

**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF GREENLAWN**



**Sunday Service of Worship
March 5, 2023 – The Second Sunday in Lent
10:30 a.m.**

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

Dan Charnews

CALL TO WORSHIP

Once again, in this season of Lent,
We are summoned by a gracious and merciful God.

*We respond to God's steadfast love,
Calling us into solemn assembly.*

Let all the people gather and bow in awe
Before the One who creates.

*We approach God in reverence and wonder,
Rejoicing in the invitation to this holy place.*

Walk humbly before God,
In prayer and fasting and giving.

*We seek the One who grants us life,
Upholding us with a willing spirit.*

HYMN

I Need Thee Every Hour

NEED

*I need Thee every hour, most gra-cious Lord.
No tender voice like Thine can peace – afford.*

REFRAIN: *I need Thee, oh, I need Thee, every hour I need Thee.
O Bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.*

*I need Thee every hour, stay Thou – nearby.
Temptations lose their power when Thou art nigh. REFRAIN*

*I need Thee every hour in joy – or pain.
Come quickly and abide or life – is vain. REFRAIN*

*I need Thee every hour. Teach me Thy will,
And Thy rich promises in me – fulfill. REFRAIN*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we confess that we have been far more ready to say “we believe,” than to trust You to lead us to new ventures of faithfulness. We are afraid of the evil that surrounds us. We fear rejection, failure, and ridicule. We admire Jesus, but it is difficult to follow in footsteps that lead to a cross. In the midst of life as we know it here, how can we catch glimpses of eternity? Save us from our timidity, and use our doubts as an entry to deeper faith. 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

Thank You, God, for glimpses of eternity in the daily experiences of life. We rejoice in the teachings and care You have provided to us. Bless the gifts we return to You for the programs and outreach of the church. We want to share our faith as we pray for trustful relationships among all Your children. We

*rejoice together in the saving ministry of Jesus that inspires us to give our best.
Amen.*

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Psalm 121
John 3:1-17

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

“God So Loved the World”

Rev. Dr. Van Cleef

COMMUNION HYMN # 94

O WALY WALY

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

*An upper room did our Lord prepare for those He loved until the end.
And His disciples still gather there to celebrate their risen Friend.*

*A lasting gift Jesus gave His own to share His bread, His loving cup.
Whatever burdens may bow us down, He by His cross shall lift us up.*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All praise is Yours, O God. You brought us to this table as sisters and brothers. Lead us now, through each of our moments, to that glorious day when all Your children will gather as family. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

HYMN # 293

This Is My Father’s World

TERRA BEATA

*This is my Father’s world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father’s world. I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas. God’s hand the wonders wrought.*

*This is my Father’s world. O let me ne’er forget
That though the wrong seems of to strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father’s world. The battle is not done.
Jesus, who died, shall be satisfied, and Earth and Heaven be one.*

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: # 341

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God. Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.*

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

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JOYS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, FOLLOWED BY POSTLUDE

Lenten Soup Suppers

Our second Soup Supper was a lot of fun, with many attended as well as some friends from Paumanock Village. We had several soups and one chili, lots of bread, as well as beverages and dessert.

Please join us next Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. for our next soup Supper.

Looking Ahead to Holy Week

Our Good Friday Service will take place on Friday, April 7, at 3:00 p.m.

In the near future, will get you information regarding Maundy Thursday Services at neighboring Presbyterian churches.

Concerning Good Friday ... Would the congregation prefer a 3:00 p.m. Service,

Bell Choir

There has been some interest in re-starting our Bell Choir, as we have a church member who has some experience in this area. Stay tuned for more details!

Got Junk?

Do you have things kicking around your garage/basement/attic/closets, but not enough for a full-blown yard sale? We are already preparing for our September Church Fair. You may bring your contributions to church at any time and place them on the desk in room #3 downstairs.

Vacation Bible Camp

The Vision and Outreach Team is exploring the idea of running a one-week Vacation Bible Camp this summer. The first thing we need to know is – do we have enough volunteers to make this dream a reality? Please speak to Bill Becker if you are interested in this project.

Favorite Hymns

Do you have a favorite hymn that you would like us to sing during our celebration of worship? There are index cards and a box at the parking lot entrance to the church. Please write down your hymn request and place it in the box. Don't forget to sign your name so we can tell you when your hymn is scheduled!

Mark Your Calendar

On Saturday, May 20, we will be holding a Health Fair in our CE Hall. We have eight health-related participants signed up. Please see Bill Becker if you have ideas or suggestions. Stay tuned – there’s more information to come.

“Newsies” at Harborfields High School

Harborfields High School has extended an invitation for all Seniors in the area to attend a *free* performance of their spring musical, *Newsies*, inspired by the Newsboy’s strike of 1899 in New York City.

The performance takes place on Wednesday, March 22. Dessert and coffee will be served at 5:00 p.m., and the musical itself begins at 6:00. If you are interested in attending, there is a sign-up sheet that will go around during coffee hour. Please sign up, and we will take care of getting the tickets.

There will not be a Soup Supper that night.

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