

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENLAWN



Sunday Celebration of Worship
April 28, 2024 – The Fifth Sunday of the Easter Season
10:30 a.m.

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

Tyler Hago

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come to worship God, Whose love was revealed in Jesus.

We will worship the Almighty and sing praises.

We are called to love one another as God loves us.

We seek to let God's love be perfected in us.

Christ is the vine; we are the branches.

We will bear fruit when we abide in the Vine.

HYMN # 139

Come, Thou Almighty King

ITALIAN HYMN

*Come, Thou Almighty King. Help us Thy name to sing.
Help us to praise: Father, all-glorious, o'er all victorious.
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.*

*Come, Thou Incarnate Word. Gird on Thy mighty sword.
Our prayer attend. Come, and Thy people bless, and give Thy word success.
Spirit of Holiness, on us descend.*

*Come, Holy Comforter. Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour. Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart,
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of Power.*

*To Thee, great One in Three, the highest praises be
Hence evermore! Thy sovereign majesty, may we in glory see,
And to eternity love and adore.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, we confess to You that we have fallen short. We don't always love our brothers and sisters in Christ. We hold grudges. We judge others. We brush off those who call upon us for help. We do not always see the needs around us while we focus on our own busy lives. Forgive us, O God, for not loving others as You have loved us. Guide us back to Your ways of love, peace, and reconciliation. In the name of Jesus, 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.*

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PRAYER CONCERNS

Elder Arlissa Dean

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

We give, Gracious God, because we are grateful for Your sustaining love. Let these gifts grow to reach the world. Remain in these gifts so that others might know that we love them as much as we love You. Amen.

A MUSICAL GIFT

Après un Reve (Gabriel Fauré)

Zoe Abelson

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Psalm 22:25-31; John 15:1-8

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

“I Am the Vine”

Rev. Dr. Van Cleef

HYMN # 467

How Great Thou Art

O STORE GUD

*O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made.
I see the stars. I hear the rolling thunder.
Thy power throughout the universe displays. REFRAIN*

*REFRAIN: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee.
How great Thou art. How great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee.
How great Thou art. How great Thou art.*

*When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. REFRAIN*

*And when I think that God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in.
That on the cross, my burdens gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin. REFRAIN*

*When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art! REFRAIN*

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 151

*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

Church Movie Afternoon

This afternoon at 3:00 you are invited to gather in our CE Hall to view the Oscar-nominated film, “Breakthrough,” (from the producer of “Miracles from Heaven”).

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

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

Student Recital

Join us next Sunday in the Sanctuary next Sunday, May 5, at noon for a recital by Leonora Knight’s voice and piano students!

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!

Churchyard Cleanup

A big thank you to the folks who helped with our churchyard cleanup last Sunday: Jim and Arlissa Dean, Debbie Eitel, Kathy Fitzgerald, Larry Foray, Janice and Tyler Hago, Leonora and Jack Knight, Lydia and Gary Mott, Mike Pennino, Susan Perrotta, Claire and Paul Proctor, Rosalie and Emory Schweighardt, and Jill Wilson. Betty Chatfield polished the church pews. Thank you to Debbie Eitel for providing a delicious luncheon.

Much raking was done, branches and trash were picked up, sections of the white fence were bleached, bushes were planted, the railing was sanded and painted, and a very creative garden was planted by the back door.

There is still work to be done; we will be scheduling a garden planting date in the near future.

Food Pantry

This week, we are in need of canned carrots, mixed veggies, spinach, potatoes, fruit, (like peaches, pears and mixed), regular applesauce, canned black beans, kidney beans rice, cereal, boxed potatoes, and stuffing. Thank you!

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!



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

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