

# THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENLAWN



**Sunday Celebration of Worship  
October 3, 2021 – The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
World Communion Sunday  
10:30 a.m.**

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

Deacon Barbara Small

GATHERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day that God has made. Let us be joyful!

***On this day, a special day, we are reminded of the expanse and  
diversity of God's Creation.***

On this World Communion Sunday, we are reminded that just as we gather to hear the Word and share the Table, Christians in every part of the world will do the same.

***Now, it is our time to join with our sisters and brothers  
everywhere. We come with thanksgiving for the privileges of  
being part of Christ's witness in all times and all places.***

It matters not whether we worship in homes, large cathedrals, or small churches, on hilltops or in fields. God is with communities of faith here and in every place, with neighbors near and far.

***We gather on this day, grateful that Christians witness not only here, but in  
all  
places and circumstances. We worship with joy and excitement. Alleluia!***

HYMN

*Community of Christ*

LEONI

*Community of Christ, who makes the cross your own,  
Live out your creed and risk your life for God alone.  
The God who wears your face, to whom all worlds belong,  
Whose children are of every race and every song.*

*Community of Christ, look past the church's door,  
And see the refugee, the hungry, and the poor.  
Take hands with the oppressed, the jobless in your street,  
Take towel and water, that you wash your neighbor's feet.*

*Community of Christ, through whom the word must sound,  
Cry out for justice and for the peace the whole world round.*

*Disarm the powers that war and all that can destroy,  
Turn bombs to bread, and tears of anguish into joy.*

*When menace melts away, so shall God's will be done.*

*The climate of the world be peace, and Christ its sun.*

*Our currency be love, and kindness our law,*

*Our food and faith be shared as one forever more.*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Loving God, we give You thanks for this special day of oneness with the human family, but then we immediately return to praising ourselves and focusing on our own worries. We close ourselves to what we can learn from others who are different, and forget Your call to live in solidarity. We run from Your invitation to live as one with people everywhere. Strengthen us so that we may not be led astray by temptations we encounter. Save us from isolation. Have us look beyond our own front doors. This is the prayer we lift up in the name of Christ our Redeemer. 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

### 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

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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

*Let these offerings be a sign of our joy, that through this congregation and Your Church Universal, we may join as witnesses to Your love. May there be bread for the world in many forms. To You be the glory for the great things You have done! Amen.*

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Job 1:1, 2:1-10  
Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Ann Van Cleef

“So, You Think You’ve Got Troubles?”

COMMUNION HYMN      *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.  
One loaf of bread to feed us, one 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.*

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*God of All Nations, we give You thanks that we are all made in Your image, and with such rich diversity. On this day, we are in solidarity with the faithful around the world. As we broke bread together, we remembered that we are still one body in You, even though we have different languages, cultures, and traditions, different ways of worshiping, praying, and praising. In solidarity, we drank the cup together of hope and new life, knowing that Your will is for Your people to be one body. We thank You and praise You for making us all who we are, individually and collectively. We celebrate all ancestries, cultures, and ethnicities as we pray for peace on our planet. Amen.*

### HYMN

*For the Healing of the Nations*

CWM RHONDDA

*For the healing of the nations, God, we pray with one accord  
For a just and equal sharing of the things that Earth affords.  
To a life of love in action, help us rise and pledge our word.  
Help us rise and pledge our word.*

*Lead us forward into freedom. From despair Your world release,  
That, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.  
Show us how, through care and goodness, fear will die and hope increase.  
Fear will die and hope increase.*

*All that kills abundant living, let it from the Earth be banned.  
Pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obscure Your plan.  
In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span.  
May we hallow life's brief span.*

*You, Creator God, have written Your great name on humankind.  
For our growing in Your likeness, bring the life of Christ to mind,  
That by our response and service, Earth, its destiny may find;  
Earth, its destiny may find.*

### 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

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Our Church Fair Was a Huge Success!**

Many thanks to Larry Foray, his team of workers, and our entire congregation for making our Church Fair a success. As of last Sunday, we made \$3600; a bit more money came in this week.

If you have expenses to submit, please see Larry Foray to receive the proper paperwork. We would like to “close the books” on this project as soon as possible.

#### **Blessing of the Pets**

Our Blessing of the Pets Service will take place *today*, at 1:00 p.m. in the back parking lot. All pets are invited, and are encouraged to bring their owners! Pets will receive a Certificate of Blessing. We are looking forward to seeing you.

#### **Steve Siegmann’s Memorial Service**

Our retired church secretary, Linda Siegmann, wishes to invite her friends at FPC Greenlawn to her husband Steve’s Memorial Service *today*, at The First Presbyterian Church of Northport at 2:00 p.m.

#### **Women’s Choir**

We will have a brief meeting of the Women’s Choir *today* immediately after worship, to talk about a rehearsal schedule. We will be singing in November and at the Lessons and carols Service. New members are welcome.

#### **Church Fair Planning Team Wrap-up**

The Church Fair Planning Team will meet next Sunday, October 10, immediately following Coffee Hour, for a debriefing. If you have any feedback, please give it to Larry Foray, Leonora Colletti, Debbie Eitel, or Pastor Ann Van Cleef prior to next Sunday.

#### **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.

## Tuesday Fellowship Group

The Tuesday Fellowship Group will be returning 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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#### **Pastor**

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#### Class of 2021

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