

**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF GREENLAWN**



**Sunday Celebration of Worship
April 14, 2024 – The Third Sunday of the Easter Season
10:30 a.m.**

**Meeting ID: 820 9580 8348
Passcode: 128114**

Dial in: 1 (646) 558-8656

**497 Pulaski Road
Greenlawn, NY 11740
Phone: 631-261-2150**

<http://greenlawnpresbyterian.com/>

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENLAWN

April 14, 2024 – 10:30 a.m.

The Third Sunday of the Easter Season

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather in the name of the Living Christ to worship God.

*Surely, God is in this place,
and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.*

God's love is for you and for all people everywhere,

*That we may share God's love and life,
and be renewed in the refreshing Spirit of the Living Christ.*

The Living Christ is with us.

Praise the Lord!

HYMN # 104

Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

HYMN TO JOY

*Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder. All creation is amazed.
In the desert all surrounding. See, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.*

*Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection. Not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.*

*Christ is risen! Earth and Heaven never more shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna, every one!*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We are disturbed and distressed, O God, by the evil that surrounds us. It is hard to view many people we see as Your children: murderers, abusers, those who cheat others and profit at their expense. We feel like victims. Why should we confess our sins when there is so much evil beyond our influence? Yet, we know we do not abide in Your love. We sin by turning away from sisters and brothers who are also beloved by You, however they may differ from us. We seek the forgiveness You promise and the health that You offer. 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

Holy One, Your heart abounds with gifts. Receive this offering as a sign of our trust in You and our intention to live surrounded by Your mercy. Inspired by Your Spirit, may we be open to the joy of Your presence, hospitable to one another, and generous toward Your world. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Acts 3:12-19
Luke 24:36b-48

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

“Peace in the Midst of Chaos”

Rev. Dr. Van Cleef

HYMN # 372
CHRISTIAN

I WANT TO BE A

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart, in-a my heart.

Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart.

In-a my heart (in-a my heart), in-a my heart (in-a my heart)

Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in-a my heart, in-a my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in-a my heart.

In-a my heart (in-a my heart), in-a my heart (in-a my heart)

Lord, I want to be more loving in-a my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy in-a my heart, in-a my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy in-a my heart.

In-a my heart (in-a my heart), in-a my heart (in-a my heart)

Lord, I want to be more holy in-a my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart, in-a my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart.

In-a my heart (in-a my heart), in-a my heart (in-a my heart)

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart.

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 151

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne.

Hark, how the Heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.

Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee.

And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of Years, the Potentate of Time,

Creator of the Rolling Spheres, ineffably sublime.

All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me.

Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND JOYS

Churchyard Cleanup Day Next Sunday. **Wear Your “Grubbies” to Church**

Next Sunday, April 21, we will be celebrating Earth Day with a Service titled “Thanking God for the Gift of the Earth.” After coffee hour, we will have our annual Churchyard Cleanup Day, weather permitting.

There are a lot of branches and limbs that have fallen. Anyone who owns a chainsaw is invited to bring it. Anyone who wants those branches and tree limbs please let us know; we’ll pile the wood in Pastor Ann’s pickup truck and deliver it to your house that day.

Other things we’ll be doing: planting flowers, raking, cleaning the mold from the white fence on the west side of the property, planting some bushes in front of that fence, throwing down some grass seed, washing windows, and painting the railings by the back door.

What to bring: rakes, shovels, trowels, clippers, Windex, paper towels / old newspapers, bleach-based bathroom cleaner, gloves, and anything else you can think of.

Please wear your “grubbies” to church. Maybe we’ll give a prize for the “worst dressed!”

April 20 Indoor Yard Sale Postponed

Pastor Ann loves to run yard sales. But after a careful look at her calendar, she has realized that her plate is very full from now through the end of May. Therefore, the April 20 Indoor Yard Sale will have to be moved to June or July. We’ll keep you posted.

Church Movie Afternoon

Mark your calendar and save the date – Movie Afternoons are back! On Sunday, April 28 at 3:00 p.m. in our CE Hall, we will show the Oscar-nominated film, “Breakthrough,” (from the producer of “Miracles from Heaven”).

“Breakthrough” is based on the true story of one mother’s unwavering devotion, and is a stirring reminder that faith and love can create a mountain of hope – and sometimes even a miracle.

Admission is free. Pizza, salad, and soft drinks will be served. Invite a friend!

Fundraising Concerts for New Organ

As was announced, we will be holding some fund-raising concerts this year with the goal of purchasing a new organ for our Sanctuary. Pastor Ann has tickets for sale during coffee hour. Mark your calendar! Here is the concert schedule:

Sunday, June 9, 3:00 p.m.

"Craig Schulman on Broadway"

Sunday, October 27, 3:00 p.m.

"Brahms - A German Requiem"

by the Greater Huntington Festival Chorus

Frances C. Roberts, Conductor

Dress Rehearsal Saturday, October 26, 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 17, 3:00 p.m.

"Baroque to Broadway (With a Few Stops In Between)"
With Barbara Fusco and Melissa Maravell

Food Pantry

Do you know of people who might be in need of food? Remember that we have a free food pantry in front of the church that is available 24/7. Please help us spread the word. This week, we are in need of canned fruit (like peaches, pears and mixed), canned peas, canned carrots, baked beans, black beans and rice.



Church QR Code

Recently, we acquired a QR code. Do you like the little dinosaur in the middle? We're naming him "Presby-saurus." 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 should pop up. We are in the process of updating our church website. Stay tuned!

STAFF

Pastor

Rev. Dr. Ann M. Van Cleef
pastorannsutton@yahoo.com

Worship Accompanist

Leonora Knight

Custodian

Gary Prentiss

Financial Secretary

Betty Chatfield

Webmaster

Irene Lang

Administrative Assistant

Leonora Colletti
fpcgoffice@gmail.com

Fellowship Director

Debbie Eitel

Treasurer

James Dean

Benevolence Secretary

Susan Perrotta

Building Use Manager

Larry Foray

THE SESSION

Susan Perrotta, Recording Clerk

Class of 2024

Debbie Eitel
Larry Foray
Susan Perrotta

Class of 2025

Marian Adams
Bill Becker
Gary Prentiss

Class of 2026

Arlissa Dean
Kathleen Gerlach