

**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OF GREENLAWN**



**Celebration of Worship  
April 6, 2025 – 10:30 a.m.  
The Fifth Sunday in Lent**

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Almighty God, we are afraid to admit the many ways we have failed You. We are sinful people who forget to thank You and who delay consulting with You about the decisions we must make. We prefer the safety of familiar programs, even when they are ineffective. We cling to our routines, even when they cause us to lose sight of Your purposes. We are people of unclean lips, dwelling among people who deny Your presence and power, O God, we fall down before You, seeking forgiveness. Amen.*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Claire Proctor

\*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:

*Hear our prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer, O Lord.  
Incline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace. Amen.*

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 bring our gifts to you, O God, and offer them as symbol of sacrifice and service. Bless these gifts and all who give; use our wealth, our time, and our abilities for the good of all Your people. Amen.*

A GIFT FROM THE CHOIR

The Women's Choir

*God So Loved the World*

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Philippians 3:4b - 14  
John 12:1 - 8

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

“Are You Better Off?” Rev. Dr. Ann M. Van Cleef

COMMUNION HYMN # 505

ST. FLAVIAN

*Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread*

*Be known to us in breaking bread, but do not then depart.  
Savior, abide with us, and spread Thy table in our heart.*

*There sup with us in love divine, Thy body and Thy blood,  
That living bread, that heavenly cup, be our immortal food.*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

***Holy and Gracious God, here at this table, your promise of life is made real. We have rested in the depth of Your love. We have tasted Your nurturing presence. We accept You into our bodies and into our lives. Together, at this table, You have offered us life. Together, by Your grace, we accept the life You offer. And we give You thanks. Amen.***

\*HYMN # 339

*Be Thou My Vision (Irish Ballad)*

SLANE

*Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart.  
Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art.  
Thou my best thought – by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.*

*Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise.  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always.  
Thou and Thou on-ly, first in my heart,  
Great God of Heaven, my treasure Thou art.*

*Be Thou my wisdom and Thou my true word.  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord.  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of All.*

\*BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

TUNE:

EDELWEISS

*May the Lord, Mighty God bless and keep you forever.  
Grant you peace, perfect peace, faith in every endeavor.  
Lift up your eyes and see His face, and His grace forever!*

*May the Lord, Mighty God bless and keep you forever.*

## **JOYS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Maundy Thursday**

Our Maundy Thursday Service will take place on Thursday, April 17, at 6:00 p.m., tentatively in the Parlor. Eight readers are needed. Please see Pastor Ann if you would like to do one of the readings.

### **Palm Sunday Brunch**

Realizing that many people have plans for Easter Sunday, instead of having our usual Easter Sunday Breakfast, we will have a Palm Sunday Brunch instead. Mark your calendar for next week, April 13, and make plans to stay for food and fellowship after worship.

### **Congratulations and Prayers for Linda**

Next week, Linda Dickman will be the guest preacher at the Farmingville Congregational Church. This is her first time preaching and conducting a Service. Please pray for her as she spends time this week in prayer and preparation.

### **Our Thrift Store Is Now Open**

Some very nice things have been donated to us, and more will be added each week. Church members and friends are invited to visit our Thrift Store on Sundays after church. We're operating on the honor system; take what you would like and pay Pastor Ann. All the money goes into our Special Events Fund, which pays for things like tablecloths and plumbers who hook up refrigerators and dish washers!

### **Lenten Challenge**

Earlier this month, Pastor Ann challenged our congregation to a "40 Days, 40 (or more) Items" project for Lent. Each day in Lent, remove one or more items from your house, which you don't use or don't wear any more. Toss them, give them to someone, or donate them to our Thrift Shop. "Stuff" that clutters up our surroundings tends to distract us and even add stress to our lives. Without that "stuff," we can make more room in our lives for God. I will be posting my own progress each day on FaceBook.

Ann will be posting her own progress on her Facebook page, and invites you to "friend" her if you have not already done so. Her Facebook name is Ann Abbate Van Cleef.

### **Lay Worship Assistants**

Starting in April, we will be using Lay Assistants to lead the Call to Worship, the Call to Confession, and the Assurance of Forgiveness. We will do this each Communion Sunday. Arlissa Dean will be coordinating this: please see her if you are interested.

### **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.



### **STAFF**

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Marian Adams  
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#### **Class of 2026**

Arlissa Dean  
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Debbie Eitel

# Easter Flowers Order Form

Please enclose a check for \$12 per plant, payable to FPC Greenlawn, and give the check and order form to Betty Chatfield. Please print clearly.

I would like to order the following:

Number of plants

Name of Plants

\_\_\_\_\_

Easter Lilies



\_\_\_\_\_

Daffodils

\_\_\_\_\_

Tulips



\_\_\_\_\_

Hyacinths

Total number of plants \_\_\_\_\_ X \$12 per plant = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please list my plant dedication as follows:

In Loving Memory of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of:

\_\_\_\_\_

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

Your e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Your phone number: \_\_\_\_\_