

**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF GREENLAWN**



**Sunday Service of Worship
February 26, 2023 – The First Sunday in Lent
10:30 a.m.**

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

Dan Charnews

CALL TO WORSHIP

We have entered into the season of Lent.

Sundays, however, are not part of Lent.

We have entered a wilderness time.

Yet, this day of worship is an oasis in the desert.

We are here to worship the God of All Creation.

We gather to remember God's revelation in Jesus.

Today, we revisit the Garden of Eden.

We remember God's overflowing generosity.

We worship God, Who gives us choices and limits.

Are we open to God's counsel and instruction?

Today, we remember the temptations that Jesus faced.

We want to learn to make good choices.

HYMN # 81

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

ST. FLAVIAN

*Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray,
Teach us with Thee to mourn our sins, and close by Thee to stay.*

*As Thou with Satan didst contend, and didst the victory win,
O give us strength in Thee to fight, in Thee to conquer sin.*

*And through these days of penitence, and through Thy Passiontide
Yea, evermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.*

*Abide with us, that so, this life of suffering over past,
An Easter of unending joy we may attain at last.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess our transgressions before You. We resent limits on our freedom to follow the impulses of the moment. We want life to revolve around us. We want other people to fit into the pattern that serves us best. We have tried to live apart from You, and then we sense that something is missing in our lives. Walk with us in this season, and help us to become all we are meant to be. 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

... All this we pray in Jesus' name, saying, *Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

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

By Your surprising grace, O God, our eyes are opened, our ears unstopped, and our hearts are attuned to the needs of others. We give so that more people may know Your acceptance and forgiveness. Expand our horizons beyond our church doors, we pray, and expand our caring. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
Matthew 4:1-11

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON “Self-Interest, Trust, and Loyalty” Rev. Dr. Van Cleef

HYMN *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* OLD HUNDREDTH

*All people that on Earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell. Come ye before Him and rejoice.*

*Know that the Lord is God, indeed. Without our aid He did us make.
We are His folk, He doth us feed. And for His sheep He doth us take.*

*O enter then His gates with praise. Approach with joy His courts unto.
Praise, laud, and bless His name always, for it is seemly so to do.*

*For why? The Lord our God is good. His mercy is forever sure.
His truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.*

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: # 341

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God.
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.*

*This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.*

JOYS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, FOLLOWED BY POSTLUDE

Looking Ahead to Holy Week

It is tradition in our church that we have a Service on Good Friday, but not on Maundy Thursday. For those who would like to attend a Maundy Thursday Service, we will get you information from neighboring Presbyterian churches.

Concerning Good Friday ... Would the congregation prefer a 3:00 p.m. Service, as opposed to a 7:00 p.m. Service? This would enable folks who don't care for driving at night to attend. We'll do a "show of hands" after today's Service.

Lenten Soup Suppers

Our first Soup Supper was a wonderful success. We had 25 attendees, which included six of our friends from Paumanock Village. We had 6 soups and one chili, lots of bread, as well as beverages and dessert. And, we celebrated the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Please join us next Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. for our next soup Supper.

Vision and Outreach Team Meeting

The Vision and Outreach Team will meet after coffee hour today. Anyone who is passionate about the future of our church is invited to attend.

Bell Choir

There has been some interest in re-starting our Bell Choir, as we have a church member who has some experience in this area. Stay tuned for more details!

Got Junk?

Do you have things kicking around your garage/basement/attic/closets, but not enough for a full-blown yard sale? We are already preparing for our September Church Fair. You may bring your contributions to church at any time and place them on the desk in room #3 downstairs.

Vacation Bible Camp

The Vision and Outreach Team is exploring the idea of running a one-week Vacation Bible Camp this summer. The first thing we need to know is – do we have enough volunteers to make this dream a reality? Please speak to Bill Becker if you are interested in this project.

Favorite Hymns

Do you have a favorite hymn that you would like us to sing during our celebration of worship? There are index cards and a box at the parking lot entrance to the church. Please write down your hymn request and place it in the box. Don't forget to sign your name so we can tell you when your hymn is scheduled!

“Newsies” at Harborfields High School

Harborfields High School has extended an invitation for all Seniors in the area to attend a *free* performance of their spring musical, *Newsies*, inspired by the Newsboy’s strike of 1899 in New York City.

The performance takes place on Wednesday, March 22. Dessert and coffee will be served at 5:00 p.m., and the musical itself begins at 6:00. If you are interested in attending, there is a sign-up sheet that will go around during coffee hour. Please sign up, and we will take care of getting the tickets.

There will not be a Soup Supper that night.

Many Thanks

A big “thank you” goes out to Debbie Eitel, Larry Foray, and their entire team for a terrific Valentine’s Day celebration last week!

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