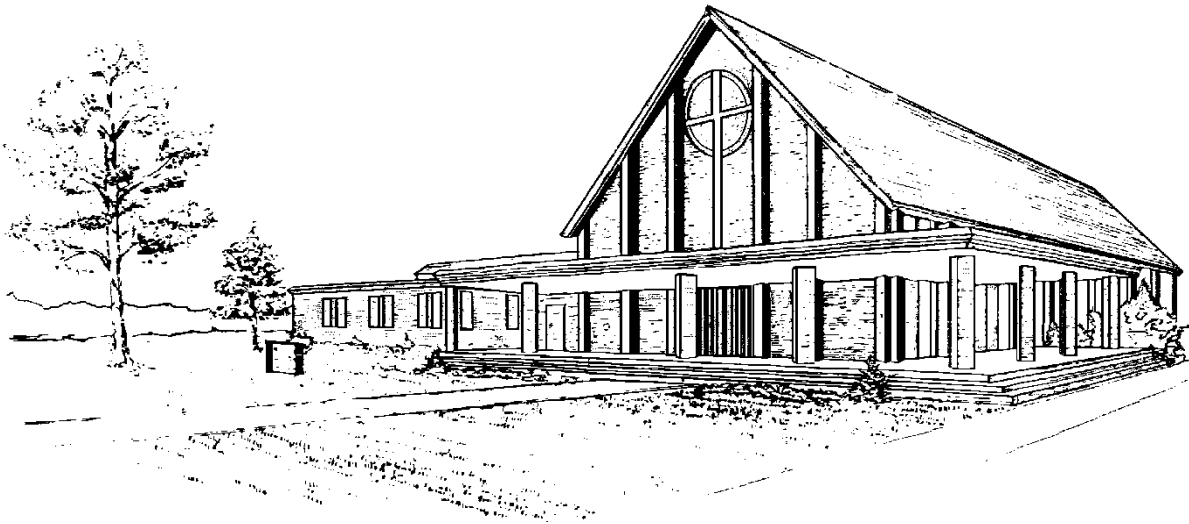


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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

Deacon Barbara Small

GATHERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

With profound happiness, we welcome one another.

How good it is to approach the courts of our God.

Happy are those who live in God's house!

Singing our praise to God fills us with joy.

Here, we welcome both friend and stranger.

All peoples of the Earth are God's children.

We greet one another by name in Jesus' name.

Together, we extol the name of our God.

Open your hearts to receive new strength.

Open your lives to renewed understandings.

Surely, God will equip us to face our world.

We will be ambassadors for God wherever we go.

HYMN # 473

For the Beauty of the Earth

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For the beauty of the Earth, for the glory of the skies.

For the love which from our birth over and around us lies.

Lord of All, to Thee, we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night.

Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light.

Lord of All, to Thee, we raise this our hymn of grateful praise

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight.

For the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight.

Lord of All, to Thee, we raise this our hymn of grateful praise

*For the joy of human love: brother, sister, parent, child.
Friends on Earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild.
Lord of All, to Thee, we raise this our hymn of grateful praise*

*For Thy church that evermore lifteth holy hands above.
Offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love.
Lord of All, to Thee, we raise this our hymn of grateful praise*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we admit that all is not well with us. We are easily angered and slow to forgive. We speak without listening, and pretend to listen without really hearing. Our tongues become weapons, rather than instruments of healing. We are more critical than helpful toward the poor in our midst. Hidden in our hearts are the attitudes that produce avarice, deceit, and violation of our promises to You and to one another. Turn us around so we can accept Your forgiveness and learn to love ourselves as You want us to be, through Jesus Christ. 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

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

Our hearts overflow with thanksgiving for all the bounty You entrust to our stewardship, O God of Light. You have reached into the shadows, where we often flee, to rescue us and to give us Your work to do. As You have freed us from the chains of sin, we seek to offer healing to others as we listen and share and do. Bless our offerings of self and substance, we pray. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

James 1:17-27
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

“The Story of Rudolph”

Rev. Dr. Ann Van Cleef

HYMN

Ours the Journey

OURS THE JOURNEY

*In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways,
Who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering their separate ways?*

REFRAIN: *God of Rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,
We, Your people, ours the journey, now and ever, now and ever,
now and evermore.*

*Through the flood of starving peoples warring factions and despair,
Who will lift the olive branches? Who will light the flame of care? REFRAIN:*

*Though we reach the highest heavens, holding worlds at our command,
We are yet a desert people searching for the promised land. REFRAIN:*

*Should the threats of dire predictions cause us to withdraw in pain,
May Your blazing phoenix spirit resurrect the church again. REFRAIN:*

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.*

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Service

Someone once said that summertime television consists of “home runs and re-runs.” Today, we’re taking that theme and running with it. (Ouch!) We asked if there was a sermon that hit a “home run” with you, that you would like to have us “re-run.”

The sermon that got the most votes was “The Story of Rudolph.” Adapted from Stories Behind the Best Loved Songs of Christmas, by Ace Collins, this story was read on December 27, 2020, as part of our “Carols and More Carols” service.

Kathy Fitzgerald, one of the people who nominated it, said, “Even though Christmas is four months off, my personal favorite is ‘The Story of Rudolph.’ It’s not only perfect for Christmas time, but perfect for all year long. It’s a story of a father and his daughter, both down on their luck. Even though many hardships came their way, neither one of them gave up. The man was bound and determined to make sure the world knew his story about Rudolph.”

We got one request for a hymn, “For the Beauty of the Earth.” The other hymn, “Ours the Journey,” is a favorite of Pastor Ann’s.

Church Fair Committee Meeting

The Church Fair Committee will meet on Sunday, September 5, immediately following worship. Everyone is invited. The date of the Fair is Saturday, September 25. Please spread the word among craftspeople you know. Larry Foray has applications for 10 x 10 foot spaces on the lawn. Our church will have about 5 tables to sell things. If you are interested in staffing a church table, please see Larry.

Steve Siegmann's Memorial Service

Our retired church secretary, Linda Siegmann, wishes to invite her friends at FPC Greenlawn to her husband Steve’s Memorial Service on Sunday, October 3, at The First Presbyterian Church of Northport at 2:00 p.m.

Church Membership

Are you a friend of our church who has faithfully been attending worship? Would you like to become a member of The First Presbyterian Church of Greenlawn? Please see Pastor Ann about joining; we would like to have a “New Members Sunday” sometime this fall.

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