

**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OF GREENLAWN**



**Sunday Celebration of Worship  
October 31, 2021 – The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost  
10:30 a.m.**

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WELCOME

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

Deacon Barbara Small

GATHERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,  
And no torment will ever touch them.

*In the eyes of the foolish, they seem to have died,  
And their departure was thought to be an affliction,  
And their going from us seemed to be their destruction.*

*But they are at peace.*

Those who trust in God will understand truth,  
And the faithful will abide in love,

*Because grace and mercy are upon God's chosen,  
And God watches over the saints.*

HYMN # 466

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

AZMON

*O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!*

*Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease.  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.*

*Christ breaks the power of reigning sin, and sets the prisoner free.  
Christ's blood can make the sinful clean, Christ's blood availed for me.*

*My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim  
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*We are unprepared to meet You, Mighty God. You continue to summon us to the mountaintop. You invite us to lift up our heads and to see the Ruler of Glory, but we have stubbornly refused to acknowledge Your work among us. We shrink from life and we fear death. Forgive us. Strengthen our faith, and restore us to the joy of Your salvation. 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

Kathie

Gerlach

INVITATION TO OFFERING / UPDATE ON MISSIONS

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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

*The Earth is Yours, O God, and all that is in it. We have received untold blessings from Your hand. You set before us the vision of a new Heaven and a new Earth, inviting us to share in its formation. May the love of Jesus be expressed to others by our sharing of gifts. We pray in Jesus' name with thanks. Amen.*

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Revelation 21:1-6a

John 11:32-44

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Ann Van Cleef

“God Will Wipe Away Every Tear”

HYMN # 526

*For All the Saints*

SINE NOMINE

*For all the saints who from their labors rest, who  
Thee by faith before the world confessed, Thy  
name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might.  
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight.  
Thou in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*O blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine. Yet  
all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*From Earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through  
gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

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**

### **Coffee Hour**

Today's Coffee Hour is being hosted by Susan Perrotta. Thank you, Susan.

### **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 *today*, we would like to try to have some quiet time beginning 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.

### **Christmas Tree Committee**

There will be a brief meeting of those involved with the new Christmas tree *today*, in the Parlor, immediately following coffee hour.

Many thanks to the Buildings and Grounds Committee and especially George Santos for assisting with this project.

### **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!

### **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.

### **Call to Meeting**

There will be a meeting of the congregation on Sunday, November 14, immediately following worship, for the purpose of electing new members to the Session.

### **Christmas Decorations Needed**

As part of our December 4<sup>th</sup> 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 a speaker for November 14.

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

If so, please send Pastor Ann an e-mail. [pastorannsutton@yahoo.com](mailto:pastorannsutton@yahoo.com)

### **Tuesday Fellowship Group – New Meeting Information**

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: 892 8564 8280 Passcode: 029614**

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Class of 2022  
Diane Kirchoff  
Gary Prentiss  
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