

**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF GREENLAWN**



**Sunday Celebration of Worship
April 27, 2025
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 Dan Charnews /Tyler Hago/ Glenn Jahier

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the Earth. The Earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep; and God said, “Let there be light!” and there was light.

And God saw that it was good!

And God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so.

And God saw that it was good!

And God said, “Let the Earth bring forth living creatures: cattle and creeping things and beasts of the earth.” And it was so.

And God saw that it was good!

Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, after our likeness. So, God created human beings. In the image of God, God created them. Male and female, God created them. And God blessed them.

And God saw that it was good!

Let us sing praise to the God of all creation!

*HYMN # 200
LEBEN

To Bless the Earth

CHRISTUS, DER MEIN

*To bless the Earth God sends us from Heaven’s abundant store
The waters of the springtime, enriching it once more.*

*The seed by God provided is sown o’er hill and plain,
And then come gentle showers to bless the springing grain.*

*God crowns the year with goodness, the Earth God’s mercy fills,
The wilderness is fruitful, and joyful are the hills.*

*With grain the fields are covered, the flocks in pasture graze.
All nature joins in singing a joyful song of praise.*

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 # 333:

LAFFERTY

*Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness.
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia.*

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 God, these gifts are not truly ours to offer. Everything that is here was first given to us by You. Whatever wealth or abundance lies in these plates was nurtured by Your good rains, warmed by Your sun, and rested under the light of Your stars before it became fruits of our labors. Make us mindful that our possessions all come from Your good Earth, and that our habits should never render the Earth incapable of praising You by the life and bounty it produces.

Bless these gifts to the well-being of Your world and all its inhabitants, that we might praise Your holy name. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Psalm 8
Genesis 1:26-31

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Ann M. Van Cleef

“If You’re Not Part of the Solution, Then You’re Part of the Pollution.”

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!

*BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

SIYAHAMBA

We Are Walking in the Light of God

*We are walking in the light of God,
We are walking in the light of God. (2X)*

*We are walking, walking, we are walking (Oo)
We are walking in the light of God. (2X)*

JOYS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
POSTLUDE

*Those who are willing and able are invited to stand

JOYS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celebrating Earth Day

Earth Day is celebrated annually on April 22 to demonstrate support for environmental protection. First held on April 22, 1970, it now includes a wide range of events coordinated globally by EarthDay.org, including 1 billion people in more than 193 countries. The official theme for 2022 is *Invest in Our Planet*.

Here at FPC Greenlawn, we are celebrating Earth Day in Worship today, and after Coffee Hour by doing an indoor spring cleaning.

One Great Hour of Sharing

The Annual One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be received next week. Thank you for your generosity.

The Little Food Pantry

Thanks to your generosity, we don't need anything for our Little Food Pantry this week. We will update you on our needs next week.

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



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