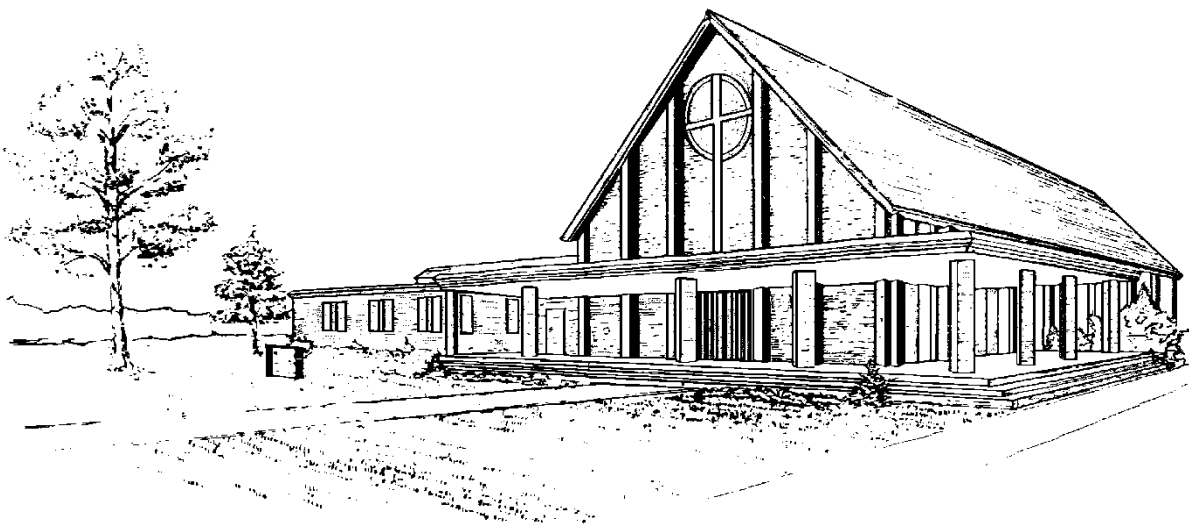


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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

Dan Charnews

CALL TO WORSHIP

Turn from your desires in this world.

Turn your hearts upon Jesus.

Turn your thoughts from envy and pride.

Turn your minds upon Jesus.

Turn from your actions of self-preservation.

Turn to living as Jesus did, becoming last of all and servant of all.

Turn from the things that are temporary and fleeting.

Turn your lives to the way of Jesus.

In this time of worship.

***May we be challenged, may we be convicted,
and may we turn to Jesus and his love for us.***

HYMN # 339

Be Thou My Vision (Irish Ballad)

SLANE

*Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart.
Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought – by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.*

*Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise.
Thou mine inheritance, now and always.
Thou and Thou on-ly, first in my heart,
Great God of Heaven, my treasure Thou art.*

*Be Thou my wisdom and Thou my true word.
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord.
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of All.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we confess that we get caught up in the day-to-day struggles of life, and forget there is so much more. We are tired, and sometimes just want to focus on ourselves. Forgive us for ignoring the plight of others, and for laying burdens upon ourselves that make it difficult to live into Your ways. Help us to let go of the tasks we have taken on unnecessarily, to reach out to ask for help when we need it, and to offer help when we can. Remind us that You called us to be in covenant with You, and with one another. In Jesus' name 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

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

We bring our gifts to You, O God, and offer them as a symbol of sacrifice and service. We seek to share the story of love that fulfills us and conquers death. Bless these gifts and all who give. Use our wealth, our time, and our abilities for the good of all Your people. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 31:31-34

John 12:20-33

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

“A Great Day Is Coming”

Rev. Dr. Van Cleef

HYMN # 420

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

*God of Grace and God of Glory, on Thy people pour Thy power.
Crown Thine ancient church's story. Bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.*

*Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn Thy Christ, assail Thy ways!
From the fears that long have bound us, free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days,
For the living of these days.*

