

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENLAWN



Sunday Celebration of Worship
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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

THE RINGING OF THE BELL Dan Charnews /Tyler Hago/ Glenn Jahier

CALL TO WORSHIP

Return, beloved of God, to the fold.

God welcomes you to this hour of prayer.

God calls us by name and awaits our coming.

God summons us out of hiding.

God is like a shepherd, caring for the flocks.

God is like a gardener, carefully tending the vines.

Surely God has provided richly for us.

Our lives are sustained by God's good gifts.

Worship the One who longs for our coming.

Sing praise to the One who expects our faithfulness.

We call on God, who gives us life.

May God's face shine on us to save us.

*HYMN # 417 *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* REGENT SQUARE

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone.

Chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one.

Holy Zion's help forever, and our confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call You, Come, O Lord of Hosts, today.

With Your wonted loving kindness, hear Your people as they pray.

And Your fullest benediction shed within its walls always.

Here bestow on all Your servants what they ask of You to gain.

What they gain from You forever with the blessed to retain.

And hereafter in Your glory evermore with You to reign.

Laud and honor to the Father, Laud and honor to the Son.

Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one.

One in might and one in glory while unending ages run.

*Those who are willing and able are invited to stand.

Congregation reads aloud the words in ***bold italics***.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, after all you have done for us, we have failed to bear fruit for You. We have turned away from Your Word and have forgotten to call on Your name. People who are weak, lonely, and destitute receive little help from our hands because we are preoccupied with our own concerns. Lift us from the shadows of our own deceits and let Your face shine on us so we may walk once more in Your truth. 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.

A GIFT FROM THE CHILDREN

PRAYER CONCERNS

Elder Betty Chatfield

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Congregational Response # 333: (Please remain seated)

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

Gracious God, whose creative energy has filled all Heaven and Earth with good things for us to enjoy and share, we honor You with our offerings. May the projects we initiate and the outreach we support bear fruits of justice and peace. We look to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, as our model in facing all circumstances and giving ourselves for others. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 11:29 – 12:22

Luke 12:49 – 56

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

“Rosy Christians”

Rev. Dr. Van Cleef

*HYMN # 281

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

*Guide me. O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrims through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty. Hold me with Thy powerful hand.
Bread of Heaven, Bread of Heaven. Feed me till I want no more.
Feed me till I want no more.*

*Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, Strong Deliverer, be Thou still my strength and shield.
Be Thou still my strength and shield.*

*When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee.
I will ever give to Thee.*

BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

*God be with you till we meet again.
Loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd's care enfold you.
God be with you till we meet again.*

*Till we meet – till we meet – till we meet at Jesus' feet.
Till we meet – till we meet – God be with you till we meet again.*

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SESSION

Susan Perrotta, Recording Clerk

Class of 2025
Marian Adams
Bill Becker
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Class of 2026
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Class of 2027
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Joys and Announcements

Basket Auction

Do you have new items that you're not going to use? (Gifts, impulse buys, etc.) If so, we can use them for our Basket Auction at the Church Fair. Please bring them to church on any Sunday. Thank you!

Annual Church Fair

The date has been set for our Church Fair: Saturday, September 27, with a rain date of Sunday afternoon, September 28

As you're doing your summer cleaning, you can start bringing in your contributions for the rummage sale part of the fair. These items will be sorted and priced as they come in, rather than waiting until the day before the fair, as we did last year. There will be a box in the hallway for you to deposit items. (No books, please. We find that they don't sell well.)

We are in need of people willing to chair various aspects of the fair. The list is below, please see Larry Foray if you are willing to help.

- **Rummage Sale.** We have a chair. We do need helpers the day of the fair. Please keep bringing in rummage items and leave them outside Pastor Ann's office. Thank you.
- **Food Concession.** We have a chair. Now we need team members. Please see Debbie Eitel.
- **Publicity.** Updating flyer. Posting ads (both online and in local papers), and posting flyers at local stores.

“Home Runs and Re-runs”

Many years ago, there was a cartoon in a magazine. A man was sitting in front of his television. His wife was standing behind him, with her hands on her hips. The caption quoted her as saying, “Here we go. Another summer of home runs and re-runs.”



Our “Home Runs and Re-runs” service will take place on Sunday, August 31. Please contact Pastor Ann by August 25 and tell her which sermon and hymns you would like to hear again. pastorannsutton@yahoo.com or text (631) 275-3461

Let’s wear the shirts / hats / of our favorite baseball teams that day!

Sermons:

9/1/24	Do we Work Too Hard?	3/9/25	<i>(Hafele Candidating Sermon)</i>
9/8/24	Ephphatha – Be Opened!	3/16/25	Trusting God – Like Abraham Did
9/15/24	Who Do You Say That I Am?	3/23/25	Bad Things CAN Happen to Unsuspecting People
9/22/24	Wisdom from Above	3/30/25	Lost and Found
9/29/24	Be Like Esther	4/6/25	Are You Better Off?
10/6/24	World Communion Sunday	4/13/25	I Love a Parade (Palm Sunday)
10/13/24	<i>(Vacation)</i>	4/20/25	Believing (Easter)
10/20/24	<i>(Vacation)</i>	4/27/25	If You’re Not Part of the Solution, Then You’re Part of the Pollution (Earth Day)
10/27/24	Seeing, and Yet, Not Seeing	5/4/25	The Post-Easter Blues
11/3/24	Why I Give (Stewardship)	5/11/25	Shiphrah and Puah: Two Unsung Heroes of the Bible
11/10/24	<i>(Pulpit Exchange / Russo)</i>	5/18/25	Loving as Jesus Did
11/17/24	We Wait	5/25/25	Lest We Forget (Mem. Day)
11/24/24	Don’t Worry, God Is Good	6/1/25	Praying for the Impossible
12/1/24	Advent: A Season of Waiting	6/8/25	The Holy spirit: God Moving in Our Lives
12/8/24	Juggling Too Much at One Time	6/15/25	Paul and Joseph: Two Biblical Fathers
12/15/24	A Light in the Darkness	6/22/25	The Power of Letters
12/22/24	No Room for You, Either	6/29/25	<i>(Sabbatical)</i>
12/24/24	Reflections on Christmas	7/6/25	<i>(Sabbatical)</i>
12/29/24	The Story of Let There Be Peace on Earth	7/13/25	<i>(Sabbatical)</i>
1/5/25	What You May Not Have Known about the Wise Men	7/20/25	<i>(Sabbatical)</i>
1/12/25	The Baptism of Jesus	7/27/25	<i>(Sabbatical)</i>
1/19/25	Jesus’ First Miracle	8/3/25	<i>(Sabbatical)</i>
1/26/25	<i>(Vacation)</i>	8/10/25	Do Not Worry, Little Flock
2/2/25	I Am Who I Am	8/17/27	Rosy Christians
2/9/25	Changing Careers		
2/16/25	Blessed Are the Poor? Really?		
2/23/25	My Personal Journey of Faith		
3/2/25	The Transfiguration		