

**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF GREENLAWN**



**Sunday Service of Worship
November 28, 2021 – The First Sunday of Advent
10:30 a.m.**

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

Deacon Barbara Small

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Simone and Michael Pennino

CANDLELIGHTING

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 33:14-16

PRAYER

GATHERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

In Advent, we watch, wait,
and prepare to welcome the Christ Child into the world.

Come, Lord Jesus, come!

In Advent, we prepare for a life of discipleship,
and watch faithfully for signs of God’s light breaking into the world.

Come, Lord Jesus, come!

As we watch for signs of God’s action in the world,
actions of compassion and grace break forth.

Come, Lord Jesus, come!

We recognize that we know neither the day nor the hour,
but we know that the time draws near.

Come, Lord Jesus, come!

Be born anew in our world and in our lives.

*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

God of promises and possibilities, we admit that we color the world according to our own limited vision. We are often unjust in our judgments, and faithless in our relationships. We are haunted by sins we have not confessed. Hear us as we entrust them to Your forgiving care. Help us to let go of our transgressions, to renew our covenant with You, and to live constructively with one another. We ask Your forgiveness in the spirit of Jesus Christ, whose coming among us we await with great expectation. 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 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

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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

God of Hopeful Waiting, we give thanks for all of the ways in which You reveal Yourself to us. Help us to clear away the many distractions of this season and offer our whole lives as gifts to you. May these offerings nurture all of the ways in which Your promise is breaking into the world in acts of compassion and justice. May these gifts nurture Your rule of hope and peace. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Luke 21:25-36

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

“A Season of Hope”

Rev. Dr. 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: # 56

THE FIRST NOWELL

*The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay.
In fields where they lay a-keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel.*

JOYS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coffee Hour

Today's Coffee Hour is being hosted by Arlissa Dean. Thank you, Arlissa!
Last week's Coffee Hour was hosted by Linda Rixon. Thank you, Linda!

Deck the Halls

A big "thank you" to Debbie Eitel and her team for the work they did decorating the church for the Christmas holidays on Saturday.

And Speaking of Thank You

Special thanks to the "shoppers" who picked up the wreathes and poinsettias for us on Black Friday. Please put them in Pastor Ann's office.

One More Thank You ..

The Youth Group Room and downstairs hallway look wonderful! Thank you, Larry Foray, for painting those areas!

Wreath Decorating

Do you know how to decorate wreathes? If not, would you like to learn? It's not terribly difficult. Tomorrow (***Monday***) at 10:30 a.m. we will decorate the wreathes, which will be sold at the Christmas Fair on Saturday. Please come and help us.

If we don't get them all decorated on Monday, we will continue working on ***Wednesday***, starting at 10:30 a.m. We'll send out an e-mail blast on Tuesday night to let you know what's going on.

Christmas Fair

Pastor Ann will be setting up the Christmas Fair on ***Friday*** starting at 10:30 a.m. The items have already been priced, so it's just a matter of arranging them nicely on tables. Please see Pastor Ann if you can donate an hour on Friday morning.

Please Invite a Friend to Our Christmas Fair

The success of our Fair depends on getting people to attend. Please spread the word and invite a friend: Saturday, December 4, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. "Be there, or be square!"

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.

The Sanctuary as a Prayerful Place

We said that we would try having “quiet time” in the Sanctuary for a few weeks. Now it’s time to evaluate this experiment and see if we want to continue it. If you have not done so already, please give Pastor Ann your feedback. Thank you.

Women’s Choir

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

Lessons and Carols – December 19

Once again, we will be holding our Lessons and Carols Service on the 4th Sunday of Advent, December 19, at 10:30 a.m.

A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols Service will be held on Sunday, December 20, the Fourth Sunday of Advent, at 10:30 a.m.

This Service tells the story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus. It is told in nine short Bible readings from Genesis, the Prophetic Books, and the Gospels, and is interspersed with the singing of Christmas carols, hymns, and other music.

The original format was based on an Order of Worship for Christmas Eve, 1880, in Cornwall, England. It is said that a key purpose of the Service at that time was to keep men out of the pubs on Christmas Eve!

The Service at FPC Greenlawn will be based on the one at *The King’s College* in Cambridge, England, where the nine lessons are read by representatives of the congregation and of the local community. We already have several community leaders who have agreed to read. We also have some soloists from our congregation.

This will be a very inspiring Service of worship. Please plan to attend, and invite a friend!

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.

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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