

**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF GREENLAWN**



**Sunday Service of Worship
March 12, 2023 – The Third Sunday in Lent
10:30 a.m.**

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

Dan Charnews

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us sing a new song to our God.

Make a joyful noise to the rock of Our Salvation!

Let us enter God's presence with thanksgiving.

Make a joyful noise with songs of praise!

God is a great ruler, above all others.

The depths of the Earth are in God's hands.

The highest mountains belong to God.

The farthest reaches of the universe are God's own.

O come, let us worship and bow down.

Let us kneel before God our Maker.

We are people of God's pasture.

Today we will listen to God with open hearts.

HYMN # 150

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

MADRID

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia, Amen.

Loud praise to Christ our King. Alleluia, Amen.

Let all with heart and voice before His throne rejoice.

Praise is His gracious choice. Alleluia, Amen.

Come, lift your hearts on high. Alleluia, Amen.

Let praises fill the sky. Alleluia, Amen.

He is our guide and friend. To us He'll condescend.

His love shall never end. Alleluia, Amen.

Praise yet our Christ again. Alleluia, Amen.

Life shall not end the strain. Alleluia, Amen.

On Heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll adore,

Singing forever more Alleluia, Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we are never satisfied with what we have. We rebel and complain when things don't go our way. Our hearts chase after things that become idols to us, consuming our time, energy, and attention. We don't spend enough time with You, and then we begin to doubt Your presence. We create barriers among ourselves that separate us from one another and from You. Send Your Living Water to cleanse us, O God. Forgive us, we pray. 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

... All this we pray in Jesus' name, saying, *Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

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 all the ways we have benefitted from the labor of others. We offer our best for the sake of those who need the love and encouragement You are eager to share through us. Keep us from being ungrateful as we continue to receive so much more than we realize. When life becomes difficult, help us to endure and to hope because Your love is sure and certain – ours to receive and to give in Christ's name. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Psalm 95
John 4:5-42

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

Minister Glenn Rubin

“Come and See a Man Who Told Me Everything I’ve Ever Done”

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 to 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 stay, 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.*

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: # 341

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God. Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.*

*This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.*

JOYS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, FOLLOWED BY POSTLUDE

Welcome, Minister Glenn Rubin

We welcome Glenn Rubin to the pulpit this morning, while Pastor Ann and Bob are attending to denominational (UCC) business in Rochester.

Glenn Rubin received his Bachelor of Music Education degree from the Crane School of Music at SUNY Potsdam, his Master's degree in Double Bass Performance from the Manhattan School of Music, and a Master's degree in Musical Composition from Queens College. He earned his Master of Divinity degree from New Brunswick Theological Seminary.

After nearly a decade of freelancing in New York City, Glenn began his teaching career. He is retired from the Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District where he was the high school orchestra director and music theory instructor. These days he spends several months of each year as an adjudicator at various NYSSMA festivals.

Glenn has been a member of the Simpson United Methodist Church in Amityville since 1986, and is currently a church musician and a trustee. He enjoys preaching whenever the opportunity arises and considers each invitation to be a gift from God. "There is no more enjoyable activity than spreading the Word of God. Preaching the message of God's Love is like experiencing a fine symphony; both seek to lift us to a higher level."

We Are Invited to a Wedding!

Rosalie Schweighardt would like to invite the entire congregation to attend the wedding of her son, Andrew, to his beloved Anna. The wedding will take place in our Sanctuary this Saturday, March 18, at 10:00 a.m.

Lenten Soup Suppers

Our third Soup Supper was a lot of fun, with many attending as well as some friends from Paumanock Village. We had several soups and one chili, lots of bread, as well as beverages and dessert. We spend a delightful half hour being entertained by The SpiritLifters.

Please join us next Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. for our next soup Supper.

Looking Ahead to Holy Week

Our Good Friday Service will take place on Friday, April 7, at 3:00 p.m.

In the near future, will get you information regarding Maundy Thursday Services at neighboring Presbyterian churches.

Bell Choir

If you are interested in joining our Bell Choir, please speak to Marian Adams.

Got Junk?

Do you have things kicking around your garage/basement/attic/closets, but not enough for a full-blown yard sale? We are already preparing for our September Church Fair. You may bring your contributions to church at any time and place them on the desk in room #3 downstairs.

Vacation Bible Camp

The Vision and Outreach Team is exploring the idea of running a one-week Vacation Bible Camp this summer. The first thing we need to know is – do we have enough volunteers to make this dream a reality? Please speak to Bill Becker if you are interested in this project.

Favorite Hymns

Do you have a favorite hymn that you would like us to sing during our celebration of worship? There are index cards and a box at the parking lot entrance to the church. Please write down your hymn request and place it in the box. Don't forget to sign your name so we can tell you when your hymn is scheduled!

Mark Your Calendar

On Saturday, May 20, we will be holding a Health Fair in our CE Hall. We have eight health-related participants signed up. Please see Bill Becker if you have ideas or suggestions. Stay tuned – there's more information to come.

Surveys

As we envision the future of our church, the Vision and Outreach Team would like to have your input. There is a survey attached to this bulletin. Please fill it out and return it to Bill Becker. Thank you.

Easter Flowers

Easter is right around the corner! Please fill out the attached order form, and give it, along with your check, to Betty Chatfield. Thank you.

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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: _____