

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENLAWN



God bless our fathers.

Sunday Celebration of Worship
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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

God is ready for us to seek what is eternal.

God wants us to find the truth beyond ourselves.

Our spirits long for God, as a deer longs for water.

We cry out for some evidence of God's presence.

God seldom comes as an earthquake, wind, or fire.

Rather, in moments of sheer silence, God is revealed.

We come in quiet expectation to this holy place.

We approach the altar of God, hungering to be fed.

All are welcome here as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Here is a place to find healing and promise.

Our hope is in God, who gives us life and identity.

Our help is from God, who is in covenant with us.

*HYMN # 357

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

MARYTON

O Master, let me walk with Thee in lowly paths of service free.

Tell me Thy secret, help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love.

Teach me the wayward feet to stray, and guide them in the homeward way.

*Teach me Thy patience, still with Thee in closer, dearer company,
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong. In trust that triumphs over wrong.*

In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way.

In peace that only Thou canst give, with Thee, O Master, let me live.

CALL TO CONFESSION

*Those who are willing and able are invited to stand.

Congregation reads aloud the words in ***bold italics***.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and Sovereign God, we confess that we have broken covenant with You, despised some of Your children, and accused You of forgetting us. Our lives do not praise You, our actions deny You, and our work is carried out without reference to Your will. We draw lines of distinction among ourselves rather than celebrating our common humanity. When we are zealous for the faith, we trample on others, rather than learning to know and appreciate them. O God, forgive us and change 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 # 333: (Please remain seated)
LAFERTY

*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

God of All Times and Places, may our offerings reflect confidence rather than fear, altruism rather than selfishness, and inclusiveness rather than exclusiveness. We devote our gifts to bringing all humanity into harmony with Your purposes. May the programs and projects we undertake build up the body of Christ among us and beyond the walls of our church building. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Galatians 3:23 - 29

Luke 8:26 - 39

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

“The Power of Letters”

Rev. Dr. Van Cleef

*HYMN # 288

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

*I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day.
The moon shines full at God's command and all the stars obey.*

*I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the Earth with food.
God formed the creatures with a word and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eyes
If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the skies!*

*There's not a plant or flower below but makes Thy glories known.
And clouds arise and tempests blow, by order from Thy throne.
While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care,
And everywhere that we can be, Thou, God, art present there.*

* 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

POSTLUDE

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Help Hungry Heroes Project

Thank you for your support of the Help Hungry Heroes Project. Thanks to your generosity, we raised \$1,750, which will provide 70 gift cards for veterans.

Bill Becker, who volunteers at the VA, reports that their gift card fund ran out last week, and they were scrambling to find new funds. This project was a real “shot in the arm” for them.

The Little Food Pantry

Kathie Gerlach, our Mission Chair, reports that thanks to your generosity, we don't have any specific needs for the Little Food Pantry this week.

The Pentecost Offering

This morning, 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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