

**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF GREENLAWN**



**Sunday Service of Worship
November 26, 2023 – Reign of Christ
10:30 a.m.**

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

Dan Charnews

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, God is seeking to gather us together.

Like a shepherd searching for lost sheep, God calls us.

Something or someone has summoned us here.

Dare we believe that God knows and welcomes us?

God reaches out to rescue all who have strayed.

Scattered, weak, and injured ones are drawn to God.

We come, in need of healing, seeking a blessing.

Our faith draws us here, in spite of our doubts.

Come, above all else, to worship and give thanks.

Make a joyful noise to the Creator of All Worlds.

God's steadfast love becomes real to us here.

We are reminded of God's immeasurable greatness.

HYMN # 555

Now Thank We All Our God NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices.

Who wondrous things hath done in whom this world rejoices.

Who, from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way

With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us

With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us.

And keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,

And free us from all ills in this world and the next/

All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest Heaven.

To Father and to Son, and Spirit now be given.

The one eternal God, Whom Heaven and Earth adore,

The God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All-knowing God, You are aware of our comfort-seeking weakness. We ignore strangers in need as if they were of no concern of ours. We resist programs that might threaten our privileges. We do only enough good to keep us from feeling guilty. We give grudgingly of our time and resources instead of overflowing with thanksgiving and joyous sharing. We treat the church as our possession rather than letting Christ rule as head of the body. O God, we pray we have not wandered beyond Your reach. 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

God of Steadfast Love, receive these expressions of our thanks for the glorious inheritance entrusted to us. We hereby enlist ourselves and our resources toward the realization of Your eternal purpose for all humanity. May this congregation become more and more a source of hope for each of us and for all we meet. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Psalm 95:1-7a
Matthew 25:31-46

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

“To the Least of These”

Rev. Dr. Van Cleaf

HYMN # 151

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

*Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne.
Hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.*

*Crown Him the Lord of Love. Behold His hands and side.
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.*

*Crown Him the Lord of Peace, whose power a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that ward may cease, absorbed in prayers and praise.
His reign shall know no end. And round His pierced feet
Fair flowers of Paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.*

*Crown Him the Lord of years, the Potentate of Time.
Creator of the Rolling Spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me.
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.*

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.

Deck the Halls

Thank you to Debbie Eitel and all who assisted in decking the halls (and cleaning the kitchen) yesterday. God bless the many hands who made light work.

Christmas Tea Tickets

Tickets for our Christmas Tea are now on sale. Jill Wilson has them, and they may be purchased for the bargain price of \$25. The Tea takes place this 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!

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.

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.

Arrangements for Bob Van Cleef

Pastor Ann would like to thank everyone for your expressions of kindness and sympathy on the passing of our dear “Bob # 3.” Arrangements are as follows:

Visitation: Monday *and* Tuesday, December 11 *and* 12, 2-4 *and* 7-9 both days, Horton Mathie Funeral Home, 735 First Street, Greenport, NY. (631) 477-0054

Burial: Wednesday, December 13, 9:00 a.m., Orient Central Cemetery, Tabor Road, Orient, NY. (Take Main Road, make a right on Tabor Road just before the firehouse. Cemetery is a few hundred feet on the left, behind the firehouse.)

Memorial Service: Wednesday, December 13, 12:00 noon, First Presbyterian Church, Greenlawn

Repast: Immediately following Service, CE Hall.

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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.