

**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF GREENLAWN**



**Sunday Celebration of Worship
May 19, 2024 – Pentecost Sunday
and
Recognition of Our Music Ministry
10:30 a.m.**

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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

HYMN OF DEDICATION

The Congregation

When in Our Music God Is Glorified (tune: SINE NOMINE)

1. *When in our music God is glorified,*
2. *and adoration leaves no room for pride,*
It is as though the whole creation cried, Alleluia! Alleluia!
2. *How often, making music, we have found*
3. *a new dimension in the world of sound,*
As worship moved us to a more profound Alleluia! Alleluia!
3. *So has the church, in liturgy and song,*
In faith and love through centuries of wrong,
Borne witness to the truth in every tongue: Alleluia! Alleluia!
4. *Let every instrument be tuned for praise!*
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:1-21

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Choir

And All the Earth Shall Own Him Lord
Frances C. Roberts, Guest Accompanist
(Blake / Leech / Parry)

SERMON

“The Gift of the Spirit”

Rev. Dr. Van Cleef

BENEDICTION

May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You
(Willson)

The Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL RESPONSE

River in Judea

The

Choir

(Feldman / Leavitt)

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND JOYS

Today's Service

Today'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.

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

The ticket-selling blitz is on! We are asking our church members and friends to purchase their tickets for the June 9th concert asap, and to *please* encourage family and friends to attend.

Tickets are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

You may purchase tickets on line (scan the "Presby-saurus" on the next page) or from Pastor Ann during coffee hour.

\$65 Premium Admission (Includes a reception after the concert), \$40 General Admission, \$25 Student Admission.

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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THE SESSION

Susan Perrotta, Recording Clerk

Class of 2024

Debbie Eitel
Larry Foray
Susan Perrotta

Class of 2025

Marian Adams
Bill Becker
Gary Prentiss

Class of 2026

Arlissa Dean
Kathleen Gerlach

Who's Who Among Our Musicians

Marian Adams (1st Soprano) holds the record for our group; she has been singing in church choirs for 83 years. She started at 8 years old. Other choir experience includes singing with the A Capella Choir at Queens College.

Her first job was at G. Schirmer's Music Store at 3 East 43rd Street, Manhattan. She got married right after college, raised two children, and taught piano privately. In the 1980s, she owned a quilt shop in Cold Spring Harbor. Her hobbies include knitting, quilting, and reading. She skied and played tennis until age 76.

As a volunteer, Marian directed the Youth Choir at Central Presbyterian Church in Huntington. Later, she directed the Junior Choir at South Congregational Church in Newport, New Hampshire. She was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Huntington Historical Society, and served as its President 1978 – 1981. Her most rewarding volunteer experience, though, was at the Women's Prison in Manchester, New Hampshire, in its literacy program. She also played the piano for hymns during worship at the prison – a worship that was led by an Episcopal Priest.

Marian states that it is a joy to be a part of the FPC Greenlawn Women's Choir and to sing under the direction of Pastor Ann.

Barbara Charnews (2nd Soprano) has been singing with church choirs for 4 years. Her other choir experience was singing in her college choir. She also played the flute in her high school band.

Barbara enjoyed a lengthy career as an elementary school teacher in the Three Village School District (Stony Brook / Setauket / St. James) and the Falmouth School District in Massachusetts.

Barbara worked in the Old First Presbyterian Thrift Shop for 3 years and has been a member of the Centerport Garden Club for 14 years. She takes oil painting classes and is a member of a local book club.

Happily married to her husband, Dan, she admits that her cat, Spot, runs her house.

Arlissa Dean (Alto) has been involved with church choirs for 50 years. She sang with the college age choir at the Presbyterian Church in Fort Collins, Colorado, when she attended Colorado State University.

Arlissa works as the Assistant Controller for the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Society in the United States of America (PECUSA). Her hobbies include reading, baking, and handcrafts (sewing, knitting, and crocheting).

Her mother was a church choir director and organist for many years, so Arlissa had no choice about being in choir at an early age. Over the years, she grew to enjoy being in a church choir.

Debbie Eitel (Alto and Soloist) has been singing with church choirs for many years. She sang with the Greenlawn Presbyterian Youth Choir under the direction of Pat Lievendag when she was a teenager.

Debbie went to college for graphic arts and worked as an Accounts Payable Supervisor and Specialist. She has served our church as Youth Group Director, and currently serves as Fellowship Director.

She sings with a musical group called *The SpiritLifters*, performing at nursing homes, outdoor events, and our own church suppers. Debbie enjoys doing home décor and other creative things and loves spending time with family and especially her grandchildren, Layla and Mila.

Kathleen (Kathie) Gerlach (2nd Soprano) has been singing with church choirs for 50 years. Now retired, she worked as a high school Art Teacher for 32 years.

Still active in the art field, she does fused glass art, mosaics, and photography. Her art is exhibited in many Long Island libraries and galleries.

Kathie is blessed to have a kidney transplant for 49 years. She participates in the US and World Transplant Olympics in swimming, to promote organ donation.

Priscilla Jahier (2nd Soprano) has been singing with church choirs for 24 years. Additionally, she sang in high school (Huntington), and has sung with small groups at the installation of HCFAS, various organizations singing the National Anthem.

Now retired, Priscilla was a secretary for many years, working for companies such as Carnation, Rolex, CBS Law, and ABC Sports. She also worked as an Administrative Assistant and Office Manager at Atari and the New York Islanders.

