

# **THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENLAWN**



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**Sunday Celebration of Worship  
July 20, 2025 – 10:30 a.m.**

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, people of faith, trusting God's steadfast love.  
Take refuge in the Eternal Presence.

***We want to acknowledge God first in our lives.***

***We seek to rely on a Power beyond ourselves.***

Gather in silent awe before the Source of All Things.  
Climb God's holy hill, giving thanks.

***It is not easy to have faith in One we do not know.***

***It is frightening to realize God's sovereign power.***

Know that Christ is the image of the invisible God,  
*The One in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.*

***We are the Church, gathered in Christ's name.***

***We are the Body of Christ, seeking to live faithfully.***

HYMN # 485

*To God Be the Glory*

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

*To God be the glory, great things He hath done!  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life-gate that all may go in. REFRAIN*

*REFRAIN: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the Earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory; great things He hath done!*

*Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son.  
But purer, and higher, and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. REFRAIN*

\*Those who are willing and able are invited to stand.  
Congregation reads aloud the words in ***bold italics***.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Take away our distractions, O God, so we may be confronted by Your expectations of us. We realize that our busy striving after things has dulled our awareness of You. We have sought fulfillment in ways that deny You and hurt other people. Sometimes our success tramples the needs and brings ruin to the poor. Even our benevolence becomes self-serving. O God, we want to find our hope in the Gospel. Help us and 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      #      333:      (Please      remain      seated)  
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*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

*Through our offerings, loving God, we proclaim Christ to the world. We dedicate all we are giving to preaching, teaching, and outreach that move people toward maturity in faith. We offer ourselves as advocates for the poor and needy, as seekers for justice, as stewards of hope. May Your glorious Word be opened up among all people. Amen.*

### THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Selections from one or all of the following:

Amos 8:1 – 12 / Psalm 52

Colossians 3:8-16 / Luke 10:38 – 42

## HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

“Still Life”

Elder Linda Trott Dickman

HYMN # 280

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

AMAZING GRACE

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.*

*‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!*

*Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come.  
‘Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.*

*The Lord has promised good to me. His word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.*

*When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise than when we’d first begun.*

## 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.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## POSTLUDE

# **Joys and Announcements**

## **Welcome Elder Linda Trott Dickman**

This morning, we welcome Elder Linda Trott Dickman, a member of our church, into the pulpit. Linda is an award-winning poet, author of five chapbooks and a poetry prompt book for children. Her work has been anthologized both locally and internationally. She is the coordinator of poetry for the Northport Arts Coalition. Linda works with poets of all ages, at the Walt Whitman Birthplace Association, local museums, and leads a poetry workshop at Samantha's Li'l Bit O' Heaven coffee house. She was instrumental in establishing the Poetry Path in Northport Village Park. She spent 40 years serving the children of Northport/East Northport in three school libraries. Linda makes a linguine and clam sauce recipe that is as old as she is. She loves singing in a church choir. She is a punster. Linda has been dealing with questions of Christian theology since she was 8 years old.

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