

**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF GREENLAWN**



**Celebration of Worship
March 30, 2025 – 10:30 a.m.
The Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**Meeting ID: 813 0261 1379
Passcode: 039859**

Dial in: 1 (646) 558-8656

**497 Pulaski Road
Greenlawn, NY 11740
Phone: 631-261-2150**

<http://greenlawnpresbyterian.com/>

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENLAWN

March 30, 2025 – 10:30 a.m.

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL Dan Charnews /Tyler Hago/ Glenn Jahier

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

*Those who are willing and able are invited to stand

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:

*Hear our prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer, O Lord.
Incline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace. Amen.*

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

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

“Lost and Found”

Rev. Dr. Ann M. 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:

TUNE:

EDELWEISS

*May the Lord, Mighty God bless and keep you forever.
Grant you peace, perfect peace, faith in every endeavor.
Lift up your eyes and see His face, and His grace forever!
May the Lord, Mighty God bless and keep you forever.*

POSTLUDE

JOYS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Thrift Store Is Now Open

Some very nice things have been donated to us, and more will be added each week. Church members and friends are invited to visit our Thrift Store on Sundays after church. We're operating on the honor system; take what you would like and pay Pastor Ann. All the money goes into our Special Events Fund, which pays for things like tablecloths and plumbers who hook up refrigerators and dish washers!

Lenten Challenge

Earlier this month, Pastor Ann challenged our congregation to a "40 Days, 40 (or more) Items" project for Lent. Each day in Lent, remove one or more items from your house, which you don't use or don't wear any more. Toss them, give them to someone, or donate them to our Thrift Shop. "Stuff" that clutters up our surroundings tends to distract us and even add stress to our lives. Without that "stuff," we can make more room in our lives for God. I will be posting my own progress each day on FaceBook.

Ann will be posting her own progress on her Facebook page, and invites you to “friend” her if you have not already done so. Her Facebook name is Ann Abbate Van Cleef.

Lay Worship Assistants

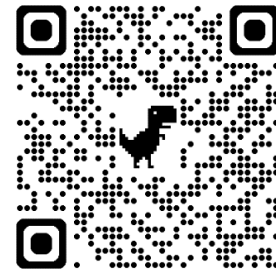
Starting in April, we will be using Lay Assistants to lead the Call to Worship, the Call to Confession, and the Assurance of Forgiveness. We will do this each Communion Sunday. Arlissa Dean will be coordinating this: please see her if you are interested.

The Little Food Pantry

Thanks to your generosity, we don’t need anything for our Little Food Pantry this week. We will update you on our needs next week.

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.



STAFF

Pastor

Rev. Dr. Ann M. Van Cleef
pastorannsutton@yahoo.com

Administrative Assistant

Leonora Colletti
fpcgoffice@gmail.com

Treasurer

James Dean

Worship Accompanist

Leonora Knight

Fellowship Director

Debbie Eitel

Custodian

Gary Prentiss

Financial Secretary

Betty Chatfield

Benevolence Secretary

Susan Perrotta

Webmaster

Irene Lang

Building Use Manager

Larry Foray

THE SESSION

Susan Perrotta, Recording Clerk

Class of 2025

Marian Adams
Bill Becker
Gary Prentiss

Class of 2026

Arlissa Dean
Kathleen Gerlach

Class of 2027

Debbie Eitel

Easter Flowers Order Form

Please enclose a check for \$12 per plant, payable to FPC Greenlawn, and give the check and order form to Betty Chatfield. Please print clearly.

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: _____