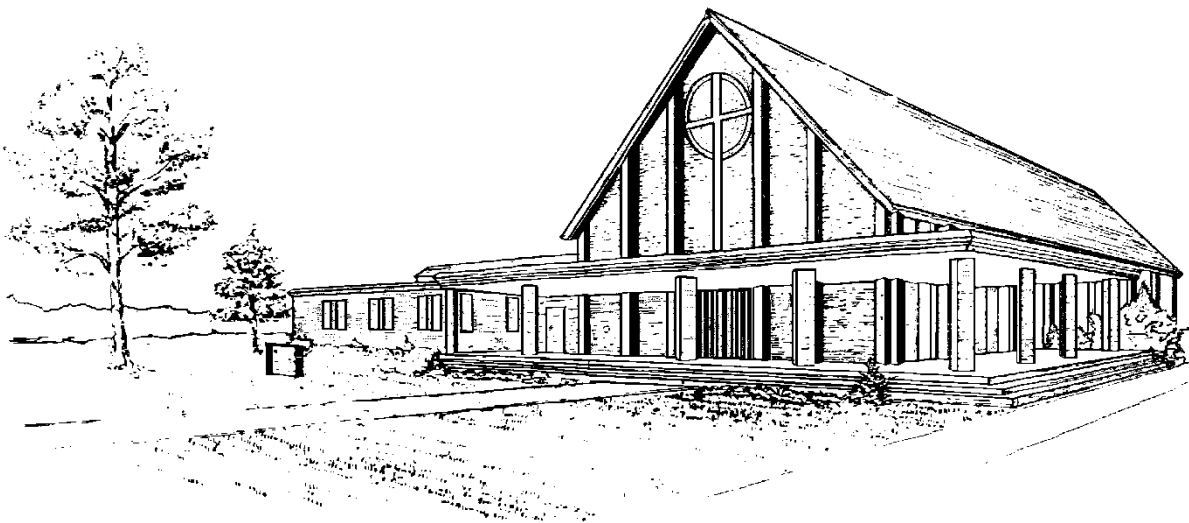


# THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENLAWN



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November 12, 2023 10:30 a.m.**

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

Dan Charnews / Bob Van Cleef

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather for worship today to celebrate our gifts.

***We celebrate the gifts we give to this church.***

We gather for worship today to celebrate our fellowship.

***We celebrate the love and support we give to one another.***

We gather for worship today to celebrate our future.

***We celebrate a future full of outreach, service, worship, and hope.***

We gather for worship today to celebrate our vision.

***We celebrate the vision of those who have come before us,***

***The vision that brought us to where we are today,***

***And the vision that we see for the future.***

Let us gather in celebration!

***Let us worship God!***

HYMN # 420

*God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

BEACH SPRING

*God, whose giving knows no ending, from Your rich and endless store,  
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door.*

*Gifted by You, we turn to You, offering up ourselves in praise,  
Thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.*

*Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, Your Son.*

*All at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.*

*Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone.*

*Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at Your throne.*

*Treasure too You have entrusted, gain through powers Your grace conferred.*

*Ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the Gospel Word.*

*Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,*

*Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving You by loving all.*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*We are reluctant to face Your judgment, All-knowing God. We know we have not fully invested the talents You have entrusted to us. We hide them and hoard them, retreating into a false sense of security. We protect ourselves rather than engage in loving and faithful service. We neglect to invest ourselves in the tasks to which You call us. Have mercy on us and forgive us. In Jesus' name we pray. 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 AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

..... All this we pray in Jesus' name 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.*

### OFFERING SENTENCES

### PRESENTATION OF OUR 2024 PLEDGES

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

*Generous and Loving God, we offer an accounting of our stewardship in and beyond the offering of this day. Reshape our lives for joyous, responsive participation in work that builds up the Body of Christ. Use what we pledge to*

*bring encouragement and hope to those who have lost a sense of meaning for their lives. Bless us and our offerings. Amen.*

A MINUTE FOR MISSION

Bill Becker

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Malachi 3:7-12

Mark 12:38-44

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON “People Watching – A Stewardship Sermon” Rev. Dr. Van Cleef

HYMN # 514

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

LINSTEAD

*Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy.*

*Bread is broken, the wine is poured. Christ is spoken and seen and heard.*

*Jesus lives again, Earth can breathe again. Pass the word around, loaves abound!*

*Christ is able tom make us one. At the table he sets the tone.*

*Teaching people to live and bless, love in word and in deed express.*

*Jesus lives again, Earth can breathe again. Pass the word around, loaves abound!*

*Jesus calls us in, sends us out, bearing fruit in a world of doubt.*

*Gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere!*

*Jesus lives again, Earth can breathe again. Pass the word around, loaves abound!*

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

*Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.*

*Let there be peace on Earth, the peace that was meant to be.*

*With God, our Creator, we are family.*

*Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.*

*Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.*

*With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:*

*To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.*

*Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.*



Order Your  
Poinsettias

It's that time of year again.  
Orders are now being taken for the Christmas Flower Memorials.  
If you wish to place an order, please fill in the order form below.

Given By:

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In Loving Memory Of:

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In Honor Of:

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Cost: \$12 each

Number of flowers ordered: \_\_\_\_\_

Deadline: Sunday, December 10.

Please make checks payable to the Church and specify for "Flower Fund."

This form may be placed in the offering plate on Sundays, or mailed to the church office:

FPC Greenlawn / 497 Pulaski Road / Greenlawn, NY 11740 Thank you!

## **JOYS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, FOLLOWED BY POSTLUDE**

### **Pledge Cards**

Today we dedicate our pledges for 2024. Please prayerfully consider your part in the work of our church. Thank you!

### **Our Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon**

Our annual Thanksgiving Luncheon will take place today in our CE Hall, immediately following worship. There is no charge for the luncheon, which will be catered by our own Gary Prentiss, a professional chef.

### **Looking Forward:**

There are a lot of good things happening here at First Presbyterian.

- Saturday, December 2: Our Annual Christmas Tea, 1:00 – 3:00. Tickets: \$25.
- Saturday, December 9: Christmas Fair, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Sunday, December 17: Our *Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols* in the style of The King's Chapel, Cambridge, England. 10:30 a.m. Guest readers from the community are needed. The choir will sing, and we will have one or more guest musicians.
- Sunday, December 17: Christmas tree Lighting and Community Carol Sing, 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday, December 24: Our Advent IV Service will take place at 10:30 a.m. Our lovely Candlelight Christmas Eve Service is scheduled for 7:00 p.m.

### **The Little Food Pantry**

We are in need of canned chicken, meats, and canned vegetables such as spinach, carrots, mixed vegetables, potatoes, asparagus, green beans and peas. We are also in need of assorted varieties of canned beans. The Little Food Pantry, which is available to our community 24 / 7. Thank you for your generosity.

### **THE SESSION**

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