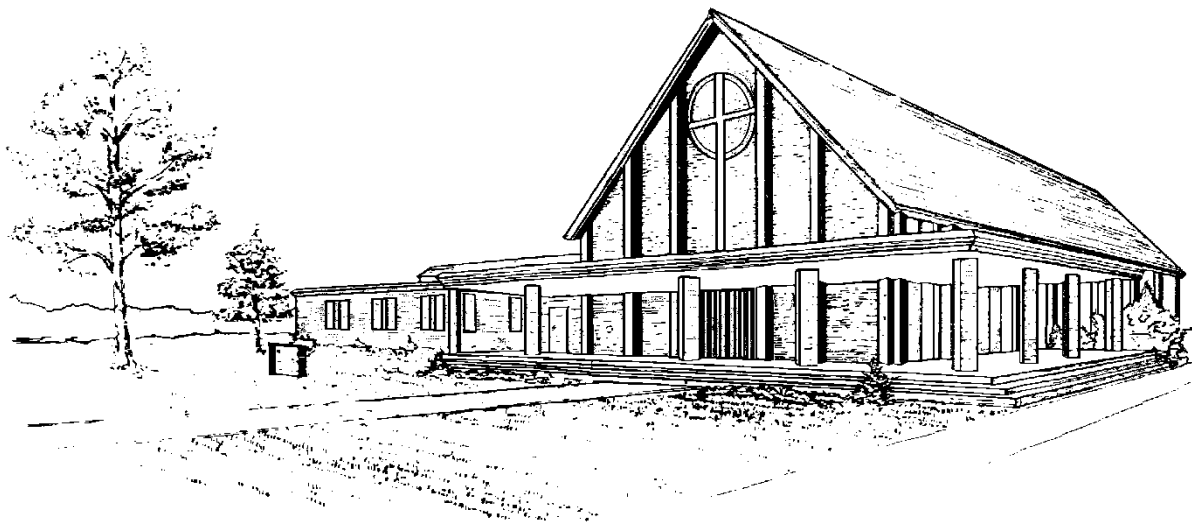


# THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENLAWN



**Sunday Service of Worship  
October 15, 2023 10:30 a.m.**

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

THE RINGING OF THE BELL  
Cleef

Dan Charnews / Bob Van

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come away from the valleys of misplaced loyalty.

Come, seeking to meet the God of all worlds.

***We have come to praise God and to give thanks.***

***We believe that God's steadfast love endures forever.***

We come together that our faith may be strengthened.

We seek the strength to live by all we profess.

***God's magnificent deeds saved our ancestors.***

***Surely God's steadfast love continues with us.***

God continues to deliver us in times of distress.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

***We rejoice that God is near and available to us.***

***We hear God welcoming us to this time of prayer.***

HYMN # 288

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

ELLACOMBE

*I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,*

*That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.*

*I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day.*

*The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.*

*I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the Earth with food.*

*God formed the creatures with a word and then pronounced them good.*

*Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed where'er I turn my eyes,*

*If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the skies!*

*There's not a plant or flower below but makes Thy glories known,*

*And clouds arise, and tempests blow by order from Thy throse.*

*While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care,*

*And everywhere that we can be, Thou, God, art present there.*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*God of All Mercy, You have planted within us a desire to observe justice and to do righteousness. We want to be fair and honorable, delighting in life shared openly and honestly with family, friends, and co-workers. Instead, we are often defensive, fearful, and distracted. We spend more time with our toys than with Your truth. We seek temporary thrills rather than lasting meaning. Then we are disappointed when our “golden calves” bring no fulfillment. We return to You, loving God, intent on following the guidance we are receiving from You. Forgive us, and save us from ourselves, 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

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.*

### OFFERING SENTENCES

### 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

*May our offerings help to prepare people to feast at Your banquet table. May our generosity reflect the amazing abundance You entrust to our care. As we find joy in giving, may others be inspired to give their best, and may all of us realize Your peace, dwelling within and among us as we serve in Christ's name. Amen.*

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23  
Matthew 22:1-14

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

“You Are Invited to a Banquet”

Rev. Dr. Van Cleef

HYMN  
WINTER

*I Cannot Come to the Banquet*

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REFRAIN: *I cannot come to the banquet, don't trouble me now.  
I have married a wife, I have bought me a cow.  
I have fields and commitments that cost a pretty sum.  
Pray hold me excused, I cannot come.*

*A certain man held a feast on his fine estate in town.  
He laid a festive table and wore a wedding gown.  
He sent invitations to his neighbors far and wide.  
But when the meal was ready, each of them replied, “I cannot come.”*

REFRAIN:

*The master rose up in anger, called the servants by name.  
Said “Go into the town, fetch the blind and the lame.  
Fetch the peasant and the pauper, for this I have willed.  
My banquet must be crowded and my table must be filled.” “I cannot come.”*

REFRAIN:

*When all the poor had assembled there was still room to spare,  
So the master demanded, “Go search everywhere.  
Search the highways and the byways and tell them to come in.  
My table must be filled before the banquet can begin.” “I cannot come.”* REFRAIN:

*Now God has written a lesson for the rest of humankind.  
If we're slow in responding, He may leave us behind.  
He's preparing a banquet for that great and glorious day.  
When the Lord and Master calls us, be certain not to say “I cannot come.”* REFRAIN:

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**

**Blessing of the Pets**

Our annual Blessing of the Pets Service will take place today at 1:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome! Humans, too!

**The Little Food Pantry**

We are in need of canned vegetables, canned chicken, and Spam for the Little Food Pantry, which is available to our community 24 / 7.

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