

**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OF GREENLAWN**



**Sunday Celebration of Worship**  
**November 21, 2021 – The Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**10:30 a.m.**  
**Thanksgiving Sunday**

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WELCOME

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

Deacon Barbara Small

GATHERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

To the thanksgiving table of plenty,

***Come thankful people, come!***

To the kitchen, where familiar hands prepare with love,

***Come thankful people, come!***

To the farm where calloused hands plant and tend,

***Come thankful people, come!***

To the rich earth where roots stretch and seeds grow,

***Come thankful people, come!***

To this service of worship of the God of Creation

***Come thankful people, come!***

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

*You know the truth about us, O God, better than we know ourselves. We have gathered the bounty of Your Earth to fill our bank accounts, struggling to get ahead, blinded by greed. We have not stopped to gaze with wonder at the birds of the air or the flowers of the field. We have not paused to listen to one another or to walk with Christ among outcasts and sinners. We turn away from the prompting of the Holy Spirit, choosing to worry rather than to praise. Turn us around, we pray, that we might receive forgiveness and enter into a time of true thanksgiving. 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.*

### DEDICATION OF 2022 PLEDGES

(During the singing of *Give Thanks*, you are invited to place your pledge card in the offering plate on the Communion Table. If you have already sent your pledge in, or if you don't have your pledge card with you, you are invited to come up and briefly place your hand on the edge of the plate.)

### DEDICATION HYMN THANKS

*Give Thanks*

GIVE

*Give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks to the Holy One.  
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son. (repeat)*

*And now, let the weak say, "I am strong." Let the poor say, "I am rich,"  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.*

*Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One.  
Give thanks, because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son, Give Thanks!*

### PRAYER CONCERNS

Betty Chatfield

### PASTORAL PRAYER & 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.*

A MINUTE FOR MISSION

Kathie Gerlach

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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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 have bread, so we will share. We have pure water, so we will give to dig wells for others. We have faith, so we will tell others of the great things You have done, O God. These sacred moments of giving acknowledge Your ownership of all our possessions. We seek to answer Your call to responsible stewardship and faithfulness in mission. We are Your heralds and apostles. Thank You, God. Amen.***

A GIFT FROM THE CHOIR

*You Raise Me Up*

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Psalm 105:1-9  
Philippians 4:4-9

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Ann M. Van Cleef

Thank You, God, for Hand-Me-Downs

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**

Let us raise a song of Thanksgiving ....

- Thank you, Gary Prentiss and Debbie Eitel, for a delicious Thanksgiving dinner last Sunday.
- Thank you, Betty Chatfield, Kathie Gerlach, Barbara Charnews, and Althea Segale for your inspiring talks on what this church means to you.
- Thank you, church members, for a nice Congregational Meeting last week.
- Thank you, new members of Session, for your commitment to the good of the Kingdom.
- Thank you, Session, for a very fine meeting this past Tuesday.
- Thank you, members and friends, for your commitment and support of this church.

### **Buyers Needed**

Today, Pastor Ann needs to recruit five buyers. Each one will be given an envelope with \$40 cash. Your mission? Go to Home Depot on Black Friday, and purchase five plain wreathes and five poinsettias. Please bring those items to church on Sunday, November 28. (They may be available on Wednesday, the day before Thanksgiving.) Thank you!

### **Christmas Tree Lighting**

Mark your calendar! On Sunday, December 19, at 5:00 p.m., we will have a special community event: we will light our new Christmas tree outside, sing some Christmas carols, and then come inside for some hot chocolate and Christmas cookies. Please plan to attend, and invite a friend.

### **Victorian Christmas Tea**

Have you made reservations for our 3-course Victorian Christmas Tea yet? It will take place on Saturday, December 4, from 1 – 2:30 p.m. You can “dress up” with hats and gloves, or just come as you are. Men are invited, too. (Top hats, spats, and canes are optional!) Food is being prepared by Chef Gary Prentiss, and promises to be delicious. Please see Leonora Colletti to reserve your table.

### **Items for Christmas Fair Still Needed**

Many of you have been cleaning out your storage areas and bringing in your no-longer-needed Christmas items. Thank you, and keep up the good work!

### **Women’s Choir**

The Women’s Choir meets every Sunday at 9:45 a.m. The choir will sing today and on December 19.

### **The Sanctuary as a Prayerful Place**

There is a lot of chatter in the Sanctuary prior to worship. Although fellowship is holy, there are people who would like to use the pre-worship time to pray.

We would like to try to have some quiet time beginning at 10:15 a.m. Therefore, we ask that people who would like to greet their friends to please do so out in the hall or in the Narthex. Thank you.

### **The Little Food Pantry**

The Little Food Pantry is in need of breakfast cereal, pasta (spaghetti, macaroni, ziti, etc.), canned tuna, canned chicken and canned Spam.

When you go to the grocery store, it would be much appreciated if you could pick up an extra box of cereal, pasta, or some canned meat to donate to the pantry. Thank you so much!

## **Tuesday Fellowship Group –Meeting Information**

The Tuesday Fellowship Group has returned to its original time of 1:00 p.m. People who don't get out much are particularly encouraged to join. (Don't worry, we don't give out awards for perfect attendance.) If you don't have access to the Internet, you may call in at: 1 646 558 8656. **Meeting ID: 892 8564 8280 Passcode: 029614**

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Gary Prentiss  
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Arlissa Dean  
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