

**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF GREENLAWN**



**Sunday Celebration of Worship
March 27, 2022 – The Fourth Sunday in Lent
10:30 a.m.**

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

Dan Charnews

GATHERING MUSIC

THE LENTEN CANDLES

It's Sunday morning. Last week, with all its demands, is over. The coming week, with yet another round of challenges and demands, is not quite here. I invite you to close your eyes and be in the moment. No matter where you are in your thoughts and feelings—relieved about what you have accomplished, anxious about what's left undone, concerned about people or projects—no matter where you are in your journey this day—I encourage you to set all that aside and consider where you are right now. Whatever is true for you right now, in this moment, whether it be joy or sadness, gratitude or anxiety, let it come forward. When it is fully present, then listen . . . for God is present in these moments, too. God meets you where you are and calls you forward, moment by moment, guiding you slowly but surely toward transformation.

(Silent time.)

As we extinguish this light, we acknowledge the darkness and pain caused by the lack of basic needs—lack of food, of shelter, of education, of healthcare, of love.

(A candle is extinguished.)

Let us pray:

Loving God, we thank you that you are with us, and that we may call upon you no matter where we are, or what we are feeling. Keep us mindful of your presence and trusting in your promise—that you are working with us in the moment-by-moment unfolding of our lives. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Our Lenten journey continues. Often the road has been stony and hard. Sometimes we have stumbled and even fallen.

But God has been our friend and our guide. We have no cause to be alarmed. God is faithful to us, even when we are faithless.

Today we rejoice in God's faithful love, and together ask for strength and signs of hope and life.

And again we are drawn together to celebrate the life that is ours in Christ Jesus. Thanks be to God.

HYMN # 379

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name. REFRAIN

REFRAIN: On Christ, the solid Rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand. All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace. In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. REFRAIN

His oath, His covenant, His blood support me in the whelming flood. When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay. REFRAIN

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found, Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. REFRAIN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we know that You have given us the ministry of reconciliation and have called us to be ambassadors for Christ. Yet, we have often examined the sin in others, and not embraced them in Your love. Instruct us and teach us in Your ways. Show us how to regard others, not from the limits of a human point of view, but to see them through the eyes of Love Divine. 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

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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

Bless these offerings which we return to You, Generous God, that in our seeking and our serving, we may help others to feel the embrace of Your wide welcome. Guide us in the use of these gifts with Your wisdom and Your love. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Luke 15:1-3; 11b-32

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

“Reconciliation”

Rev. Dr. Van Cleef

HYMN # 356

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace.
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.*

*O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.*

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.*

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND JOYS

Offering for Ukraine

Thank you for supporting our offering for Ukraine, which will be sent to *Samaritan's Purse*. As on this writing, we do not have totals, but will get them to you soon.

Wednesday Soup Suppers

It's been two years since we have had our Wednesday Lenten Soup Suppers. We will need to gain some lost momentum. Having said that, our March 23 Soup Supper went quite well. Thank you to those who contributed and to those who attended.

We will hold another supper this coming Wednesday, March 30. Here is the kind of help that we will need:

- 2 or 3 people to set the tables at 5:30 p.m. (Gary Prentiss will set up the tables for us.)
- 1 or 2 volunteers to donate bread.
- 2 volunteers to donate soft drinks
- 2 or 3 volunteers to donate desserts
- 5 or more volunteers to make soups
- 3 or 4 people to clean up and return chairs and tables.

There is a sign-up sheet on the table near the back door. If we get enough volunteers, we will be able to hold our Soup Supper this Wednesday.

Thank you for prayerfully considering your part in this project.

Easter Flowers Order Form

1. First, please sign the sheet on the Welcome Table, and make sure the flowers are still available. We have reserved 20 Easter Lilies, 8 Daffodils, 8 Tulips, and 8 Hyacinths.
2. Next, fill this sheet out. Please print clearly.
3. Finally, please enclose a check for \$12 per plant, payable to FPC Greenlawn, and give the check and order form to Betty Chatfield.

I would like to order the following:

Number of plants	Name of Plants		
_____	Easter Lilies		
_____	Daffodils		
_____	Tulips		
_____	Hyacinths		

Total number of plants _____ X \$12 per plant = \$ _____

Please list my plant dedication as follows:

In Loving Memory of:

In Honor of:

Your name: _____

Your e-mail address: _____

Your phone number: _____

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