pigs game: Saturday, August 15 is the day of the event at Coca Cola Park. Locate those tickets and read the cover letter that came with them. If you have any questions, please let either Walt or Anita Campbell know at 908-479-4737.

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 Zarrelli 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: the family and loved ones of Carl Guthardt, who passed away this week; friend of the Maso's, Hazel Chase, having serious health issues; Angie Peardon's father, Sid Norris, in the hospital with pneumonia and congestive heart failure; Ayden Huff's friend's mom who is having surgery; Barb and Charlie Frinzi, for Barb's continued healing; Lisa and Ray Gray, for strength and healing as Ray faces health challenges; friends of Angie Peardon, Anita Murphy, who has stage 4 lung cancer, and friend and co-worker Katie Mangano, diagnosed with cancer, prayers for their families as well; Gretchen Alencewicz's brother, Brad, healing from surgery; for Carl and family, friends of Charlotte Pickell, on the passing of his wife Debbie; Charlotte Pickell's mother Patricia; Audra Frank's sister Shirley, Lisa Kolterjahn's father Ray and stepmother, Cathie. Cathie's sister Alberta passed away suddenly; the family of Howard Bell; Susan Bradlau, whose sister Diane O'Neill died, and Diane's family, including husband Mike, and sons Bryan and Scott - may God hold all those who have suffered loss and are grieving; the people of Venezuela; 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; 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.



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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