

# THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENLAWN



**Sunday Service of Worship  
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*In Flanders Fields*

*By Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae*

(Composed on May 3, 1915, during the 2nd battle of Ypres, Belgium)

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place: and in the sky  
The larks still bravely singing fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the dead: Short days ago,  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved: and now we lie  
In Flanders fields!*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe  
To you, from failing hands, we throw  
The torch: be yours to hold it high  
If ye break faith with us who die,  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.*

GATHERING MUSIC

John Eyre

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

Dan Charnews

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us begin our time of worship with a moment of remembrance.

*We remember our fallen military,  
And the sacrifice they made for the sake of others.*

Let us begin our time of worship with a moment of thanksgiving.

*We remember the saints who have gone before us,  
Who now rest from their labors.*

On this Sunday of remembrance,

*Let us praise God, give thanks, and remember.*

HYMN # 398

*There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit*      SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

*(1) There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,  
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord.  
There are sweet expressions on each face,  
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.*

### REFRAIN:

*Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet Heavenly Dove,  
Stay right here with us, filling us with Your love.  
And for these blessings, we lift our hearts in praise.  
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived  
When we shall leave this place.*

*(2) There are blessings you cannot receive  
Till you know Him in His fullness and believe.  
You're the one to profit when you say,  
"I am going to walk with Jesus all the way."*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*O God, we are frightened by strange tongues and people out of control. We want to manage our own lives and assure our own safety. We are afraid that You will ask more of us than we are willing to risk. We are skeptical of dreams and visions. We cannot trust some people whom You ask us to love. We want to believe, but how can we know that You are more than our collective imagination, a hope we cling to in our despair? Help us, O God, and forgive us our sins. 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

There are many gifts of the Holy Spirit. Today, we celebrate seven of them. We lift up the gift of wisdom, the first and highest gift of the Holy Spirit, because it is the perfection of faith.

***Thank You, God, for this gift of the Spirit.***

We lift up the gift of understanding, which allows us to grasp the very essence of our relationship with God.

***Thank You, God, for this gift of the Spirit.***

We lift up the gift of counsel, through which we are able to stand up for our faith, because the Holy Spirit will guide us.

***Thank You, God, for this gift of the Spirit.***

We lift up the gift of fortitude, which gives us the strength to follow through on the actions suggested by the gift of counsel.

***Thank You, God, for this gift of the Spirit.***

We lift up the gift of knowledge, through which we can determine God's purpose for us, and then live our lives accordingly.

***Thank You, God, for this gift of the Spirit.***

We lift up the gift of piety: the willingness to serve and worship God out of love rather than duty.

***Thank You, God, for this gift of the Spirit.***

The Holy Spirit gives us fear of the Lord: the desire not to offend God and the certainty that God will supply us with the grace we need to live according to God's will.

***Thank You, God, for this gift of the Spirit.***

...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

*O God, we have experienced Your blessing when we give, so our most generous efforts do not seem like a sacrifice. We give so Your will might be done, and when it is, all of us benefit. Multiply, we pray, the power of these gifts to do the good that You intended. Amen.*

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:1-21

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON                                      “Separated by Language”      Rev. Dr. Ann Van Cleef

HYMN # 562                                      *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*                                      MELITA

*Eternal Father, strong to save, Whose arm hath bound the restless wave’  
Who bade the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep.  
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee for those in peril on the sea!*

*O Savior, whose almighty word the wind and waves submissive heard.  
Who walked upon the foaming deep, and calm amid its rage did sleep.  
O hear us when we cry to Thee for those in peril on the sea.*

*O Holy Spirit, who did brood upon the chaos wild and rude,  
And bade its angry tumult cease, and gave, for fierce confusion, peace.  
O hear us when we cry to Thee for those in peril on the sea.*

*O Trinity of love and power, all travelers guard in danger’s hour.  
From rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them where so e’er they go.  
This evermore shall rise to Thee glad praise from air and land and sea.*

BENEDICTION

SONG:  
BERLIN

*God Bless America*

IRVING

*God Bless America, land that I love. Stand beside her and guide her  
Through the night with the Light from Above.  
From the mountains to the prairies, to the oceans white with foam,  
God bless America, my home sweet home.  
God bless America, my home sweet home.*

## **JOYS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, FOLLOWED BY POSTLUDE**

### **Welcome, John Eyre**

This morning, we welcome John Eyre back to the piano and organ benches. A graduate of SUNY Fredonia, John is a professional accompanist, singer, arranger, clarinetist, and conductor. He is President of Bulkhead Publishing Company, a music publishing house located in Riverhead. Welcome back, John, and thank you again for sharing your musical gifts with us.

### **Indoor Yard Sale June 10**

Our indoor yard sales are becoming very popular! We still have a few tables available for our June 10 yard sale. Please see Larry Foray if you are interested.

Remember – your kids don't want your stuff!

### **Churchyard Clean-up**

Our churchyard cleanup / flower planting event was a big success. Our gardens look really good now, and they're going to look great in a few weeks when the flowers mature. Thank you to everyone who participated.

### **Becoming a Contagious Christian Class**

Session 5 of *Becoming a Contagious Christian* will be held for Session members at a date to be announced.

### **Summer Schedule**

Our summer worship schedule kicks in on July 2 and goes through Labor Day Weekend. We will worship at 10:00 a.m. When the weather gets really warm, we will worship in our air-conditioned parlor.

### **Looking Ahead:**

We have some wonderful worship experiences coming up!

June 11: Music Ministries Sunday

June 18: Father's Day. Bring a photo of Dad for the Communion Table!

July 2: Independence Day Sunday

## STAFF

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## THE SESSION

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Larry Foray  
Susan Perrotta

### Class of 2025

Marian Adams  
Bill Becker  
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## Rules of Life

**Let It Go.** Never ruin a good day by thinking about a bad yesterday.

**Ignore Them.** Don't listen to other people. Live a life that's empowering to you.

**Give It Time.** Time heals everything.

**Don't Compare.** The only person you should try to beat is the person you were yesterday.

**Stay Calm.** It's okay not to have everything figured out. Know that in time, you will get there.

**It's On You.** Only you are in charge of your happiness.

**Smile.** Life is a gift from God.

## A New Refrigerator for our Church Kitchen

At their last meeting, Session approved a campaign to replace the commercial refrigerator in our kitchen. It was noisy, and used so much electricity that we couldn't keep it on all the time. When it was turned on, it took several hours to get the temperature down to 38 degrees.

This week, we got the news that the old refrigerator "bit the dust," so to speak.

We are looking at a stainless steel, energy efficient model, with French doors and a freezer underneath with an ice maker. The price is about \$1,600.

We are asking for contributions of any size, big or small, so we may buy a new refrigerator. ***An anonymous donor has offered to match the first \$800 that we raise!*** Anything that we raise above \$1,600 will go toward (1) the cost of a plumber to hook up the ice maker, and (2) fixing (or replacing) the small sink in the kitchen.



If you are interested in helping us purchase the new refrigerator, please fill out the form below. If you want to make your gift in honor or in memory of a loved one, we will print the list of names, put the list in a frame, and hang it in the kitchen. What a great way to remember Mom or Grandma!

Thank you very much.

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of gift: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

- Or -

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_