

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENLAWN



**Celebration of Worship
January 19, 2025 – 10:30 a.m.
Jesus Turns Water into Wine**

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

With steadfast love, God calls our names,
Come to find refuge in the shelter of God's ways.

We long to be recognized and affirmed.

We are eager for a place of shelter and security.

Focus on the abundance of God's house.

Come to drink deeply from the fountain of life.

We are ready to hear the Word of God.

We want to be guided by eternal truth.

Reach out to claim the gifts that God pours out on us.

The Spirit is eager to inspire and empower each one.

When God calls us, we cannot remain silent.

When Christ is real to us, we accept our discipleship.

*HYMN #403

What A Friend We Have in Jesus

CONVERSE

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear.

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer.

Oh, what peace we often forfeit, oh what needless pain we bear

All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged. Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our every weakness. Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?

Precious Savior, still our refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer.

Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.

In His arms He'll take and shield thee. Thou wilt find a solace there

*Those who are willing and able are invited to stand

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the Heathen and the Righteous, we confess that we have moved away from our commitment to Christ. We have denied Your gifts, ignored Your inspiration, and wandered from Your healing presence. We cannot escape Your claim on us, for wherever we go, You are there. How precious is Your steadfast love that saves us from our selfish desires to live for higher values. Strengthen us to do as You tell us, as Christ demonstrated among us. 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

God of Our Baptism, whose Holy Spirit fires our imagination and fills our lives with purpose, we rejoice to commit ourselves anew with our gifts. May what we share strengthen Your children spiritually, inspiring each person to invest fully in the work You set before us. The varieties of gifts You entrust to us can be realized only if they are used. Thank You for granting us this joy. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 62:1-5
John 2:1-11

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

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*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 displayed.*

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 burden 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: *Give Thanks*

*Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One.
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son.*

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*And now let the weak say “I am strong.
Let the poor say “I am rich” because of what the Lord has done for us.*

*Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One.
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son. Give thanks.*

POSTLUDE

JOYS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Outreach Team to Meet Today

The Outreach Team, formerly known as the Vision and Outreach Committee, will meet after Coffee Hour today. The Team is soliciting ideas for things our church can accomplish in 2025; new members are welcome.

Helping the Homeless

Thank you for your response to our drive to help the Long Island Coalition for the Homeless last week. Today is the last day; we will deliver the items you have donated to the Elwood Library today. In turn, they will forward them to the LI Coalition.

“Souper Bowl” of Caring

Our “Souper Bowl of Caring” project began last week. From now through February 9th, members and friends of our church are invited to bring cans of soup to church, and to place them in a shopping cart on the Chancel. Because our Little Food Pantry is located outdoors, we are encouraging folks to include dry soups as well, which can withstand the freezing weather. Thank you for caring!



Annual Reports

It's time to start thinking about Annual Reports. If you are responsible for submitting an Annual Report, please submit it by Sunday, January 26. Reports should be submitted in Word format and e-mailed to: pastorannsutton@yahoo.com.

The Little Food Pantry

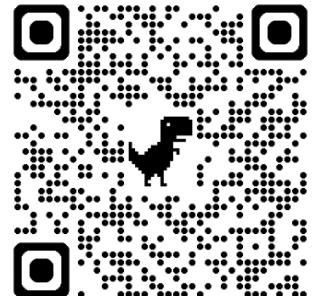
Please remember our Little Food Pantry when you go shopping. We are encouraging folks to donate packaged foods, as canned food tends to explode in the freezing weather. We are especially in need of breakfast cereal. Thank you.

Is God Calling You to Become a Church Officer?

There are three people whose terms are ending on Session this year, and we still have an unfilled spot in the Class of 2026. Please prayerfully consider becoming a Ruling Elder. There are eleven meetings per year, nine of them on Zoom. Susan Perrotta will be happy to give you more information.

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.



California Wildfires

On January 7 of this year, wildfire activity began in Los Angeles County, CA. Immediate reports indicate that this fire has caused substantial damage throughout LA County, making this event the largest fire disaster in the county's history. AT the time of this writing, nearly 30,000 acres have been consumed by the blazes. 189,999 people are currently displaced from their homes due to devastation or evacuation orders, and these fires continue to spread, causing additional destruction.

“Multiple churches have been impacted and multiple Presbyterians have lost their homes,” said the Rev. Jim Kirk, Associate for National Disaster Response for [Presbyterian Disaster Assistance](#).

As of this writing, an estimated 130,000 people have been under evacuation orders as the fires have ravaged communities, consuming about 42 square miles, which is almost as large as the entire city of San Francisco, according to the AP.

In addition to the Presbytery of the Pacific, the fires are also thought to have impacted the [San Fernando](#) and [San Gabriel](#) presbyteries, Worthen Gamble said.

“PDA is reaching out and has been in communication with the impacted presbyteries, offering support,” Kirk said. “However, at this time, because it's still an ongoing disaster, it's not safe for people to come in. We pray for the hundreds of first responders who are working diligently and faithfully to keep people and property safe.”

The Pacific Palisades Presbyterian Church, which is part of the Presbytery of the Pacific, was lost in the massive Palisades fire, the largest blaze at more than 17,000 acres. Fortunately, there were no lives lost.

In the midst of the emergency on Wednesday, the Rev. Juan Sarmiento, executive presbyter of the Presbytery of San Fernando, provided this glimpse into the situation. “Our home is under evacuation warning. No electricity or internet. Prayers for our family and wisdom on how to support the churches in the presbytery are appreciated.”

“Pray for those who are in harm's way and the hundreds of firefighters who are risking their own well-being to keep people and property safe” in all areas, Kirk said.

Any donation you make will supplement the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering to enable a significant response for U.S. wildfires. Your faithful giving is deeply appreciated.

To give by phone, call 800-728-7228, ext. 5885. To send a check, please designate “California Wildfires” on the memo line and mail to: Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

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