

**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OF GREENLAWN**



**Sunday Service of Worship  
January 1, 2023 – “Ring in the New Year”  
10:30 a.m.**

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

Dan Charnews

CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcome this New Year as the time of God’s presence.

Our Creator offers us a New Heaven and a New Earth.

***This is the season for rebirth of our best.***

***God has gifted us with new opportunities.***

God is making all things new.

Mourning, crying, and pain cannot prevail.

***We are invited to find enjoyment in living.***

***We are meant to discover pleasure in our toil.***

God in mindful of our needs and our strengths.

We receive resources for the tasks that God gives us.

***We have come to thank and praise God.***

***How majestic is God’s name in all the Earth!***

HYMN # 210

*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

ST. ANNE

*Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.*

*Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame,  
From everlasting Thou art God, to endless years the same.*

*A thousand ages in Thy sight are like an evening gone.  
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.*

*Time, like an ever-rolling stream, soon bears us all away.  
We fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.*

*Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come.  
Be Thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*God of All Creation, our prayers are so small and the needs of Your people are so great. Yet, we must be personal in our confession, for we are a people of misplaced values, and our wrongful priorities have brought us much distress. We have missed Your realm among us when we ignored those around us who were thirsty and hungry, when we turned away from prisoners, and people who suffer. Restore us to membership in Your family. We want to change; forgive us, we pray. 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

... All this we pray in Jesus' name, saying, *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.*

### 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

### 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

*May our hands extend a blessing to friends and strangers who hunger or thirst or shiver in the cold. May our presence comfort and inspire people who are sick or in need. May our witness to Your gift of newness help to make it real to those who can only look backward. Help us all to face the New Year, trusting You, as we join You in wiping away tears and caring for the lease and the lost. Amen.*

## THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Colossians 3:1-2. 9-10  
Daniel 1:8. 11a, 12-16

## HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

## SERMON

“New Years Resolutions”

Rev. Dr. Van Cleef

## COMMUNION HYMN

HOLY MANNA

*All Who Hunger; Gather Gladly*

*All who hunger, gather gladly, holy manna is our bread.  
Come from wilderness and wandering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.  
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.  
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.*

*All who hunger, never strangers, seeker, be a welcome guest.  
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.  
We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.  
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.*

*All who hunger, sing together: Jesus Christ is living bread.  
Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led.  
Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.  
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.*

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*God All Things Past, Present, and to Come, we thank You for this Bread and this Cup, which give us the hope and courage to begin the true work of Christmas as we enter this New Year. Help us to do Your will as we seek to find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations, and to bring peace among all. Amen.*

HYMN # 446

*Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

AUSTRIAN HYMN

*Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God.  
God, whose word cannot be broken, formed thee for a blessed abode.  
On the rock of ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded, Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.*

*See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love  
Well supply thy sons and daughters and all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint while such a river ever flows their thirst to assuage?  
Grace, which like the Lord the giver, never fails from age to age.*

*Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear  
For a glory and a covering, showing that the Lord is near.  
Thus deriving from their banner, light by night and shade by day.  
Safe they feed upon the manna which God gives them when they pray.*

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

*Should old acquaintance be forgot  
and never brought to mind?  
Should old acquaintance be forgot  
and old lang syne?*

*For auld lang syne, my dear  
for auld lang syne  
we'll take a cup of kindness yet  
for auld lang syne.*

## **JOYS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Flowers**

Normally, at this time of year, flowers are given in memory of Myra Kearn, on her birthday, by her daughter, Barbara. Due to health issues, Barbara is not able to dedicate flowers this year; we told her that we would still remember her mother with love.

### **Annual Reports**

If you are responsible for submitting an Annual Report, please get it to Leonora by Friday, January 13. Reports should be submitted in Word format (*Not* pdf, please!) and e-mailed to: [fpcgoffice@gmail.com](mailto:fpcgoffice@gmail.com)

### **New Year's Day Celebration**

They say that for those of us “of a certain age,” 9 p.m. is the new midnight. Most of us did not stay up to watch the festivities in Times Square last night.

But the New Year must be celebrated! So, please join us after church today for a special celebration of 2023. We'll have hors d'oeuvres, some non-alcoholic “bubbly,” and a few surprises. We will also have our annual Holiday Sweater Contest, with a prize for the prettiest and the ugliest.

Don't miss the fun!

### **In-Person Session Meeting Next Sunday, January 8**

The Session will hold an in-person luncheon meeting next Sunday, January 8, from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. Session members are asked to clear their calendars for this important meeting.

### **Annual Meeting Sunday, January 29**

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation will be held on Sunday, January 29, immediately following the Service of Worship. As per Presbyterian polity, the official announcement will appear in next week's bulletin.

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