

Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church

6th Sunday after Pentecost

July 5, 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

"America, the Beautiful"

arr. Mark Hayes
Barbara Salbego Cotte, piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Lisa Gray

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Barbara Cotte and Anita Campbell

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 116)

Elder Anita Campbell, Liturgist

The Lord hears us when we cry out.

Praise the Lord!

The Lord showers us with blessings.

Praise the Lord!

Let us lift up the name of the Lord for all to hear!

Praise the Lord!

Let us sing of God's endless grace and compassion!

Let us worship God!

*OPENING HYMN

"All People that on Earth Do Dwell"

The Presbyterian Hymnal # 220

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we come with heavy hearts. We have not lived as you have called us to live. We give up too easily. We ignore our neighbor's cries for help and are silent in the face of injustice. We lose hope. We fail to see your blessings among us and are blind to the glimpses of the kingdom all around us. We are weak. Have mercy upon us. Shower us with your grace that we might be enlivened for service and for love. Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.

*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

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Question 21 of the Heidelberg Catechism)

What is true faith?

True faith is not only a sure knowledge by which I hold as true all that God has revealed to us in Scripture; it is also a wholehearted trust, which the Holy Spirit creates in me by the gospel, that God has freely granted, not only to others but to me also, forgiveness of sins, eternal righteousness, and salvation. These are gifts of sheer grace granted solely by Christ's merit. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of joy and wonder, breathe your Spirit upon us. Open our hearts and ears to hear these ancient words and be surprised. Open our minds and our eyes to see our place in your living word today and every day. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING - Genesis 18: 1 - 15, 21: 1 - 7

Old Testament, p. 14

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Nothing is Impossible"

Elder Lisa Gray

MUSICAL REFLECTION

"Theme from Schindler's List"

by John Williams

GATHERING AT THE TABLE OF OUR LORD

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving & Prayers of the People (with Lord's Prayer)

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...and so; **We join our voices with the angels and archangels, and across the span of time and distance in the great cloud of witnesses that is your living Church, a unified chorus of praise...**We remember...the mystery of faith: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Pour out...

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.

Offertory

"Tribute to America"

arr. Mark Hayes

*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

Generous God, how can we thank you for all that you have given us? We give back but a tiny portion in hopes that it may bless the world as you have blessed us. In the name of Jesus, our brother and Lord, Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

"Standing on the Promises"

music and lyrics on following pages

838 Standing on the Promises

1 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ my king,
 2 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es that can - not fail,
 3 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ the Lord,
 4 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es I can - not fall,

through e - ter - nal a - ges let his prais - es ring;
 when the howl - ing storms of doubt and fear as - sail,
 bound to him e - ter - nal - ly by love's strong cord,
 lis - tening ev - ery mo - ment to the Spir - it's call,

glo - ry in the high - est, I will shout and sing,
 by the liv - ing Word of God I shall pre - vail,
 o - ver - com - ing dai - ly with the Spir - it's sword,
 rest - ing in my Sav - ior as my all in all,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
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 stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

Perhaps because this hymn is so well known, its language sounds vaguely scriptural; but while there are various biblical uses of "stand" and "promise(s)," the two words are never combined. The confidence here is similar to that of "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" (see no. 353).

TRUSTING IN THE PROMISES OF GOD

Refrain

Stand - ing, stand - ing, stand - ing,
stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God my Sav - ior;

stand - ing, stand - ing, stand - ing,
stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

I'm stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

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

Announcements

Today, **Sunday, July 5, 2026**, we celebrate the 6th 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: July 5, Team 4; July 12, Team 5

Join us after worship for fellowship and refreshments today in the kitchen! This week is hosted by Joan Holloway and Harry and Joan Pursel. Next week is hosted by Melissa Hixon. There are open spots for you to host! Sign up in Memorial Hall or contact Barb Grimm at 908 578 1273. Barb will happily answer questions about hosting fellowship!

The office will be closed Monday July 6 for the July 4 holiday. Chair yoga is still scheduled for 1:30 on Monday 7/6.

THE CHURCH KITCHEN IS NEED OF A MICROWAVE! If you have a working microwave in good condition that you would be willing to donate, please see Harry Pursel. To meet the needs of the kitchen, we ask that the microwave be of medium or high wattage. Thank you for helping support our church ministries and hospitality!

Bible Study led by Rev. Bill Cotte starts July 8 for 8 weeks from 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!

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 is available from the 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 today, 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: Ed Gardner, recovering from surgery; Anne Wallace, recovering from a fall; 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, recovering from Covid; Bill Schisler, recovering from a procedure; Howard Bell; 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 dealing with the devastation of 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.



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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