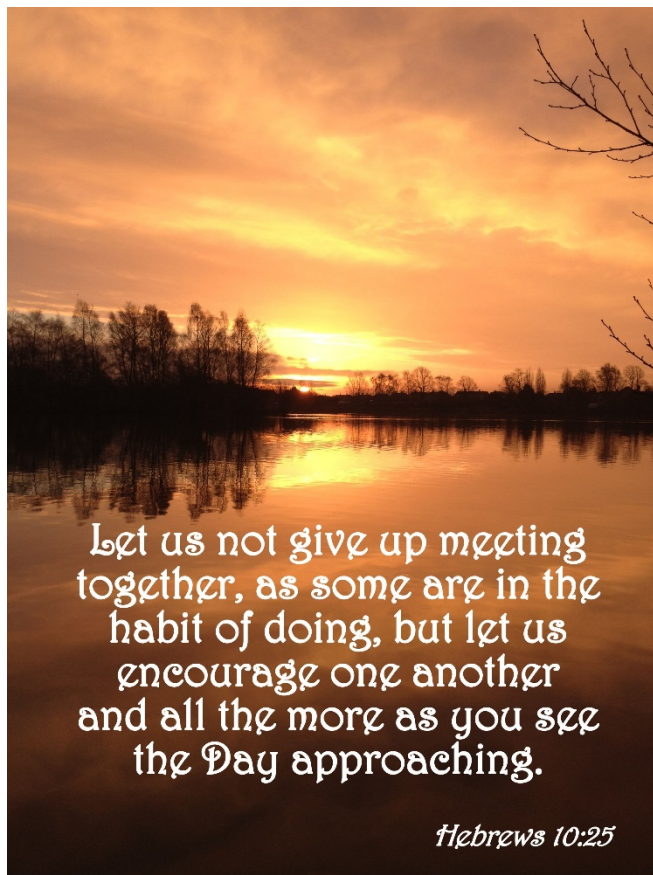


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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us present ourselves before our God.

Bring all your troubles and anxiety to God in prayer.

Surely God knows our thoughts and hears our prayers.

We find strength for living as we praise God.

Lay down your arrogance and false pride.

Admit your needs as you seek God's favor.

We pour out our souls before the living God.

We do not withhold from God our misery and distress.

God grants our petitions and gives us peace.

The counsel of our God gladdens our hearts.

In God's presence there is fullness of joy.

As we meet together, we are encouraged and comforted.

HYMN # 482 *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* LOBE DEN HERREN

*Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration!*

*Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?*

*Praise ye the Lord! O let all that all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the amen sound from His people again;
Gladly for aye we adore Him.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mighty God, we confess the arrogance of our doubts and the falsehood of our denials. We have neglected to pray and have forgotten to give thanks. Many activities have been more important to us than gathering for worship. Our busyness crowds out times of private prayer. We shake our heads at the evil around us but do little to witness to a better way. Your law is seldom consulted and Your pathways of self-sacrificing love are rarely explored. Turn us around, O God, and forgive us, 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 & 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”

Janice Hago

INVITATION TO OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Our hearts are glad and our souls rejoice in the opportunity to share. Here are the fruits of Your generosity and our hard work. In thanks for the perfect offering of Jesus Christ, we bring ourselves with our gifts. Show us how to combine our efforts to build wholesome relationships, extend Your church, and minister in Your name throughout the world. 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

Daniel 12:1-3
Hebrews 10:11-25

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON “We Wait” Rev. Dr. Ann M. Van Cleef

HYMN # 485 *To God Be the Glory* TO GOD BE THE GLORY

*To God be the glory, great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the lifegate that all may go in.*

REFRAIN: *Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory; great things He hath done!*

*Great things he hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. REFRAIN*

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

*God be with you till we meet again. Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a shepherd's care enfold you. God be with you till we meet again.*

*Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet.
Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.*

Joys and Announcements

Thank You

- Thank you for your warm welcome to Don Russo and to Greg Schleich last week.
- Thank you to Gary Prentiss for the delicious Thanksgiving Luncheon last Sunday.
- Thank you to Debbie Eitel for her help in organizing last week's Thanksgiving Luncheon.
- Thank you to everyone who attended and assisted with Melissa Maravell's concert yesterday.

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

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! See Jill Wilson for tickets.

Christmas Fair

Our Christmas Fair will take place on Saturday, December 14, from 9 – 3 in CE Hall.

Christmas Items for Sale in the Double Classroom Downstairs

Pastor Ann is using the double Sunday School room as "Christmas Fair Central Headquarters." You are invited to go downstairs and purchase any items that may be of interest to you.

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

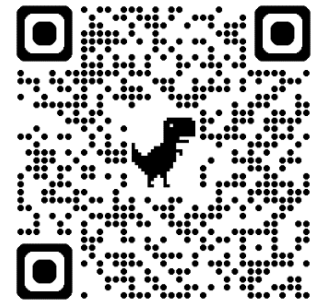
Are you a friend of our church who has faithfully been attending worship? Would you like to become a member of The First Presbyterian Church of Greenlawn? Please see Pastor Ann about joining; we would like to have a “New Members Sunday” sometime this fall.

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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