

**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF GREENLAWN**



**Celebration of Worship
February 23, 2025 – 10:30 a.m.**

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL Dan Charnews /Tyler Hago/ Glenn Jahier

CALL TO WORSHIP

Be still and know that God is.

 God was, also, in the beginning.

And when all human striving has ceased, God will still be.

 From everlasting to everlasting, God is God,

 And alone is worthy to be worshiped.

People of God, come hear the Good News.

 But we hear the voice of God calling us to places we are afraid to go.

People of God, take courage in the loving, sustaining presence of God.

 We are here to find strength and courage, to find faith and hope,

 And to lean on the everlasting, loving arms of God.

*HYMN # 138

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee.

Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea.

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,

Who wert and art, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,

Though the eye of sinfulness Thy glory may not see.

Only Thou art holy. There is none beside Thee,

Perfect in power, in love and purity.

*Those who are willing and able are invited to stand.

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in Earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Beckoning God, You invite us to walk the narrow path and to live the life of a servant. Yet, we are more concerned with position and prestige, being noticed and appreciated, making sure we are in the right place at the right time. Speak to our hearts that we might trust You for all our days, along all our paths, with our every need. Teach us the right balance of pride and humility. Instruct us in living with a humble self-esteem that does not neglect the needs of others. Help us to follow on the way that leads to abundant life, even as we pass through the valleys and the shadows. Let us follow Your call, hear Your whisper, and feel your love. 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

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

Receive our joy, O God, along with our gifts. We reach out with this offering to do good in and through our church. Through our shared life in this community of faith, create in us the image of one who dwells in Heaven. Let us share with the whole world the blessings we receive from Your hand. Amen.

A GIFT FROM THE CHOIR
Howard

Agnus Dei

Sandra

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi
Miserere nobis.
Dona nobis pacem.*

Translation: Lamb of God who taketh away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us. Grant us peace.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Luke 1:26-38

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

“My Journey of Faith”

Rev. Dr. Ann Van Cleef

*HYMN

We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

MESSAGE

*We've a story to tell to the nations that shall turn their hearts to the right,
A story of truth and – mercy, a story of peace and light – a story of peace and light.*

REFRAIN:

*For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noonday bright,
And Christ's great kingdom shall come on Earth, the kingdom of love and light.*

*We've a song to be sung to the nations that shall lift their hearts to the Lord,
A song that shall conquer evil and shatter the spear and sword –
and shatter the spear and sword. REFRAIN:*

*We've a message to give to the nations that the Lord who reigneth above
Have sent us the Son to save us, and show us that God is love –
and show us that God is love. REFRAIN:*

*We've a Savior to show to the nations, who the path of sorrow has trod,
That all of the world's great peoples might come to the truth of God –
might come to the truth of God REFRAIN:.*

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: *Give Thanks*

*Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One.
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.*

*Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One.
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.*

*And now let the weak say "I am strong."
Let the poor say "I am rich" because of what the Lord has done for us.*

*Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One.
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son. Give thanks.*

POSTLUDE

JOYS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Last year's St. Patrick's Day Dinner was successful beyond our wildest dreams, so we're doing another one this year on Saturday, March 22 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. The menu, featuring corned beef & cabbage, potatoes, carrots, Irish soda bread, beverages, coffee, and dessert, will be prepared by our resident chef, Gary "O'Prentiss." Entertainment will be provided by the fabulous Mulvihill – Lynch Irish Dancers

You may purchase tickets at \$30 during coffee hour from Priscilla "McJahir" or Debbie "McEitel." Hurry before they are all sold!

The Little Food Pantry

Please remember our Little Food Pantry when you go shopping. We are encouraging folks to donate packaged foods, as canned food tends to explode in the freezing weather. We are especially in need of breakfast cereal; if you go to Aldi or Lidl, you will find they have cereal at an extremely reasonable price. Thank you.

You May Now Donate On Line

Simply put your cell phone into camera mode, hold it up to the funny little square thing (no need to take a photo), and the link to our church website will pop up. The "Donate" button is on the opening page.



Outreach Team to Meet Next Sunday

The Outreach Team will meet next Sunday, March 2, in the Parlor after coffee hour. New members are always welcome.

Church Upkeep Committee to Meet This Tuesday, 2:00 p.m. Via Zoom

The Church Upkeep Committee, formerly known as Buildings and Grounds, will meet this Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom. New members are welcome. Ladies, don't be afraid to join, this is not a men's club! Pastor Ann will send the Zoom link to all committee members and to anyone else who wants to attend. If you want to telephone in:

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Today, We Celebrate Five Years

Pastor Ann is grateful to God for having been called here, and truly humbled that the congregation wants to celebrate that call. She hopes you will find inspiration during the sermon time as she talks about her faith journey. Everyone is invited to a celebratory luncheon in our CE Hall following worship; there is no charge.

Our Annual Theatre Outing

Our annual outing to see the Harborfields High School Spring Musical will take place on Wednesday, March 26. There is a dessert and coffee reception at 5:00 p.m., and the show, "*Mean Girls*," starts at 6:00. The show is free, but tickets are required. There will be a signup sheet at today's luncheon; please sign up so Pastor Ann can get tickets for you.

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