

The First Presbyterian Church of Greenlawn

Sunday, October 23, 2022

10:30 a.m.

“Homecoming Service”

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Order of Worship

GATHERING MUSIC

Leonora Knight

WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Ann M. Van Cleef
Pastor, 2020 – present

PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION

CHORAL INTROIT

In This Very Room

The Women’s Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord! Praise the name of the Lord!

Praise the Lord and give thanks.

God has blessed us and brought us to this time.

God has blessed us and brought us to this place.

God has stirred our hearts and made us glad.

God has shown us the way of truth and life.

For 150 years, God has nurtured and fed us.

For 150 years, God has shown us grace.

For 150 years, God has been present in Word and Sacrament.

For 150 years, God has empowered us with the Holy Spirit.

For 150 years, God has made us witnesses in the world.

For 150 years, God has placed us in living community with one another.

Praise the Lord for 150 years!

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OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, our Heavenly Parent, whom the heaven of heavens cannot contain, much less in this house which has been built to You; yet who delights in the assembling of Your people in the Sanctuary and have promised to bless them

there; look with Your loving favor upon us this day and accept as Your own this Church and its people, which we would rededicate to Your service. Cause Your face to shine upon us, and may this place continue to be to all who gather here the very house of God and the gate of Heaven. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen.

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 (debts)

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.*

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Marian Adams
Rosalie Schweighardt
Rosalie Wilson
Jill Wilson

These friends are being received into membership of The First Presbyterian Church of Greenlawn, Presbyterian Church, USA, by Reaffirmation of Faith.

Friends, as members of the one, holy, universal, and apostolic church, you do not come to us as strangers, but as brothers and sisters in the Lord. We welcome you to the worship and work of this congregation.

You have found nurture and support in the midst of this family of Christ. You have been led by the Holy Spirit to claim covenantal relationship with this congregation, and to serve God and humankind using your gifts which the Holy Spirit bestows.

Today, we rejoice in your pilgrimage of faith which has brought you to this time and place. We give thanks for every community of faith that has been your spiritual home, and we celebrate your presence in this household of faith.

Friends, do you desire to affirm your baptism into the faith and family of Jesus Christ? Do you?

I do.

Do you renounce the powers of evil and desire the freedom of new life in the belief of the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? Do you?

I do.

Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be Christ's disciple, to follow in his way, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best as you are able? Do you promise, with the help of God?

I promise, with the help of God.

Do you promise to participate in the life and mission of this congregation, sharing regularly in the worship of God, and enlisting in the work of The First Presbyterian Church of Greenlawn as it serves the community and the world? Do you, with the help of God?

I do, with the help of God.

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH

Let us, as members and friends of The First Presbyterian Church of Greenlawn, stand, express our welcome, and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

We welcome you with joy in the common life of this Church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the Church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our Risen Savior.

Let us affirm our faith with the reading of The Apostle's Creed.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Welcome to our Church Family, Marian, Rosalie, Rosalie, and Jill.

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

God of our Ancestors, whose laws are timeless and Whose ways empower the Church, we bring to You the result of our labors. We would recognize all our moments and days as precious gifts from You. We dedicate ourselves anew to the fulfilling of Your will through all You entrust to us, not just through the portion we return here. Bless all that the Church seeks to accomplish in Christ's name. Amen.

A GIFT FROM THE CHOIR

The Women's Choir

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

1st Chronicles 16:8-12

SERMON: "Remembering and Looking Forward"

The Rev. Mark Tammen
General Presbyter, Presbytery of Long Island

HYMN

We Would Be Building in This Church of God
(Words by Martha Terry)

FINLANDIA

*We would be building in this church of God
As once our parents built upon this sod.
With grace and power and faith in God above,
Our hearts so full of God's unmeasured love.
They sacrificed for One they all adored
And built a church to glorify their Lord.*

*The building built amid their joys and tears
Has been re-built down through these many years.
But great the faith they held instilled within
Has lived and grown through this world's earthly din.
Help us to keep this faith within our souls,
And strive to live our lives with higher goals.*

*Help us, O Master, through our lives to build
Such faith and love to our children be willed
A church that stands throughout all earthly strife
And calls each one to live a Christ-like life.
Like they who built the first church on this sod
O Master, help us build a Church of God.*

PRAYER OF RE-DEDICATION OF OUR CHURCH

To the glory of God our Heavenly Parent, by Whose favor this Church was founded; to the honor of Jesus, the Christ, the Son of the Living God, our Lord and Savior; to the praise of the Holy Spirit, Source of Life and Light;

We re-dedicate this church.

