

**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OF GREENLAWN**



**Sunday Celebration of Worship  
May 4, 2025  
The Third Sunday of the Easter Season  
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 Marian Adams

Sing praises to God, O you saints of God.

Give thanks to God's holy name.

***Praise God for the joyous gift of a new day.***

***Thank God for healing and ever-present help.***

Extol the One who lifts us up from defeat.

Praise the One who upholds us when we are discouraged.

***God sees and hears our weeping.***

***God lifts our souls from the pit of despair.***

Give thanks to God who turns mourning into dancing.

Praise God who hears our cries and answers our prayers.

***We have cried to You in our need, O God.***

***We believe You are working to make us whole.***

\*HYMN # 442

*The Church's One Foundation*

AURELIA

*The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord.*

*She is His new creation by water and the Word.*

*From Heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride.*

*With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.*

*Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the Earth,*

*Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth.*

*One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food.*

*And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.*

*Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed*

*By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed.*

*Yet, saints their watch are keeping. Their cry goes up: "How long?"*

*And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.*

*Mid toil and tribulation and tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore.  
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest.  
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.*

*Yet she on Earth has union with God the Three in One.  
Any mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us strength that we,  
Like them, the meek and lowly may live eternally.*

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Loving God, we admit to attitudes that exclude rather than embrace. We prefer to associate with others who think and act as we do. We turn away from those who are different from us. We identify some as enemies to be avoided or even destroyed. Forgive us, God, for seeking to limit Your family. Awaken us to the limits of our understanding and the narrowness of our dealings. Show us the better ways You intend and make us bold to respond, we pray in Jesus' name. 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:

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

*We bring our offerings to feed Your lambs and tend Your sheep, Gracious God. May these gifts extend love in the form of food, pure water, shelter, and acceptance. Let them provide outreach to the world and opportunities for growth within this congregation. Help us to focus on what is important, that we may work together to make a difference in the world. Amen.*

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

“The Post-Easter Blues” Rev. Dr. Ann M. Van Cleeef

COMMUNION HYMN

*Come Share the Lord*

DIVERNON

*We gather here in Jesus' name.  
His love is burning in our hearts like living flame.  
For through the loving Son the Father makes us one.  
Come take the bread, come drink the wine, come share the Lord.*

*No one is a stranger here, Everyone belongs.  
Finding our forgiveness here, we in turn forgive all wrongs.*

*He joins us here. He breaks the bread.  
The Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead.  
The one we love the most is now our gracious host.  
Come take the bread, come drink the wine, come share the Lord.*

*We are now a family of which the Lord is head.  
Though unseen He meets us here in the breaking of the bread.*

*We'll gather soon where angels sing.  
We'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King.  
Now we anticipate the feast for which we wait.  
Come take the bread, come drink the wine, come share the Lord.*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*When we were barely looking, Lord God, You came upon us. In the mystery of our despair, You raised the touch of love. In the anguish of our uncertainty, You lifted the grace of Christ. In the hour of our dejection, You raised for us the cup of thanksgiving. In the torment of our fright, You held us in the risen arms of Christ. Holy God, we rejoice in you. As You raised our Lord Jesus, raise us in hope to love and to share. As the broken bread is given to feed our souls, raise us in life to join our hearts in tenderness and care. As the cup, refreshes our souls, raise us with Jesus to share together the feast of Your kingdom. Anoint us in Your Spirit that we might fully live, Your people and witnesses of resurrection; in Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.*

\*HYMN # 122  
MACCABEUS

*Thine Is the Glory*

JUDAS

*Thine is the glory, Ris-en conquering Son.  
End-less is the victory Thou o'er death has won.  
An-gels in bright raiment rolled the stone away.  
Kept the folded grave clothes where Thy body lay.*

*Lo! Jesus meets us, ris-en from the tomb.  
Lov-ing-ly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing.  
For the Lord now living doth hath lost its sting.*

*No more we doubt Thee, Glorious Prince of Life!  
Life is nought without Thee. Aid us in our strife.  
Make us more than conquerors through Thy deathless love.  
Bring us safe through Jordan to Thy home above.*

*Thine is the glory, Ris-en conquering Son.  
End-less is the victory Thou o'er death has won.*

\*BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

SIYAHAMBA

*We Are Walking in the Light of God (Sing song twice)*

*We are walking in the light of God,  
We are walking in the light of God. (2X)*

*We are walking, walking, we are walking (Oo)  
We are walking in the light of God. (2X)*

## JOYS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### POSTLUDE

\*Those who are willing and able are invited to stand

## **JOYS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Thank You for the Spring Cleaning**

A big “thank you” goes out to the team who helped with our indoor spring cleaning last Sunday. Sanctuary pews were vacuumed, windows were washed, the Sacristy was cleaned, Debbie cleaned the bathrooms on Saturday, and we started de-cluttering the storage room behind the Chancel. Our cleaners included Marian Adams, Arlissa Dean, Debbie Eitel, Dave Dickman, Linda Dickman, Peggy Monitto, Ann Van Cleef, and Jill Wilson. (Please let us know if we left anyone out.)

### **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering**

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is one of four special offerings of the Presbyterian Church, USA. Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. All three programs work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

When this program was started in 1949, the idea was for everyone to donate the equivalent of one hour’s worth of wages; hence the title “One Great Hour of Sharing.” Now people are simply asked to give whatever they choose.

Envelopes are attached. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

### **An Invitation to Comedy and Karaoke**

You are invited to join us for a night of comedy and karaoke on 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!

## **Mother's Day at FPCG**

Next Sunday is Mother's Day. Please bring in photos, framed if possible, of your mother, grandmother, favorite aunt, and other important women in your life. Place the photos on the Communion Table when you arrive at church. We will have a special prayer to thank God for the women who have loved us so much.

## **Needed – Someone to Plant Flowers**

We have some Easter flowers that need planting in the west garden – the one with the big wooden cross. Are there any volunteers?

## **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.



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