

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENLAWN



**Sunday Celebration of Worship
May 25, 2025**

**The Sixth Sunday of the Easter Season – Memorial Day Sunday
10:30 a.m.**

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us begin our time of worship with a moment of remembrance.

*We remember fallen soldiers,
and the sacrifice they made for the sake of others.*

Let us begin our time of worship with a moment of thanksgiving.

*We thank God for brave men and women that have given their lives
so that we may worship without fear.*

Let us begin our time of worship with a moment of silence;

For a moment is the least we can do for those that gave their eternity.
(A time of silence) Amen. *Amen.*

*HYMN # 562

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

MELITA

*Eternal Father, strong to save, Whose arm hath bound the restless wave'
Who bade the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep.
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee for those in peril on the sea!*

*O Savior, whose almighty word the wind and waves submissive heard.
Who walked upon the foaming deep, and calm amid its rage did sleep.
O hear us when we cry to Thee for those in peril on the sea.*

*O Holy Spirit, who did brood upon the chaos wild and rude,
And bade its angry tumult cease, and gave, for fierce confusion, peace.
O hear us when we cry to Thee for those in peril on the sea.*

*O Trinity of love and power, all travelers guard in danger's hour.
From rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them where so e'er they go.
This evermore shall rise to Thee glad praise from air and land and sea.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Every Nation, as we remember those that gave their life for our sake, let us be stirred to action in their memory. We confess that we have not done all that is possible to promote peace and justice in our world. We have not loved our neighbors, let alone our enemies. Forgive us for failing to live up to your commandments. Empower us to work for your Kingdom in this world, and welcome us by your grace into your Kingdom in the next. 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 # 333: (Please remain seated)

LAFFERTY

*Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness.
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia.*

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

Giving God, we are grateful for the ways in which we see Your glory in all of Creation. Today, we are especially grateful for people we have known, for those who have passed on, and for those who have died in service to their country. May our offerings extend faith and honor to You, Creator, Savior, and Sustainer. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Galatians 5:13-14
John 15:12-13

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

“Lest We Forget”

Rev. Dr. Van Cleef

HYMN # 564

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

MATERNA

*O Beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.*

*O beautiful for pilgrim feet, whose stern, impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw.
Confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law!*

*O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
Who more than selves their country loved, and mercy more than life.
America! America! May God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness and every gain divine.*

*O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.*

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

FINLANDIA

*This is my song, O God of All the Nations,
A song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is
Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine.
But other hearts in other lands are beating
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.*

*My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
And sunlight beams on clover leaf and pine.
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover.
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
O hear my song, Thou God of All the Nations,
A song of peace for their land and for mine.*

*This is my prayer, O Ruler of All Nations:
Let Thy reign come. On earth Thy will be done.
In peace may all earth's people draw together,
And hearts united learn to live as one.
O hear my prayer, Thou God of All the Nations,
Myself I give Thee; let Thy will be done.*

Joys and Announcements

An Invitation to Comedy and Karaoke

You are invited to join us for a night of comedy and karaoke this coming Saturday, May 31, from 5 to 8 p.m.

The event features “The Squeaky Clean” comedienne Pat Shea, and “Joyful Noise Karaoke” with DJ Larry. Pizza, salad, dessert, coffee, tea, and beverages will be served. Tickets are \$10, payable at the door. A love offering will be received for the talent.

\$10 for dinner and entertainment? This is a great bargain, indeed!

New Members

Have you been worshipping with us frequently? Would you like to become a member of our church? We will be having a “New Members Sunday” on June 15. So far, three people are interested in joining our Church. Please see Pastor Ann in you are interested.

Prayer Garden Committee to Meet June 1.

That fenced-in area behind the church is a bit of an eyesore, but fear not! We have big plans to turn it into an outdoor worship and meditation area.

Our first meeting, last Sunday, was very successful. A lot of ideas were presented. Our next meeting will take place on Sunday, June 1. We will travel to the home of Priscilla and Glenn Jahir to look at their garden. Anyone who is interested in joining this committee is invited to attend. We are especially looking for people who have a “green thumb.”

The Little Food Pantry

Kathie Gerlach, our Mission Chair, reports that our Little Food Pantry continues to be heavily used. The following foods, in particular, are needed:

- Canned Chef Boy R Dee Ravioli
- Canned chicken
- Canned corned beef hash
- Peanut Butter (Sippy of Jif)
- Grape and strawberry jelly / jam
- Rice

Thank you for your generosity.

Coffee Hour Schedule

The Coffee Hour sign-up list is on the food table in the Narthex. Thank you to those who have already signed up to host a Coffee Hour. Please consider hosting this important ministry one Sunday. Thank you.

Pentecost Sunday

Sunday, June 8, is Pentecost Sunday, a very special day in the life of the Church. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks, as described in Acts 2:1-31.

The color of the day is red. We'll have red flowers on the Communion Table. Please wear something red if you can.

On Pentecost, we will be paying special tribute to our music ministry. Our Women's Choir will sing, and there will be other special music as well.

This would be a good day to invite a friend to church!

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.



Recycling Plastic

Elwood Library has partnered with a local Girl Scout Troop to complete a Plastic Film Recycling Challenge sponsored by NexTrex. After a group has collected a certain amount of plastic over a specific period of time, they can earn a bench made out of recycled plastic film. We can help. Look for the plastic recycling box in our church hallway.

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