For worship in prayer and song; for the ministry of the Word; for the celebration of the Holy Sacraments;

We re-dedicate this church.

To the memory of our beloved departed, to the gentle and true of former times, to all who have loosed the bonds of ignorance and wrong;

We re-dedicate this church.

To the welfare of the living; to those whose ways are good and those whose ways are evil; to the strong souls that stoop to share the burden of those around them; to the weak and defenseless; to the burdened mind, to the tempted heart, the lifeweary, to the heavy-laden, and to all human need;

We re-dedicate this church.

For the sanctification of the family, for the guidance of childhood, the inspiration of youth, and the steady hold upon humankind throughout all the days;

We re-dedicate this church.

For the help of the needy; for the promotion of peace and friendship; for bringing in the Kingdom of God;

We re-dedicate this church.

As a tribute of gratitude and love, an offering of thanksgiving and praise, from those who have tasted the cup of Your salvation and experienced the riches of Your grace;

We, the members and friends of The First Presbyterian Church of Greenlawn, now consecrating ourselves anew, re-dedicate ourselves in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

A MUSICAL GIFT

Panis Angelicus from
Solemn Mass in A

Cesar Franck

Leonora Knight, Piano
Ann Van Cleef, Soprano

Jack Knight, Violincello

ADJOURN TO THE FRONT LAWN FOR THE
DEDICATION OF THE PEACE POLE

Robert Arelt and
Robert Van Cleef

Introduction

Prayer

Benediction

Hymn:

Let There Be Peace on Earth

*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.*

Participants in Today’s Service:

The Rev. Dr. Ann M. Van CleefPastor
The Rev. Mark Tammen,
General Presbyter, Presbytery of Long Island.....Guest Preacher
Betty ChatfieldPrayer List
Leonora KnightPiano
Jack KnightViolincello
Arlissa Dean Greeter

Choir Members:

Soprano

Marian Adams
Barbara Charnews
Kathie Gerlach
Stephanie Horne
Margaret (Meg) Lawrence
Susan Perrotta

Alto

Debbie Eitel
Arlissa Dean
Claire Proctor
Jill Wilson

Anniversary Task Force Members

Betty Chatfield Jane Longstreet
Arlissa Dean Ken Longstreet
Debbie Eitel Claire Proctor

Kathie Gerlach
Stephanie Horne
Margaret (Meg) Lawrence

Rosalie Schweighardt
Ann Van Cleef
Rosalie Wilson

Flowers

Many thanks to former church member Ted Caskey for the lovely mums inside and outside the church, and on the tables at The Lodge. Ted writes this:

Enclosed, please find a check to be used for purchasing fall-colored mums for the inside and outside of the church to celebrate our 150th Anniversary on Sunday, October 23rd. I will certainly be there in spirit. Have a wonderful 150th celebration.

*In Christ's love and mine,
Ted Caskey*

Thank you also to Debbie Eitel for arranging for the contribution of two outdoor flower urns, which now sit at the front entrance to the church.

Thank you to Debbie and to Claire Proctor for purchasing and planting the flowers that Ted Caskey donated.

Peace Pole

The Peace Pole, dedicated at the conclusion of today's Service, is a 150th Anniversary gift from the Van Cleefs.

There are an estimated 250,000 Peace Poles in every country in the world, dedicated as monuments to peace. Each Peace Pole bears the message "May Peace Prevail on Earth" in eight different languages, two on each of its four sides.

Peace Poles have been placed in such notable locations as the North Magnetic Pole, the Hiroshima Peace Memorial, and the site of the Egyptian Pyramids in Giza.

The languages on our pole are English, Spanish, Greek, Hebrew, German, Korean, Italian, and French.