

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENLAWN



Sunday Celebration of Worship
April 7, 2024 – The Second Sunday of the Easter Season
10:30 a.m.

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is risen.

He is risen, indeed. God is alive. New birth is given.

Hope is alive. A new age is dawning.

Joy is alive. Redemption is here.

Love is alive. Death cannot harm us.

We are alive. New life is within us.

The church is alive. Grief has been replaced by joy.

Darkness has been dispelled by light.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

HYMN # 119

The Strife Is O'er

VICTORY

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The strife is o'er, the battle done, the victory of life is won.

The song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!

The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their legions hath dispersed.

Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!

The three sad days are quickly sped. Christ rises glorious from the dead.

All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!

Lord, by Your wounds on Calvary, from death's dread sting Your servants free,

That we may live eternally. Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgiving God, we have experienced Easter radiance, but we seldom reflect the light of our risen Savior. We have heard the message of salvation, but it grows cold on our lips and is of little influence on our lives. Sometimes we delude ourselves that, because we are basically good people, there is no sin in us. We deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. Sin is separation from You, and we have allowed great chasms and built high walls to keep You out of our lives. Forgive us, 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

In these gifts, O God, we acclaim You as our Lord. May they be useful to You in bringing Your kingdom into its fullness through the ministries of Your Church, we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Acts 4:32-35
John 20:19-31

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON "The Opposite of Faith? It Isn't Doubt." Rev. Dr. Van Cleeef

COMMUNION HYMN # 329

BREAD OF LIFE

Break Thou the Bread of Life

*Break Thou the Bread of Life, Dear Lord, to me.
As Thou didst break the loaves beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page, I seek Thee, Lord.
My spirit pants for Thee, O Living Word!*

*Bless Thou the truth, Dear Lord, now unto me,
As Thou didst bless the bread by Galilee.
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall,
And I shall find my peace, my all in all.*

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 # 108

Christ Is Alive!

TRURO

*Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.*

*Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age,
Till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with jus-tice, love, and praise.*

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 151

Crown Him with Many Crowns

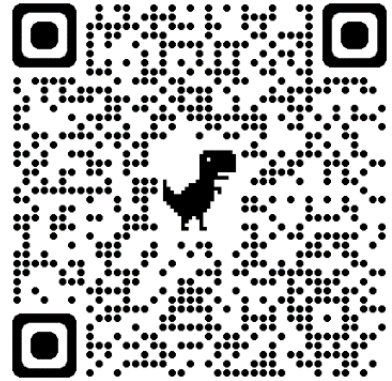
*Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne.
Hark, how the Heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee.
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.*

*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

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!



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

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.

Food Pantry

Do you know of people who might be hungry this season? 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.

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