

**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF GREENLAWN**



**Sunday Celebration of Worship
May 12, 2024 – Mother's Day
10:30 a.m.**

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

Tyler Hago

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR MOTHERS & OTHER SPECIAL WOMEN

God, our Heavenly Parent, on this day we celebrate and honor our mothers, grandmothers, stepmothers, and others who have been like mothers to us. We mourn with those who are missing their mothers and loved ones. We grieve with those for whom this day is difficult, for those who have lost a child, or are unable to have children. We remember that You are our Parent, Creator of Us All, and in Your image we are beautifully made. May we worship You today as we celebrate together. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Thank You, Dear Lord, for our mothers;

Who were brave enough to give birth;

Who loved through many growing-up years;

Who taught about God and love and being good;

Who often got no thanks;

Whose ears could hear the slightest cry;

Whose eyes didn't miss much, either!

Whose hands held and bathed and picked up;

Whose heart was often broken;

Who always forgave and forgot;

Who encouraged when things went bad;

Who always had time to listen;

Who worked so hard to make things go;

Who made the world so much better;

Who deserve our love on Mother's Day

And every day, even for eternity. Amen.

HYMN

Lord, We Thank You for the Mothers

HYMN TO JOY

*Lord, we thank You for the mothers by whose faith we come to Thee,
Who reflect Your grace and mercy, in their faces, You, we see.
Honor mothers, God commands us. Show respect and loving care.
Instruments You made to guide us: mothers who Christ's love do share.*

*Through the ages, leading forward, Moms who serve to glorify.
Eve's firstborn starts all the races. Child in pain sparks Hagar's cry.
Hannah's prayers and Mary's song – tell acceptance of God's will.
King of grace and peace and patience, these the lessons mothers tell.*

*Lord, we thank You for the mothers who have brought us forth on Earth,
Giving life that we may worship Savior born of Virgin birth.
All created by Holy Maker, workmanship beyond compare.
For the gift of moms, we thank You. Praise to You, we do declare.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***O Creating God who loved us into being, we, Your children, praise You.
When we fall, You lift us up; when we fail, You restore us; when we are
wounded, You nurse us; when we grieve, You weep with us; when we celebrate,
You laugh with us. But sometimes, we don't reach out to You; we are
embarrassed, or we forget, or we feel silly. Help us to reach out to You at any
and all times of our lives, 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 Arlissa Dean

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

O God, we give You these gifts today knowing that You are the God of Great Gifts. You care for us constantly. As we have been abundantly provided for, so we give abundantly to the work that You give us to do: the work of the Church, and the care for those who are in need. Accept these gifts in Jesus' name. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 31:10-31
Matthew 20:20-23

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

“A Mother’s Love”

Rev. Dr. Van Cleef

HYMN

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

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*Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you. You are my own.
In my love’s baptismal river, I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.*

*Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my Son’s dear story, here you touched Him, saw His glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.*

*Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit’s power filled you, here his tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.*

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 151

*Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne.
Hark, how the Heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee.*

And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

*Crown Him the Lord of Years, the Potentate of Time,
Creator of the Rolling Spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me.
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity*

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND JOYS

Today's Service

Today is Mother's Day. The photos on the Communion Table remind us of God's most wonderful gift: our mothers and those women who were like mothers to us. Thank You, God, for the gift of mothers.

Looking Ahead

Next week's Service is a blended Service: Pentecost Sunday and Music Ministries Sunday. We will celebrate the presence of the Holy Spirit among us with a Service that is filled with music. Our Women's Choir will sing, and we will be blessed by other musicians as well. Please invite friends and family to this very special Service.

Food Pantry

This week, we are in need of canned carrots, mixed veggies, spinach, potatoes, fruit, (like peaches, pears and mixed), regular applesauce, canned black beans, kidney beans rice, cereal, boxed potatoes, and stuffing. 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. Pastor Ann has tickets for sale during coffee hour. 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

Church QR Code

Recently, we acquired a QR code. Do you like the little dinosaur in the middle? We're naming him "Presby-saurus." 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 are in the process of updating our church website. Stay tuned!



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