

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENLAWN



**Sunday Service of Worship
January 10, 2021 – The Baptism of Jesus
10:30 a.m.**

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

Deacon Barbara Small

GATHERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Isaiah 60:1-6)

As we gather to worship God this day,

We prepare a way for God.

As we answer God's call to repent,

We seek to make a straight path for God.

As we gather together this day,

May we know ourselves to be children of God,

With whom God may be well pleased.

HYMN

We Call Ourselves Disciples

LANCASHIRE

*We call ourselves disciples, as pilgrims on the way.
We seek the truth in wisdom, and beauty in each day.
As women, men, and children, we serve, Christ's path to clear.
In joyful expectation we see God's reign draw near.*

*We're baptized in the Spirit, in waters God provides.
In Christ we rise to newness, for in Him we have died.
Now dead to powers of evil, and free from hopeless fears,
We live with faith and purpose, creative through the years.*

*So now the vision brightens, the light of Christ burns still
In hearts of all disciples to be the church God wills.
From quiet meditation, and joyous hymns of praise,
We go to do God's mission! Christ lead us all our days.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, You have created us, but we have chosen to go our own way. You have reclaimed us, but we have, by our attitudes and actions, rejected the claim. You have sent Your Holy Spirit to break into our routines, and we have not appreciated that burst of creative energy. We are ready now, ready to admit that our ways are full of dangerous tangents. Our mistakes and failures have often come because, in our false pride, we have not listened to You. Save us again by Your forgiving love. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

GLORIA PATRI

*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.*

PRAYER CONCERNS

Elder Betty Chatfield

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Congregational Response:

*Breathe on me, breath of God. Fill me with life anew.
That I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

As we stand by the side of the river, listening to the voice of one calling in the wilderness, we prepare ourselves to "take the plunge." May we commit ourselves, Lord God, once again looking ahead to this week: to find ways to serve, to find ways to give, to find ways to use our abilities in bringing about change for justice and peace, and to find ways to use these offerings in bringing about Your Kingdom. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Acts 19:1-7

Mark 1:4-11

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

“Now What?”

Rev. Dr. Van Cleef

HYMN # 492

Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN

*Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ – our King.
Heirs of salvation, trusting the promise, faithfully now God’s praises we sing.*

*Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ – our King.
One with His rising, freed and forgiven, thankfully now God’s praises we sing.*

*Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our King.
Born of the Spirit, we are God’s children, joyfully now God’s praises we sing.*

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

*Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on Earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God, our Creator, we are family.*
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.*

*Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.*

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND JOYS

(*Original words: *With God as our Father, brothers all are we.*)

The flowers on the Communion Table this morning are given to the Glory of God
by Barbara Lambert in loving memory of her mother, Myra Kern.

Congregational Meeting

There will be a brief congregational meeting on Sunday, January 17, immediately following worship, with four items on the agenda:

- (1) Our current *Church Operations Manual* allows for changes to be made to our Bylaws with only Session approval. We have been informed by Presbytery that this is contrary to Presbyterian polity; changes to the Bylaws must be approved by the entire congregation at a Congregational Meeting. We need to change the wording in our *Church Operations Manual* to reflect this.
- (2) Our current bylaws cite references to the 2014 – 2018 *Book of Order*. The citations need to be changed to reflect the *Book of Order 2019 – 2021*.
- (3) The Presbytery has informed us that we need to put something in our bylaws making it “legal” to hold Congregational Meetings via Zoom in case of inclement weather or pandemic situations.
- (4) Because we are a small church, we want to try a unicameral system of church governance (in other words, one Board) on a trial basis for one year. This Board will be called The Session, and will consist of current eligible Session members, plus our current Deacons, who will be ordained as Elders. Anyone who has been ordained as a Presbyterian Deacon in the past will be invited to serve as a Deacon in this church, taking on any task to which he or she feels called, the difference being that the Deacons will be overseen by the Congregational Care Committee, as opposed to being an independent Board. We will evaluate this system in November of 2021, and will call a Congregational Meeting in early January of 2022 to vote on either continuing with a unicameral Board, or going back to a bicameral Board system. This change has been discussed with our General Presbyter Rev. Mark Tammen, who has given it his blessing.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of The First Presbyterian Church of Greenlawn will take place on Sunday, January 24, immediately following worship.

The meeting is called to receive the Annual Report, to dismiss the 2020 Nominating Committee, to elect the Nominating Committee for 2020, to elect Church Officers, and to conduct other business as necessary.

Annual Reports

Please have your reports in to the Church Office by 9 a.m. on Friday, January 15. Please submit them as a Word document, Times New Roman font, 12 point. Thank you!

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OUR SERVING BOARDS

SESSION

Class of 2020

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Ruth Satterlee

Class of 2021

Betty Chatfield
Debbie Eitel

Class of 2022

DEACONS

Class of 2020

Corinne Burdett
Larry Foray – Moderator

Class of 2021

Arlissa Dean
Kathleen Gerlach

Class of 2022

Gary Prentiss
George Santos