

**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OF GREENLAWN**



**Sunday Celebration of Worship  
April 21, 2024 – Thanking God for the Gift of the Earth  
10:30 a.m.**

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

Tyler Hago

CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Psalm 19)

The heavens are telling the glory of God.

***The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.***

Day to day pours forth speech,

***And night to night declares knowledge.***

There is no speech, nor are there words.

***Their voice is not heard.***

Yet, their voice goes out through all the earth,

***And their words to the end of the world.***

HYMN # 455

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

*All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing.*

*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam.*

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Allelu – ia!*

*Thou rushing wind that art so strong. Ye clouds that sail in heaven along.*

*O sing ye! Alleluia!*

*Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice. Ye lights of evening, find a voice!*

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Allelu – ia!*

*Thou flowing water, pure and clear, make music for thy Lord to hear.*

*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Thou fire so masterful and bright, that givest us both warmth and light.*

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Allelu – ia!*

*Thou fertile earth that day by day unfoldest blessings on your way.*

*O sing ye! Alleluia!*

*The flowers and fruits that in thee grow, let them God's glory also show!*

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Allelu – ia!*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*O God, Maker of Heaven and Earth, You place us in Your creation, and you command us to care for it. Your works declare glory and splendor, and You call us to praise and reverence.*

*Where we have degraded or destroyed Earth's bounty, forgive us. Where we have taken beauty and majesty for granted, have mercy upon us. Where we have become estranged from the creatures with whom we share this planet, grant us Your peace.*

*Renew us in the waters of Baptism. Refresh us with the winds of Your Holy Spirit. Sustain us with the Bread of Life. Forgive us for the sake of Creation and in the name of Jesus Christ, 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

*Creator God, Your hands are open to satisfy the needs of every living creature. Accept these gifts as our thanks for Your loving kindness. Grant that we may be faithful stewards of all Your good gifts. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.*

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE  
24a

Psalm 104:1, 10-

Luke 12:15-31

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON “The Earth – a Great Gift from God” Rev. Dr. Van Cleef

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 # 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 Today**

Pastor Ann got a text from Debbie Eitel this week. “Coffee hour will be a luncheon this week. If we are asking people to work, we should feed them,” she wrote.

So, coffee hour will be a luncheon.

During the announcements, we will be giving a special award to the person who is “Dressed for Success.” Success in working outdoors, that is. (Doesn’t that sound a lot better than “Worst Dressed?”)

See you outside, and thank you!

### **Church Movie Afternoon**

Mark your calendar and save the date – Movie Afternoons are back! Next 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!

### **Looking Ahead ....**

Mother’s Day, May 12, is always a very special time at our church. Start looking around for a nice photo of your Mom, Grandmother, Daughter, or any other woman who is special to you. Try to put that photo in a frame, and bring it to church with you on Mother’s Day; as is our tradition, we’ll place those photos on the Communion Table before the Service.

Why not invite a woman to church that day!

### **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!



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