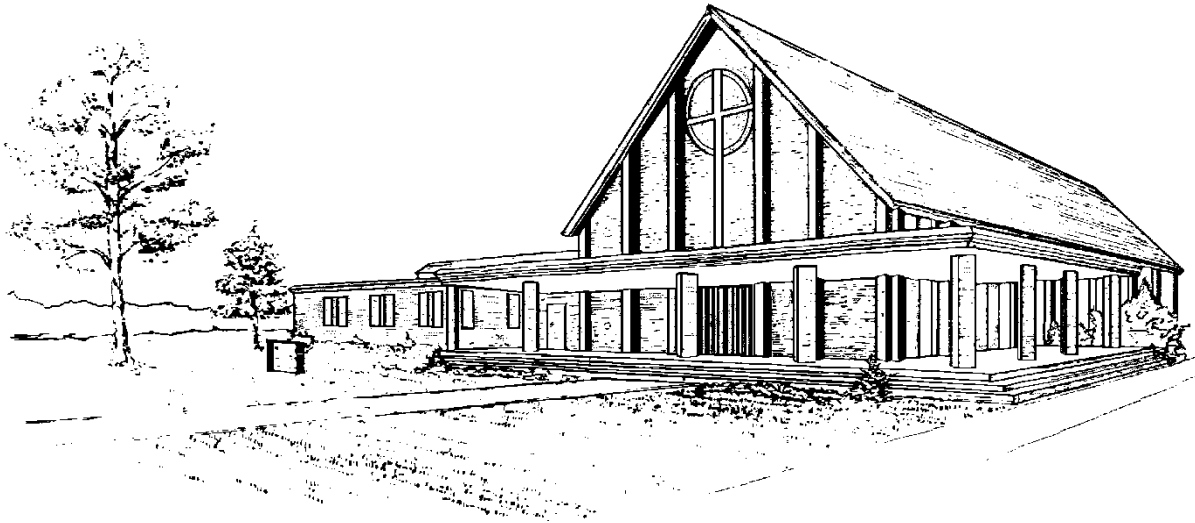


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GATHERING MUSIC
Knight

Sung by Leonora

What a Friend We Have in Jesus
(For Kenny Longstreet on his Birthday)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL Dan Charnews /Tyler Hago/ Glenn Jahier

CALL TO WORSHIP

God is gathering us from many different places.

No one is worthy, but all are invited.

God lifts us up when we stumble and leads us back.

God cares for us amid our pain and losses.

We are delivered from our fears and saved from trouble.

Happy are those who take refuge in a loving God.

Our lips pour forth laughter and joyous singing.

We join in shouts of praise to God Most High.

Taste and see how good God is.

Trust in the One who awakens joy in place of tears.

We will bless our God in all times and places.

Let us exalt God's name together.

*HYMN # 282

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

*If thou but trust in God to guide thee, with hopeful heart through all thy ways,
God will give strength, whate'er betide thee, to bear thee through the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love builds on the rock that naught can move.*

*Only be still, and wait God's leisure in cheerful hope, with heart content
To take what e'er thy Keeper's pleasure and all-discerning love hath sent.
No doubt our inmost wants are clear to One who holds us always dear.*

*Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways, but do thine own part faithfully.
Trust the rich promises of grace, so shall they be fulfilled in thee.
God never yet forsook at need the soul secured by trust indeed.*

*Those who are willing and able, please stand

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, help us know ourselves as we are, and set before us a vision of what life could be if we follow Your law. We admit our short-sighted views. We act in ways that seem to meet our immediate interests without considering the long-term results. We let our appetites rule us. We squander the gift of time. We ignore Your Word as if were unimportant. We flee from Your presence in doubt and rebellion. O God, we cannot escape You here. We want the life You offer in Jesus Christ. Forgive and help 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 the Christ, 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.*

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 giving. We have received so much! Now it is a joy to share. All we have belongs to You. You empower our earning and our use of the treasures we possess. We want to do good with everything we have received. Bless

today's offering and tomorrow's spending with insight, compassion, and responsible stewardship. May our giving for others reflect Your generosity toward us. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Psalm 34:1-8
Mark 10:46-52

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Ann M. Van Cleef

“Seeing, and Yet, Not Seeing”

HYMN # 144

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

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Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter, His the throne!

Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone!

*Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood. Jesus out of every nation
hath redeemed us by His blood.*

Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now.

Alleluia! He is near us, faith believes nor questions how.

*Though the cloud from sight received Him when the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget His promise, “I am with you evermore.”*

Alleluia! Bread of angels, Thou on Earth, our food, our stay.

Alleluia! Here the sinful flee to Thee from day to day.

*Intercessor, friend of sinners, Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.*

Alleluia! King Eternal, Thee the Lord of Lords we own.

Alleluia! Born of Mary, Earth Thy footstool, Heaven Thy throne.

Thou within the veil hast entered, robed in flesh, our great High Priest.

Thou on Earth both Priest and Victim in the Eucharistic feast.

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

*God be with you till we meet again. Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a shepherd's care enfold you. God be with you till we meet again.*

Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet.

Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

Joys and Announcements

Brahms' Requiem

We have recruited well over 45 choristers, many of them professional musicians, for the Brahms German Requiem concert, this afternoon at 3:00 in our Sanctuary.

Here is some wonderful news. We have two outstanding singers who will be performing the solos in the Requiem, and two professional pianists who will be accompanying the chorus.

Soprano Pamela E. Jones has performed all over the world, but calls the City Opera "home."

Baritone Stan Lacy is the founder and President of the New Camerata Opera Company. Additionally, he performs in operatic roles throughout the US.

Pianist Stephanie Watts has performed throughout the US and Europe. She is Professor of Music, Director of Piano and Theory Studies and has also served as Chair of the Department of Music at the Post Campus of Long Island University.

Pianist AeRee Kim has won several piano competitions and is currently on the piano faculty at the Post Campus of Long Island University.

We look forward to seeing you this afternoon.

Women's Choir Rehearsals

The Women's Choir began rehearsals this morning at 9:30. New members are always welcome. The ability to match pitch is necessary; we'll teach you everything else!

Required Minimum Distributions

RMDs are a wonderful thing as far as having a little more spending money is concerned. But there are some downsides. (1) You have to pay taxes. (2) You might possibly be bumped up into the next tax bracket. (3) As far as Medicare is concerned, your Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount, IRMAA for short, which is a fee you pay on top of your Medicare Part B and Part D adjustments, could rise if you make a yearly income above the annual thresholds.

You may want to prayerfully consider making a year-end gift to your church directly from your RMD. This will keep your taxes down, and will benefit the church. Thank you for considering this.

Church Membership

Are you a friend of our church who has faithfully been attending worship? Would you like to become a member of The First Presbyterian Church of Greenlawn? Please see Pastor Ann about joining; we would like to have a "New Members Sunday" sometime this fall.

Blessing of the Pets

Our Blessing of the Pets Service will take place on Sunday, November 3, at 1:00 p.m. in the Church Sanctuary. All pets are invited, and are encouraged to bring their owners! Pets will receive a Certificate of Blessing. Please spread the word.

Food Pantry

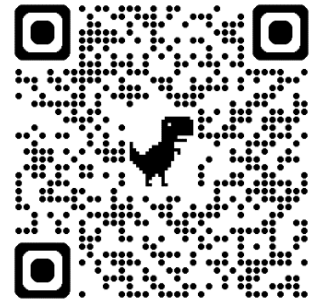
The need continues – please pick up a few things when you go grocery shopping. Thank you.

Is God Calling You to Become a Church Officer?

There are three people whose terms are ending on Session this year, and we still have an unfilled spot in the Class of 2026. Please prayerfully consider becoming a Ruling Elder. There are eleven meetings per year, nine of them on Zoom. Susan Perrotta will be happy to give you more information.

You May Now Donate On Line

Simply put your cell phone into camera mode, hold it up to the funny little square thing (no need to take a photo), and the link to our church website will pop up. The “Donate” button is on the opening page.



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