

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENLAWN



**Sunday Celebration of Worship
June 1, 2025
The Seventh Sunday of the Easter Season
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

Debbie Eitel

The grace of Jesus Christ be with all the saints!

We have gathered in that grace to worship God.

Rejoice in God and give thanks to God's holy name.

Let all Heaven and Earth behold God's glory.

God is Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end.

All creation is subject to God's rule and reign.

We bring our prayers and praise to God most high.

We lift our voices in hymns of celebration.

Come, all who hunger, all who thirst.

Be nourished and renewed in this time of worship.

We bring joys and sorrows, fullness and needs.

We come with successes and failures. We come seeking God.

HYMN # 473

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

*For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
Lord of All, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light.
Lord of All, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight,
Lord of All, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild.
Lord of All, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the church that evermore lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love.
Lord of All, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Hear us, O God, as we recall the ways that we ignore You every day. Listen to our regrets over the abuse we have heaped on others by our words, actions, or neglect. We join together in asking forgiveness for the ways we inflict injury on others while excluding many who differ from us. We live by our own devices rather than taking risks to follow where Christ might lead us. Deliver us, O God, from empty forms to receive the fullness of Your grace and the power to live as You intend. We pray this in Jesus' name. 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)

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

With joy and gladness we dedicate our gifts to the service of Jesus Christ. May these offerings of gratitude extend the positive influence of Christ's church into areas of the world that have not experienced Good News. By the act of giving, may our own commitment be deepened. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
John 17:20-26

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

“Praying for the Impossible”

Rev. Dr. Van Cleef

COMMUNION HYMN (Insert)

RED

In Remembrance of Me

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Eternal God, we thank You for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts. May our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN # 145

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

MARION

*Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!*

*Yes, on through life’s long path, still chanting as ye go;
From youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!*

*At last the march shall end. The wearied ones shall rest.
The pilgrims find their home at last, Jerusalem the blest.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!*

*Then on, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!*

*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.*

Joys and Announcements

Comedy and Karaoke

A big thank you goes to Debbie Eitel and Larry Foray for organizing last night’s Comedy and Karaoke night.

Thank you also to those who came out to support this outreach to our community.

Help Hungry Heroes Project

Today is the second Sunday of our 3-week Help Hungry Heroes project.

As you know, today's dollar does not stretch as far as it did in the past. As a result, many of our veterans are having trouble putting food on their tables. Our church is partnering with the Northport VA to make sure our veterans don't go hungry.

We are accepting donations which will go toward purchasing \$25 Stop and Shop gift cards, which will be distributed by the VA to veterans who are in need. There is a box next to our offering plate for monetary contributions; any amount will be appreciated. (Please make checks out to our church.) Or, if you prefer, you may donate a \$25 gift card from Stop and Shop.

Thank you for caring for our veterans.

New Members

Have you been worshiping with us frequently? Would you like to become a member of our church? We will be having a "New Members Sunday" on June 15. So far, three people are interested in joining our Church. Please see Pastor Ann if you are interested.

Prayer Garden Committee to Meet Today

That fenced-in area behind the church is a bit of an eyesore, but fear not! We have big plans to turn it into an outdoor worship and meditation area.

Our first meeting, two weeks ago, was very successful. A lot of ideas were presented. Our next meeting will take place today. We will travel to the home of Priscilla and Glenn Jahir to look at their garden. Anyone who is interested in joining this committee is invited to attend. We are especially looking for people who have a "green thumb."

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.

Pentecost Sunday

Next Sunday, June 8, is Pentecost Sunday, a special day in the life of the Church, commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus as they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks, described in Acts 2:1-31.

The color of the day is red. We'll have red flowers on the Communion Table. Please wear something red if you can.

On Pentecost, we will be paying special tribute to our music ministry. Our Women's Choir will sing, and there will be other special music as well.

This would be a good day to invite a friend to church!

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.

Recycling Plastic

Elwood Library has partnered with a local Girl Scout Troop to complete a Plastic Film Recycling Challenge sponsored by NexTrex. After a group has collected a certain amount of plastic over a specific period of time, they can earn a bench made out of recycled plastic film. We can help. Look for the plastic recycling box in our church hallway.

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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