

**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF GREENLAWN**



**Sunday Service of Worship
March 19, 2023 – The Fourth 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

God summons us to wake up and see.

Light has come to lead us to all that is good.

Our eyes have been opened to God's goodness.

We seek to live as children of light.

God sees beyond our outward appearance.

God knows the intent of our hearts.

We are here to find out what is pleasing to God.

We want to know what is right and true.

God listens to all who worship sincerely.

Praise God with openness and obedience.

We seek to know and follow God's will.

This is a day to do the works of God.

HYMN # 138

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!

NICEA

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,

Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea.

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,

Who wert and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,

Though the eye of sinfulness Thy glory may not see.

Only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee.

Perfect in power, in love and purity.

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in Earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Great Shepherd, we thank You for finding us and bringing us to this time of prayer. We have wandered far from the paths of integrity, justice, and peace that You have set before us. We are ashamed of some things we do when we think no one will find out. We are quick to judge others and to excuse ourselves. We want to decide who is acceptable to You and who is not. Surely, we persuade ourselves, You prefer people like us, and not those who appear, believe, or act differently. Even as we say those words, we know we are not in tune with Your way. Forgive us, we pray, and help us to change. 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

Loving God, as You illuminate our lives with fascinating insights and possibilities, we reach out to share Your love through our tithes and offerings and our investment of time and energy in tasks to which You call us. All this we offer now for Your blessing, for apart from You, the light goes out of our lives and we slip into meaningless existence. Let us, rather, dwell with You and serve You wherever we go. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

John 9:1-41

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

“A Logical Choice”

Rev. Dr. Ann Van Cleef

HYMN # 324

Open My Eyes That I May See

OPEN MY EYES

*Open my eyes that I may see glimpses of truth Thou hast for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for Thee, ready my God, Thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

*Open my ears that I may hear voices of truth Thou sendest clear.
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for Thee, ready my God, Thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

*Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere.
Open my heart, and let me prepare love with Thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for Thee, ready my God, Thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

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

“Newsies” at Harborfields High School

Harborfields High School has extended an invitation for all Seniors in the area to attend a *free* performance of their spring musical, *Newsies*, inspired by the Newsboy’s strike of 1899 in New York City.

The performance takes place this Wednesday, March 22. Dessert and coffee will be served at 5:00 p.m., and the musical itself begins at 6:00. If you are interested in attending, we have a few tickets left – please see Pastor Ann if you are interested.

There will not be a Soup Supper that night.

Session Meeting

Session will meet this Tuesday, March 21, at 7:15 p.m. via Zoom.

Lenten Soup Suppers

Our fourth Soup Supper was a lot of fun, with many attending as well as some friends from Paumanock Village. We had several soups and one baked ziti, lots of bread, as well as beverages and dessert.

Our last Soup Supper will take place on Wednesday, March 29, at 6:00 p.m. Once again, we will be treated to a delightful half hour of music by the SpiritLifters.

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.

Maundy Thursday

We have been invited to attend the Maundy Thursday Service at The Presbyterian Church of Sweet Hollow (95 Old Country Road, Melville, NY) on Thursday, April 7, at 7:00 p.m. Rev. Wade Pond will lead the Service.

Good Friday Service

In order to accommodate our many seniors who don’t care to drive at night, our Good Friday Service will take place in our Sanctuary on Friday, April 7, at 3:00 p.m. The Service is tentatively titled “The Seven Last Words of Christ,” and will last 30 – 40 minutes. Rev. Dr. Ann Van Cleef will lead the Service.

Mark Your Calendar

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

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!

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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: _____