*Set our feet on lofty places. Gird our lives that they may be
armored with all Christ-like graces, pledged to set all captives free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage that we fail not them nor Thee,
That we fail not them nor Thee.*

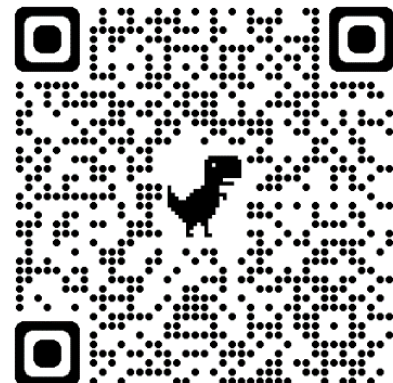
BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: #85

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul.
What wondrous love is this, O my soul.
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the heavy cross for my soul.*

Church QR Code

Yes, we're making our way into the 21st Century. This past week, we acquired a QR code. 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 should pop up. We will be updating our website within the next week or so. Stay tuned!



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND JOYS

One Great Hour of Sharing

This week, you will find a One Great Hour of Sharing envelope in your bulletin. The offering will be received next week, Palm Sunday.

One third of your offering goes to the Presbyterian Hunger Program, one third to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and one third to the Self-Development of People Program.

When this program was started in 1949, the idea was for everyone to donate the equivalent of one hour's worth of wages; hence the title "One Great Hour of Sharing." Now people are simply asked to give whatever they choose.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Special Coffee Hour Today

Today, we are all Irish! Debbie Eitel has planned a special coffee hour for us. Thank you, Debbie, DJ Larry O'Foray, and all those who made soup and contributed goodies. Erin Go Bragh! (Translation: Ireland Forever)

Holy Week

We will begin our Holy Week observance with the waving of palms next Sunday, March 24, as we celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

FPCG will observe Maundy Thursday with an in-person service on March 28, at 5:00 p.m. Our service will be a Tenebrae Service, with readings and the extinguishing of candles.

Holy Week will conclude with a joyous in-person celebration of Christ's resurrection. Our Service will be full of prayers, Easter hymns, flowers, choir music, and the traditional Flowering of the Cross. Please join us at 10:30 in our Sanctuary on March 31, Easter Sunday morning.

Easter Flowers

Order Forms for Easter Flowers are included in our bulletin today. Please fill out the form and return it to Betty Chatfield. Cost is \$12 per plant. Make sure you write your flower dedications clearly so there are no misspellings in the bulletin.

Food Pantry

Do you know of people who might be hungry this season? Remember that we have a free food pantry in front of the church that is available 24/7. Please help us spread the word. This week, we are in need of canned fruit, canned chicken, Spam, and rice. Thank you.

Fundraising Concerts for New Organ

As was announced, we will be holding some fund-raising concerts this year with the goal of purchasing a new organ for our Sanctuary. Mark your calendar! Here is the concert schedule:

Sunday, June 9, 3:00 p.m.

"Craig Schulman on Broadway"

Sunday, October 27, 3:00 p.m.

"Brahms - A German Requiem"

by the Greater Huntington Festival Chorus

Frances C. Roberts, Conductor

Dress Rehearsal Saturday, October 26, 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 17, 3:00 p.m.

"Baroque to Broadway (With a Few Stops In Between)"

With Barbara Fusco and Melissa Maravell

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Easter Flowers - \$12 Each



Please write the number of flowers you would like to order. Flowers may be taken home following the Easter Service. Thank you.

_____ Tulips

_____ Daffodils

_____ Hyacinths

_____ Lilies

Total # of flowers: _____ x \$12 each = _____

Checks may be written to FPCG. Please place this form along with your check in the offering plate, or mail it to: First Presbyterian Church of Greenlawn, 497 Pulaski Road, Greenlawn, NY 11740

Your Name _____

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