She loves to read and go to garage sales, and when she has time, paint on antique sleds. She also keeps busy taking care of her husband.

She was an EMT with the Huntington Community First Aid Squad for 10 years. She also was fortunate to have been at the “Miracle on Ice Hockey Team” when she was working for ABC Sports.

Jack Knight (Guest ‘Cellist) has sung with church choirs for 2 years, and sang with the Crane School of Music (SUNY Potsdam) Chorus.

Jack is the President of a Technology / Music Company. He plays the electric bass professionally with *Hourglass* (a James Taylor tribute band) and with FunkFilharmonic.

He enjoys gardening, doing crossword puzzles, and playing / hiking with the family dog. He is debuting with the Northport Symphony Orchestra on May 31.

Jack is happily married to our church Piano Accompanist, Leonora Knight.

Leonora Knight (Piano Accompanist, Soprano) has sung with church choirs on and off for 7 years. She sang with the NYU Chorale in college, and with Trinity Episcopal Church Choir in Northport for 4 years. Lee also directed and composed for the Children’s Choir at St. John’s Episcopal Church in Huntington.

In addition to her musical work here at FPC Greenlawn, Leonora makes her living as a singer, a children’s performer (school assemblies), Yoga, Zumba, and other fitness classes instructor. She maintains a music studio where she teaches piano and voice.

When she isn’t working or prepping for her shows and classes, Leonora enjoys doing crossword puzzles, cooking, taking care of her house, being with her husband, Jack, and listening to books while playing with the family dog.

Margaret (Meg) Lawrence (2nd Soprano) has been singing with church choirs for 70-plus years. Before joining our church, she sang with the choir at Church on the Hill in Flushing, Queens.

Meg is a published author, having written several novels. In addition, she enjoys reading and knitting. She is not shy about telling people that she has the best children and grandchildren in the entire world.

Claudia Pisacano Levy (Guest 1st Soprano) has been singing with church choirs for 40 years. In addition, she has sung with the Queens College (CCNY) and Manhattan School of Music choirs, as well as the Treasure House Chorale, the Festival Chorus (Rye Country Day School) and the NY City Opera Children’s Chorus.

Claudia is a retired English as a New Language Teacher, and recently retired as Soprano Section Leader of St. John’s Episcopal Church in Larchmont.

She volunteers at the Habitat for Humanity Re-Store and sings with the New Rochelle Opera. She enjoys reading, gardening, knitting, singing, and plays piano and alto sax.

Claudia received her BS in Vocal Performance from the Manhattan School of Music. She is a vocal coach, wife, mother, grandmother, and the sister of Leonora Knight.

Susan Perrotta (2nd Soprano) has been singing with our Women's Choir for 2 years. She is the Office Manager for a union side labor law firm in New York City. She began her career as a legal secretary 49 years ago.

She enjoys reading, gardening, and spending time with family and friends when she is not working or taking care of her mother.

She loves the fellowship of her church family on Sundays, and enjoys learning to sing in the choir with Pastor Ann, whom she calls an excellent teacher.

Claire Proctor (Alto) has been singing with church choirs for 15 years. In addition, she has sung with the Northport Chorale and the Hicksville Community Chorus.

Claire enjoyed a long career as a Cardiac Ultrasound Technologist, specializing in congenital heart disease. Her hobbies include gardening, reading, cooking, and sewing.

Frances C. Roberts (Guest Piano Accompanist) has been a choral director, a founding conductor of four companies, a founding artistic director, a choral festival director and founder, and a pianist. She received her BS from the Crane School of Music at SUNY Potsdam, and her Master of Music from Boston University.

Ann Van Cleef (Choir Director) has been singing with church choirs for 49 years. As a music teacher, her choirs consistently earned highest ratings at NYSSMA. She has guest conducted All-County Choirs for Nassau Music Educators' Association (NMEA) and Suffolk County Music Educators' Association (SCMEA). She also guest conducted the Hofstra University Women's Choir and is the resident conductor for the UCCNY Women's Choir. She was Interim Choir Director at Westhampton Presbyterian and Orient Congregational, and is thrilled to finally have a church choir she can call her own.

When she's not working as a Pastor or cleaning her house, she adjudicates NYSSMA festivals, plays bassoon in the Riverhead "No Doubt World Famous Monday Night Band," and clarinet in the Greenport Band. She is on staff of the Suffolk Association (UCC equivalent of Presbytery) and chairs the Commission on Ministry the NY Conference, United Church of Christ.

Jill Wilson (Alto) sang in junior and senior high school choruses and in school plays. She sang for over 20 years at East Northport Methodist Church, in regular church services as well as in a dozen productions of show tunes from Broadway. When the musical group "Journey" came to the Greenlawn Church and swept her away in the beauty of the music and the reenactment of the Stations of the Cross, she knew she needed to join. She spent 23 years with them. It gave her so much joy with the people she met and the friends she made. She will always be grateful to our church for being the catalyst that put that blessing in her life.

Jill has always been an alto. It took her a while to appreciate how much altos add to the overall sound, even though they rarely get to sing melody. She loves to sing.

Jill was a reading teacher in Levittown, and her retirement occupation is an antiques dealer. She loves to hop in the car and visit yard sales and thrift stores to see what kinds of treasures she can find. Jill runs the Christmas Tea for our church every year.