

**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF GREENLAWN**



“The Transfiguration” by Raphael

**Celebration of Worship
March 2, 2025 – 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

We come together as a community of faith.

We have gathered to talk and listened to our God.

May our faces shine in anticipation.

Our God has invited us to this moment of meeting.

We share in a new covenant of promise and hope.

Our spirits have been set free for worship and praise.

We come with boldness to encounter our Creator.

We assemble here, eager to be changed by God.

Our fears melt into awe and wonder before God.

Our failures become opportunities for learning.

Let us praise God's holy name in chorus.

Let us share in the glory of life. What a gift!

*HYMN

Transform Us

PICARDY

*Transform us as you, transfigured, stood apart on Tabor's height.
Lead us up our sacred mountains, search us with revealing light.
Lift us from where we have fallen – full of questions, filled with fright.*

*Transform us as you, transfigured, once spoke with those holy ones.
We, surrounded by the witness of those saints whose work is done,
Live in this world as your Body – chosen daughters, chosen sons.*

*Transform us as you, transfigured, would not stay within a shrine.
Keep us from our great temptation, time and truth we quickly bind.
Lead us down those daily path – ways, where our love is not confined.*

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We tremble before You, O God, for we have sinned. You already know what we have done and what we have failed to do. Hear us now as we recognize and admit our actions and inaction in violation of the trust You have placed in us. Enter into our excuses and our pretensions, Holy One, that we may be saved for ministry and mission. 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

*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

Thank You, God, for choosing us to speak for You and to act on Your behalf. It is an honor to share with others what You have entrusted to us. Our offerings represent our selves and the depth of our commitment. We rededicate to You the talents, abilities, and resources You have placed in our hands. May we be faithful in our mutual ministry. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 3:12 – 4:2
Luke 9:28-36

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

“The Transfiguration”

Rev. Dr. Ann Van Cleef

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All praise is Yours, O God. You bring us to this table as sisters and brothers. Lead us now, through each of our moments, to that glorious day when all of Your children will gather as family. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

*HYMN

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

BATTLE HYMN

*Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord.
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored.
He has loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword.
His truth is marching on.*

REFRAIN: *Glory, glory hallelujah! Glory, glory hallelujah!
Glory, glory hallelujah! His truth is marching on.*

*He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat.
He is sifting out all human hearts before His judgment seat.
O be swift my soul, to answer Him, be jubilant, my feet!
While God is marching on. REFRAIN*

*In the beauty of the lilies, Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me.
As He dies to make us holy, let us live to make all free,
While God is marching on. REFRAIN*

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: *Give Thanks*

*Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One.
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son.*

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*And now let the weak say “I am strong.
Let the poor say “I am rich” because of what the Lord has done for us.*

*Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One.
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son. Give thanks.*

JOYS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ash Wednesday

This Wednesday, March 5, is Ash Wednesday, and it marks the beginning of Lent.

We will observe **Ash Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.** with a short Service in CE Hall, followed by a meatless luncheon. The menu will include salad, bread, a choice of penne a la vodka or rigatoni with marinara sauce, and beverages. There is no charge for this luncheon. Please attend and invite a friend.

Pastor Ann Thanks You

“I would like to thank the Session the Congregation, and especially Debbie Eitel for the wonderful celebration in honor of my 5th year anniversary here. I was truly humbled by all the work that went into it, the beautiful gifts, and the nice words that were shared. I thank God for calling me here to The First Presbyterian Church of Greenlawn.”

St. Patrick’s Day Dinner

Last year’s St. Patrick’s Day Dinner was successful beyond our wildest dreams, so we’re doing another one this year on Saturday, March 22 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. The menu, featuring corned beef & cabbage, potatoes, carrots, Irish soda bread, beverages, coffee, and dessert, will be prepared by our resident chef, Gary “O’Prentiss.” Entertainment will be provided by the fabulous Mulvihill – Lynch Irish Dancers

You may purchase tickets at \$30 during coffee hour from Priscilla “McJahir” or Debbie “McEitel.” Hurry before they are all sold!

The Little Food Pantry

Please remember our Little Food Pantry when you go shopping. We are encouraging folks to donate packaged foods, as canned food tends to explode in the freezing weather. We are especially in need of breakfast cereal; if you go to Aldi or Lidl, you will find they have cereal at an extremely reasonable price. 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.



Outreach Team to Meet Today

The Outreach Team will meet next Sunday, March 2, in the Parlor after coffee hour. New members are always welcome.

Our Annual Theatre Outing

Our annual outing to see the Harborfields High School Spring Musical will take place on Wednesday, March 26. There is a dessert and coffee reception at 5:00 p.m., and the show, “*Mean Girls*,” starts at 6:00. The show is free, but tickets are required. There will be a signup sheet during coffee hour; please sign up so Pastor Ann can get tickets for you.

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