

**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF GREENLAWN**



**Sunday Service of Worship
November 19, 2023 – Thanksgiving Sunday
10:30 a.m.**

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

Dan Charnews

INTROIT

Holy, Holy, Holy

The Women's Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bless God for the good land we have been given.

Praise God, Who crowns the year with abundance.

We are thankful for the bounty we have enjoyed.

God has been good to us through another year.

God chooses to love us and draw us near.

God invites us to enjoy the good all around us.

We are grateful for food, shelter, and family.

God enriches our lives with many opportunities.

Let us renew our vows to God in this hour.

May thanksgiving overflow in acts of kindness.

We are here to remember and find renewal.

We have come to listen to God's word.

HYMN # 559

We Gather Together

KREMSER

*We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing.
He chastens and hastens His will to make known.
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to His name, He forgets not His own.*

*Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine.
So from the beginning the fight we were winning.
Thou, Lord, wast at our side. All glory be Thine.*

*We all do extol Thee, Thou leader triumphant,
And pray that Thou still our defender wilt be.
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation.
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, to whom all humankind can come and find acceptance, we bring our unfaithfulness, seeking to renew our awareness of You in every moment of every day. We confess our deeds of injustice, our forgetfulness of Your love, our unkindness to Your children, our misuse of the bodies and minds that You entrust to us. Despite Your generosity, we have sowed sparingly for the sake of others.

O God, we need Your forgiveness. Awaken our thankfulness as we learn to fully appreciate all You have provided. 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.*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

For food and water, for all the blessings of the land You have given us, for family and friends who enrich our lives, our hearts overflow with thanksgiving to You, O God. We have been sheltered and educated and empowered by Your generosity. In Jesus Christ we have been shown a way to the wholeness You intend for us. Receive these offerings as a joyous expression of our gratitude. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 8:7-10

Luke 17:11-19

A GIFT FROM THE CHOIR

The Women's Choir

Thanks Be To Thee

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

“Thankfulness – A Mindset”

Rev. Dr. Van Cleef

HYMN # 551

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

*Come, ye thankful people, come. Raise the song of harvest home.
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.
God, our maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come. Raise the song of harvest home.
All the world is God's own field. Fruit unto God's praise to yield.
Wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of Harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.
For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the harvest home.
From each field shall in that day all offenses purge away.
Give the angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store in God's garner ever more.
Even so, Lord, quickly come to Thy final harvest home.
Gather Thou Thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin.
There forever purified, in Thy presence to abide.
Come, with all Thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.*

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.*

JOYS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, FOLLOWED BY POSTLUDE

Pledge Cards

If you have not had an opportunity to turn in your pledge card, there is still time. Please see Betty Chatfield. And, thank you for supporting our church.

Our Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon

Thank you so much to Chef Gary Prentiss for that delicious Thanksgiving luncheon last week! And thank you to Debbie Eitel for setting up and decoration our CE Hall for the occasion. Finally, thank you to Larry Foray for the karaoke program. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Deck the Halls

Debbie Eitel will lead us in our annual Christmas decorating event this Saturday, morning, November 25. Specifics will be announced in church today.

Christmas Tea Tickets

Tickets for our Christmas Tea are now on sale. Pastor Ann has them, and they may be purchased for the bargain price of \$25. The Tea takes place on Saturday, December 2, at 1:00 p.m. in our CE Hall.

There will be a basket auction, and some really nice things from the Christmas Fair will be available for purchase as well.

Leonora Knight will have some of her talented students with her, who will be singing for us.

Jill Wilson and her Tea Team have been working very hard planning this event, and it promises to be our best Christmas Tea yet!

“Dressing up” is encouraged, but not required. Ladies, if you have hats in the back of your closet, and gloves in your dresser drawer, why not wear them! What fun!

Looking Forward:

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

- 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

The Little Food pantry is being used heavily by our community. We are grateful to God that we are able to be of help.

As we enter the colder months, we remember that there will be times that we cannot put canned food out, as it will freeze and explode.

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. And thank you, Kathy Gerlach, assisted by Louise Miller, for spearheading this project.

THE SESSION

Susan Perrotta, Recording Clerk

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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:

In Loving Memory Of:

In Honor Of:

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!