

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENLAWN



**Sunday Celebration of Worship
May 26, 2024 – Memorial Day Sunday**

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

Dan Charnews / Tyler Hago

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us begin our time of worship with a moment of tribute,

As we thank God for friends and relatives who have entered Life Eternal.

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

We remember our fallen military,

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 the brave men and women

who gave their lives so that we may worship without fear.

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

It is the least we can do for those who gave their eternity.

(A time of silence)

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 who gave their lives 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:

*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

God of New Life, out of the abundance of our lives, we offer these gifts to You. Through Your blessings and our willingness to share, may these offerings become a source for hope and love in this church family as well as in the community beyond us, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Psalm 27:3; John 15:12-13
2 Timothy 2:3; 1 John 3:16

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

“The Meaning of Memorial Day”

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

RESPONSE:
BERLIN

God Bless America

IRVING

*God Bless America, land that I love. Stand beside her and guide her
Through the night with the Light from Above.
From the mountains to the prairies, to the oceans white with foam,
God bless America, my home sweet home.
God bless America, my home sweet home.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

*(1) Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord.
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored.
He has loosed the fateful lightening of His terrible swift sword.
His truth is marching on!*

REFRAIN: *Glory, Glory Hallelujah! Glory, Glory Hallelujah!
Glory, Glory Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.*

*(2) I have seen Him in the watch-fires of a hundred circling camps.
They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps.
I can read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps.
His day is marching on! REFRAIN*

*(3) He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat.
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment seat.
O, be swift, my soul, to answer Him. Be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on! REFRAIN*

*(4) In the beauty of the lilies, Christ was born across the sea.
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me.
As He died to make us holy, let us live to make all free!
While God is marching on! REFRAIN*

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND JOYS

Pentecost Sunday – What a Celebration!

Many thanks to those who made our Pentecost Sunday celebration such a success – from the musicians to the singers to those who helped with coffee hour, and to those who did the tasks that they do each Sunday with smiles on their faces.

Food Pantry

This month, we are in need of the following items: cereal, rice, canned peas, carrots, potatoes, spinach, black beans, canned chicken, chunky soups, canned peaches, pineapple and mandarin oranges. Thank you for your generosity.

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!



Communion Next Sunday

Next Sunday is the first Sunday of the month, and we will celebrate The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. You are invited to bring your own Communion elements. We will have the Fellowship cups for those who wish to use them.

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. 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

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