

**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF GREENLAWN**



**Sunday Celebration of Worship
October 6, 2024 – Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday
10:30 a.m.**

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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.*

**Those who are willing and able are invited to stand.
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

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

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

“World Communion Sunday”

COMMUNION HYMN

On World Communion Sunday
(Please remain seated)

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:

*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

Church Fair Debriefing

We had a wonderful Church Fair Debriefing Meeting last week. We celebrated the things we did well, and talked about things we could be doing better. If missed the meeting and have any feedback, please talk to Pastor Ann. Thank you.

Women's Choir Rehearsals

The Women's Choir will begin rehearsals on Sunday, October 27, at 9:30 a.m. New members are always welcome. The ability to match pitch is necessary; we'll teach you everything else!

Lunch and Learn Event

Those of us who are "of a certain age" have learned that changes are being made to Medicare for 2025. On Sunday, October 13, we will have a "Lunch and Learn" Coffee Hour. Heidi Peborde, a Medicare expert, will go over those changes while we enjoy a delicious luncheon prepared by Debbie and her crew.

Peace and Global Witness Offering

The Peace and Global Witness Offering is one of four offerings that our denomination asks us to participate in each year. Through the Peace and Global Witness Offering, congregations are encouraged and equipped to find and address the anxiety and discord that is prevalent throughout this broken and sinful world.

A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this Offering for peacemaking efforts that align with their passion. Mid-councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

We will receive this offering today. Please be generous. Thank you.

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.

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.

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.

Food Pantry

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

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.

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.



Brahms' Requiem

Please let Pastor Ann or Marian Adams know if you are interested in learning the Brahms ' "Ein Deutes Requiem" to be sung in German on Oct. 27. Since there's only one rehearsal with the entire group on Oct. 26, we have a lot to do on our own.

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