

**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF GREENLAWN**



**Sunday Celebration of Worship
November 27, 2022
10:30 a.m.
The First Sunday of Advent - Hope**

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

Dan Charnews

THE LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

Marian Adams

Psalm 122:1; Isaiah 2:1-5

Meg Lawrence

CALL TO WORSHIP

Awaken to a season of anticipation.

God is offering peace within and among us.

How good it is to gather in God's house!

God draws us together for this time of worship.

God calls us to celebrate our diversity.

Differences shall no longer divide us.

We want to see one another through God's eyes.

We will look for the good in our neighbors.

Seek the highest and best for each other.

Come to the mountain of God's love.

We will follow in the paths where God leads.

Our ears are open to hear God's instructions.

HYMN # 8

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

TRURO

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates. Behold, the King of Glory waits.

The King of Kings is drawing near. The Savior of the World is here!

*Fling wide the portals of your heart. Make it a temple set apart.
From earthly use for heaven's employ, adorned with prayer, and love and joy.*

Redeemer come! I open wide my heart to Thee, here, Lord abide.

Let me Thy inner presence feel Thy grace and love in me reveal.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, You have brought us to this moment of confrontation. We cannot escape Your judgment of our hidden deceits. You know when we are jealous of others. You observe our quarrels with one another. You see how we seek self-gratification rather than the ways You intend for us. Our physical desires are more important to us than the spiritual hungers we suppress. Come among us now to turn us toward the paths where You want to lead us. 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

Betty Chatfield

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

... Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray 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.*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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

Thank You, God, for the privilege of sharing Your bounty with those in need. Thank You for prospering our work and witness. We seek to walk in Your light and follow the pathways where You lead. We want to share the Good News of salvation through these gifts and by the way we live. May all Your people be made ready for Christ's coming. Amen.

A MUSICAL GIFT
Rosizzi

Catarina

Alleluja (from Exultate, Jubilate, K 165: W. A. Mozart)

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Matthew 24:36-44

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

“Being Heedful”

Rev. Dr. Ann Van Cleef

HYMN # 2

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

*Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free.
From our fears and sins release us. Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the Earth Thou art.
Dear desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.*

*Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King.
Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious Kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone.
By Thine all sufficient merit raise us to Thy glorious throne.*

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: # 555

*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.*

JOYS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Guest Soloist

This morning, we welcome Catarina Rosizzi, a private student of Leonora Knight. Catarina is a freshman at Flagler College in St. Augustine, FL and is majoring in special education. Thank you for sharing your music with us, Catarina!

Christmas Tea

Our Christmas Tea will take place this coming Saturday, December 3, at 1:00 p.m., in CE Hall. Jill Wilson is chairing the event. Tickets may be purchased during Coffee Hour for \$25 each.

Deck the Halls

Many thanks to those who helped “Deck the Halls” yesterday. Your work is much appreciated.

Christmas Fair

Our Christmas Fair will take place in the Narthex on Saturday, December 10, from 9 to 3. As part of our Christmas Fair, we will be selling gently used Christmas decorations. Most of us have boxes of Christmas “stuff” in our attics and basements that we haven’t used in years, and probably will never use. If that’s the case with you, please gather them up and give them to Pastor Ann.

“Jackets for Jesus”

Once again, Debbie Eitel is spearheading a collection of gently used winter jackets and coats which will be given to the less fortunate in our community. Hats, scarves, and gloves are welcome as well. There is a large box in the hall where these items may be deposited. Thank you for your generosity.

“God’s Creation” Wall Calendars

Debbie Eitel is taking pre-orders for the beautiful “God’s Creation” wall calendars. Every month features a full-color picture and a Scripture verse. Each Sunday has a Scripture verse notated as well. The price is \$8 / calendar.

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