

**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF GREENLAWN**



**Sunday Celebration of Worship
October 2, 2022 – 10:30 a.m.
World Communion Sunday**

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GATHERING MUSIC

Leonora Knight

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

Dan Charnews

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Lamentations 3 and Psalm 137)

Sing to the Lord, whose mercy is from everlasting to everlasting!

But how can we sing the Lord's song when so many are without?

Sing to the Lord, whose faithfulness renews us every morning!

But how can we sing the Lord's song when so many are gone?

Sing to the Lord, who has not forgotten the melodies of salvation!

Let us remember the joy of the Lord, and sing a new song together!

HYMN # 439

In Christ There Is No East or West

ST. PETER

*In Christ there is no east or west. In Him no south or north.
But one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide Earth.*

*In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find
His service is the golden cord close-binding humankind.*

*Join hands, disciples of the faith, what e'er your race may be.
All children of the living God are surely kin to me.*

*In Christ, now meet both east and west. In Him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are one in Him throughout the whole wide earth.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God of Mercy and Grace: You have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course. You have promised us the abundance of all Creation, but in our greed and in our envy, the world goes without. You have promised us the Bread of Life itself, but in our pride and in our arrogance, the world goes hungry. You have promised us the waters of peace and justice, but in our violence and in our discord, the world goes thirsty. And now, we are famished, too. Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive us again. Transform us at this table, and send us from this table as servants of Your righteousness by the power of Your Son, our Lord. 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

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

Gracious God, You create more than we could ever hope to return. You share more than we could ever hope to deserve. And yet, we pray that you would accept these humble gifts. May they honor and glorify You in all Creation, and may they empower us for the work of witness and service for the sake of justice and for the sake of peace, now and forever. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE
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2 Timothy 1:1-

Luke 24:28-35

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

“Sunday Dinner”

Rev. Dr. Ann Van Cleef

COMMUNION HYMN # 386

O For a World

AZMON

*O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,
Where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.*

*O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,
Where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.*

*We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice
That opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.*

*The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn, outcasts belong. Who perishes will rise.*

*O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,
Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Lord God, it's World Communion Sunday, the day when Christians gather around the Table. It's both an ordinary day and a special day, as it speaks to our plea for Christian unity. Thank you for the reassurance in knowing that for all of our divisions in doctrine, interpretation, and practice, today we are one body around one Table. Yet, there is sadness in knowing how much work is still to be done. Thank You for reminding us that throughout the world, wherever Christians are gathered, Christ is celebrated and glorified. Amen.

HYMN (Tune # 447) *On World Communion Sunday*

LANCASHIRE

*On World Communion Sunday, all hearts are joined as one.
We gather 'round Christ's table, and pray God's will be done.*

*A loaf of bread to feed us. A cup to quench our thirst.
God's Realm is sweet reversal; the last are welcomed first.*

*Extravagantly lavish, God's grace has been conceived.
Each person is a treasure, a lost gold coin retrieved.
The stranger is our neighbor; the weak one is made strong.*

Don't hinder them; give welcome! Make clear that all belong!

*"Do justice and love kindness, walk humbly." This we heed,
By standing with our neighbors, responding to their needs.
May we, who tend the vineyard, may we, who plant the seeds,
Unite with sisters, brothers, to give, to heal, to feed.*

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: # 343

*Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,
We respond with deep commitment. Fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend.
Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.*

Joys and Announcements

Church Fair

Our Church Fair was a resounding success; Larry Foray, who chaired the event, declared that it was "The best ever!"

We took in just under \$3,800, but have a few bills connected with the Fair that need to be paid. A big "thank you" goes out to all our volunteers as well as those who contributed items to our Yard Sale.

150th Anniversary Gala Luncheon

Our 150th Anniversary Gala Luncheon will take place on Sunday, October 23, at 12:30 p.m. in Moose Hall as originally announced. It will be catered by Lighthouse Catering. The menu, which will be served buffet style, will be:

Mixed Greens Salad

Choice of:

Salmon with Apricot Glaze / Chicken Pizzaiola / Beef Carne Asada

Roast Potatoes

Grilled Vegetables

Choice of: Cake or Mixed Fruit

Tickets are \$40. Yes, friends and family are invited. You may purchase tickets during Coffee Hour or by sending your check to:

FPC Greenlawn – Anniversary Tickets

497 Pulaski Road, Greenlawn, NY 11740

World Communion Sunday

This morning, our congregation is celebrating world Communion Sunday. Originally called world Wide Communion Sunday, it was originated in the Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA, by Dr. Hugh Thompson Kerr in 1933.

That year was the darkest year of the Great Depression. The clouds of Naziism and Fascism hovered all over Europe. The prevailing mood was anxiety – fear about economics, fear about politics, and fear about the future. As a faith response to these fears, Dr. Kerr and the leaders of his congregation sought to do something both real and symbolic to proclaim that God is God, indeed.

Dr. Kerr and the congregation leaders conceived the idea of a Communion Service that followed daylight as it traveled around the globe. The concept spread slowly at first, but was firmly established by World War II. When we all share the Meal where Christ is our host, we are connected in ways that transcend boundaries of geography and language. Around the Table, we broadcast our faith to the world and say, “Come and dine; there is room for all.”

150th Anniversary Task Force

The Fair is over, but there’s no time to rest! Our 150th Anniversary Celebration is in exactly three weeks.

People who want to be on the Task Force are invited to grab a coffee and a snack, and meet in the Parlor at noon today, October 9, and October 16 for input and updates.

Blessing of The Pets

Our Blessing of the Pets will take place today in the parking lot behind the church at 1:00 p.m. Bring Fido and Mittens on down to be blessed; all pets will receive a Certificate of Blessing.

In case of rain, our Blessing will be held next Sunday, October 9, at 1:00 p.m.

Food Pantry

Please remember our food pantry when you are doing your grocery shopping. The following items are always needed: Peanut butter, jelly, tuna, Spam, pasta. Thank you for your generosity.

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