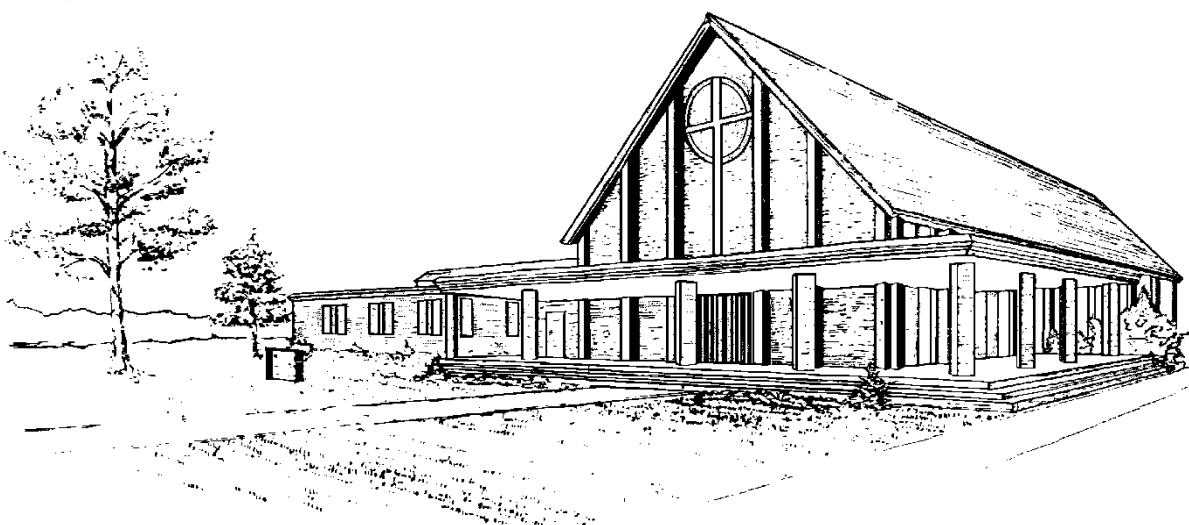


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WELCOME

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

Deacon Barbara Small

GATHERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

It is God, not the economy, who reminds us of our abundance.

We have received grace, and grace we give.

It is the Bible, not the budget, that calls our church to faithfulness.

We have received grace, and grace we give.

God teaches us stewardship beyond boasting or fearfulness.

We have received grace, and grace we give.

God inspires creative uses of finances, time, energy, and enthusiasm.

We have received grace, and grace we give.

HYMN # 429

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

ABBOT'S LEIGH

Lord, You give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word."

Lest the church neglect its mission, and the Gospel go unheard.

Help us witness to Your purpose with renewed integrity.

With the Spirit's gifts, empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, You call us to Your service: "In my name baptize and teach."

That the world may trust Your promise – life abundant meant for each.

Give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community.

With the Spirit's gifts, empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, You bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end."

Faith and hope and love restoring. May we serve as You intend.

And, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity.

With the Spirit's gifts, empower us for the work of ministry.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Amazing Grace, You have asked us to give of ourselves, wholly and completely. We have heard Your call and have responded with great affirmation and joy. Yet, there are times when we fall short. Times when we forget. Times when we focus on the wrong things. Times when we put our money and our resources into our earthly possessions, and not into those things which You have created and blessed. Help us to have faith, O God. Help us to give through that faith. Help us to be blessed by that faith. In Jesus' name 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, Son of the Living God, in whose name we pray, 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.*

WHAT THIS CHURCH MEANS TO ME

INVITATION TO OFFERING

The First Presbyterian Church of Greenlawn
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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

Gracious God, we thank You that generosity allows us to experience such abundance. We rejoice that we are able to offer You these gifts, and ask Your blessing upon our own transformation through Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Matthew 25:14-30

Luke 19:11-27

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Ann Van Cleef

“Beyond Money: Becoming Good and Faithful Stewards”

HYMN # 430

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

DARWELL'S 148th

*Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long.
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!*

*Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme,
Empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!*

*Let courage be our friend, let wisdom be our guide,
As we, in mission, magnify the Crucified!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!*

*Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!*

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

The Sanctuary as a Prayerful Place

There is a lot of chatter in the Sanctuary prior to worship. Although fellowship is holy, there are people who would like to use the pre-worship time to pray.

Starting next week, October 31, we would like to try to have some quiet time starting at 10:15 a.m. Therefore, we ask that people who would like to greet their friends to please do so out in the hall or in the Narthex. Thank you.

Coffee Hour

Today's Coffee Hour is being hosted by Barbara Charnews. Thank you, Barbara. Thanks also to George Santos, who hosted Coffee Hour last week.

Church Membership

There will be a meeting of people who would like to join our church *today*, October 24, in the Parlor, immediately following coffee hour.

Personnel Committee

The Personnel Committee will meet *today*, October 24, in the Choir Room, immediately following coffee hour. The Personnel Committee consists of all of the chairpersons of Standing Committees: Buildings and Grounds, Christian Ed, Congregational Care, Finance, Missions, and Music & Worship. Diane Kirchhoff chairs this Committee.

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!

Mark Your Calendar – November 14

On Sunday, November 14, we will have a brief Congregational Meeting immediately following worship, for the purpose of electing new members to the Session. As per our bylaws and Presbyterian Polity, the official Call to Meeting will be read aloud October 31, November 7, and November 14.

Women's Choir

The Women's Choir will meet every Sunday at 9:45 a.m. The choir will sing on November 21 and on December 19. New members are welcome.

Christmas Fair, Greens Sale, and Tea

Session has approved a Christmas Fair and Tea to be held on Saturday, December 4. Leonora Colletti and Pastor Ann are the co-chairs. Please see them if you are

interested in helping, if you have ideas, or if you would like to serve on the committee.

Christmas Decorations Needed

As part of our December 4th 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.

Lay Speakers Needed

Would you like to share with others the reasons why you love our church so much? We need speakers for the next three weeks.

Would you like to participate in Laity Sunday on November 14?

If so, please send Pastor Ann an e-mail. pastorannsutton@yahoo.com

Tuesday Fellowship Group

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: 890 6070 9625, Passcode: 422463.

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