

**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF GREENLAWN**



**Sunday Celebration of Worship
June 15, 2025
Father's Day Sunday
10:30 a.m.**

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

On this day we recognize the men who have nurtured
and guided us in our lives.

We thank God for those who have been fathers to us.

We honor our grandfathers, our uncles, and our brothers,
those who have demonstrated love and care to us in our lives.

We thank God for those who have been like fathers to us.

We appreciate our teachers, leaders, and pastors, both male and female, but we
especially honor those who have extended fatherly tenderness and love in our lives.

We thank God for those who have fulfilled a fatherly role in our lives.

We ask God to guide and nurture new fathers and fathers-to-be.

We seek God's forgiveness for fathers who have fallen short,
for models of fatherhood that were limiting rather than embracing.

We thank God for parenthood, and for the blessing of fathers in our lives.

We pray for those who are mourning the loss of fathers, and for those fathers who
mourn the loss of their children.

We thank God for always being with us, never leaving nor forsaking us.

*HYMN

Faith of Our Fathers

ST. CATHERINE

*Faith of our fathers, living still, in spite of dungeon, fire and sword.
Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy, whene'er we hear that glorious word!
Faith of our fathers, holy faith. We will be true to thee till death.*

*Faith of our fathers, we will love both friend and foe in all our strife,
And preach thee, too, as love knows how, by saving word and faithful life!
Faith of our fathers, holy faith. We will be true to thee till death.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, Father that You are, You know what is right for us. Too often, though, we only want our way or no way, instead of Your way. Have mercy upon us when we turn from You. Forgive us when we do not realize Your fatherly love and direction for us. Have mercy upon us indeed, and teach us anew how to follow You, Father that You are, we pray this through Your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. 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.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

PRAYER CONCERNS

Elder Betty Chatfield

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

God has given us fathers and others who act as fathers to us.
In them, we are given a glimpse of God's everlasting love.

We give thanks for all fathers.

We pray for fathers who are absent
because of work, military service, or marital difficulties.

Grant them faith and hope in the midst of their separation.

We give thanks for stepfathers and adoptive fathers,
just as God has adopted us as children in Christ.

Grant them joy and gratitude and fairness in loving all their children.

We pray for fathers who gave their children up for adoption.

Grant them peace and comfort as they trust in God.

We pray for fathers who face the demands of single parenthood.

Grant them strength, wisdom, and sufficient livelihood.

We pray for those who have "fathered" us as mentors and guides.

Grant them patience and love as they teach and nurture others.

We pray for those who desire to be fathers.

Grant them grace to accept Your timing and Your will.

We ask blessings on those men who are about to become fathers.

Grant them joy, rest, and peace as they trust You for the future.

We pray for older fathers who love and support their adult children.

Grant them joy and satisfaction for a job well done.

We ask God's blessings on fathers who have lost a child to death.

Grant them comfort in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We pray for those who miss their fathers, now with the Lord.

May their loving memories continue to live in them and nurture them.

Grant them comfort in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

All this we pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray by saying:

"Our Father, who art in Heaven ...

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

Open our eyes, Lord, to see with renewed vision, to acknowledge what is good and what is bad, and never let go of the peace that can transform. May the gifts we bring today be offered in response to Your great love for us. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 6:1-4, 10-12
1 Timothy 1:1-12

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Van Cleef
"Timothy and Joseph – Two Biblical Fathers"

*HYMN # 293

This Is My Father's World

TERRA BEATA

*This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears,
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world. I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, His hand the wonders wrought.*

*Our God has made this world. Oh, let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world. The battle is not done.
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and Earth and Heaven be one.*

***A BLESSING FOR FATHER’S DAY / BENEDICTION**

O God in Heaven, we thank You for the gift of fatherhood. We thank You for the many examples of faithful fathers in Scripture, like Abraham and Joshua, and especially Joseph, the earthly father of Jesus, who raised his “adopted” Son. May the men who are gathered here emulate these examples of faith. May they model for all of us what it means to be Your disciple. Bless them and their families and households. May the love of our earthly fathers draw us nearer to You, as You mold us into the image of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***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.*

JOYS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

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Help Hungry Heroes Project

Thank you for your support of the Help Hungry Heroes Project. As of this writing we have not yet tallied the donations; we will let you know next week how much we were able to do for our veterans.

Thank you for caring for our veterans.

The Little Food Pantry

Kathie Gerlach, our Mission Chair, reports that our Little Food Pantry continues to be heavily used. The following foods, in particular, are needed:

- Cereal
- Canned carrots
- Canned potatoes
- Spaghetti

Thank you for your generosity.

The Pentecost Offering

Next Sunday, June 22, we will receive The Pentecost Offering, which is one of four special offerings sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (USA). A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the Presbyterian Church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering is retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Thank you for your generosity.

Coffee Hour Schedule

The Coffee Hour sign-up list is on the food table in the Narthex. Thank you to those who have already signed up to host a Coffee Hour. Please consider hosting this important ministry one Sunday. Thank you.

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.



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