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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 our veterans,
And the sacrifices they made for our country.*

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

*We thank God for the brave men and women who have served
So that we may worship without fear.*

Let us begin our time of worship
With a moment of silent prayer for our veterans.

*HYMN # 262 *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand* NATIONAL HYMN

*God of the Ages, whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band.
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.*

*Thy love divine hath led us in the past
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast.
Be Thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay.
Thy word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.*

*Those who are willing and able, please stand

*From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence
Be Thy strong arm our ever sure defense.
Thy true religion in our hearts increase
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.*

*Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way.
Lead us from night to never-ending day.
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
And glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of All Creation, we confess that we have participated in things that turn people against each other. We are guilty of fueling anger, harboring vengeance, and not heeding Your call to love one another. Inspire us never to give up on the hope that You offer to us. Give us the courage to see past war and desolation. Show us how to live for the day when there will be peace on Earth forever more. 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

... All this we ask, praying the words that Jesus taught us by saying, ***Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.***

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.*

TESTIMONY:

“Why I Give”

Betty Chatfield

INVITATION TO OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We give in the spirit of Jesus, whose whole life was committed to proclaiming Your love, Gracious God. May our lives give evidence that we understand the care and compassion You have for all people, near and far. Our offerings today are a token of all the gifts we now invest in the work of Your realm that is forever, with beginnings among us now. Amen.

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.*

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 6:1-9
Mark 12:28-34

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

“Do We Really Love God?”

Dr. Donald T. Russo

HYMN # 562

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

MELITA

*Eternal Father, strong to save, Whose arm has bound the restless wave,
Who bade the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep.
O 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 wheresoe'er they go.
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee glad praise from air and land and sea.*

BENEDICTION: BLESSING OF OUR VETERANS

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

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MATERNA

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

*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 self 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!*

Joys and Announcements

Welcome Back, Dr. Don Russo

Since we saw him last, Don has accepted an interim position: Minister for Sunday Worship at Baiting Hollow Congregational Church. Recently, Don told Pastor Ann that he misses his friends at Greenlawn, so they arranged for a pulpit exchange.

Not much else has changed in Don's life; he wishes the Mets had made the World Series.

Welcome to the Piano Bench, Greg Schleich

Leonora and Jack Knight are in Washington State, celebrating their anniversary. Leonora's friend Greg Schleich is filling in for her today.

Greg is a career musician with an extensive resume, both as a writer, arranger, producer, and studio musician, and as a performer. Credits include music on television and radio, playing on Broadway, regional and international tours, and in live bands like Funk Filharmonik, and the James Taylor Tribute Band, Hourglass.

A Hofstra University graduate, Greg studied both jazz piano, with Professor Arthur Doolittle, and classical piano, with American Chamber Ensemble co-director Blanche Abram, under whose tutelage he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in music performance.

Thanksgiving Luncheon

Our annual Thanksgiving Luncheon will take place immediately following this morning's Service in our CE Hall. Chef Gary has prepared a delightful repast. There is no charge for this luncheon, and everyone is invited.

Melissa Maravell's November 17 Concert Is Coming Up!

The last of our organ fundraiser concerts will take place next Sunday, November 17, at 3:00 p.m. It will be a cabaret-style concert at 3:00 p.m. in our CE Hall. Your \$20 admission entitles you to an hour or more of Melissa Maravell's music, plus refreshments. Tickets are available at the door.

Blessing of the Pets

Our Blessing of the Pets Service went quite nicely last Sunday. Many thanks to Kathie Gerlach who filled out the pet blessing certificates with beautiful calligraphy; to Debbie Eitel and Michael Tomek (of The SpiritLifters) who provided some lovely background music, and to local librarian and poet Linda Dickman who sold books of poetry about love for animals. Linda donated the profits from the sale to our organ fund.

Women's Choir Rehearsals

The Women's Choir will resume rehearsals next week at 9:30 a.m. New members are always welcome; we rehearse at 9:30 a.m. The ability to match pitch is necessary; we'll teach you everything else!

Christmas Tea and Christmas Fair

Our popular Christmas Tea is scheduled for Saturday, December 7, from 1 – 3 p.m. in CE Hall. Tickets are \$30. Last year, they sold out! Please see Jill Willson to purchase your tickets.

Our Christmas Fair will take place on Saturday, December 14, from 9 – 3 in CE Hall. Pastor Ann is using the double Sunday School room as "Christmas Fair Central Headquarters." Starting next Sunday, you may start purchasing items.

Required Minimum Distributions

RMDs are a wonderful thing as far as having a little more spending money is concerned. But there are some downsides. (1) You have to pay taxes. (2) You might possibly be bumped up into the next tax bracket. (3) As far as Medicare is concerned, your Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount, IRMAA for short, which is a fee you pay on top of your Medicare Part B and Part D adjustments, could rise if you make a yearly income above the annual thresholds.

You may want to prayerfully consider making a year-end gift to your church directly from your RMD. This will keep your taxes down, and will benefit the church. Thank you for considering this.

Food Pantry

The need continues – please pick up a few things when you go grocery shopping. Thank you.

Church Membership

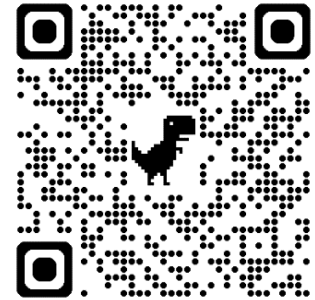
Are you a friend of our church who has faithfully been attending worship? Would you like to become a member of The First Presbyterian Church of Greenlawn? Please see Pastor Ann about joining; we would like to have a “New Members Sunday” sometime this fall.

Is God Calling You to Become a Church Officer?

There are three people whose terms are ending on Session this year, and we still have an unfilled spot in the Class of 2026. Please prayerfully consider becoming a Ruling Elder. There are eleven meetings per year, nine of them on Zoom. Susan Perrotta will be happy to give you more information.

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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