

**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF GREENLAWN**



**Sunday Celebration of Worship
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“We Remember”**

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

Dan Charnews

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES OF REMEMBRANCE

GATHERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

Give glory to God, our Light and our Life.

Come, let us worship the Lord.

We remember the fear, the pain, and the feeling of loss.

The uncertainty, where we were, and what we were doing.

We remember the images we now live with,

And the confusion of the days after.

We remember,

Wondering how to respond and what to do.

We pray

For the families and friends of those who lost their lives,

For those who witnessed the planes as they hit,

And those who sifted through the rubble.

We pray

For all those whose lives have been affected by this event,

For peace for the people of the United States,

As well as the rest of the world.

We pray for better understanding among peoples

And increased acceptance among those of different religions.

We trust that God is here, among us and within us,

Shaping and molding us, teaching us to speak a new language:

The language of holy love, even love of our enemies.

We trust that You, God, are here.

HYMN

Be Still, My Soul

FINLANDIA

*Be still, my soul: for God is on your side.
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Trust in your God, your Savior and your Guide,
Who through all changes faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your Heavenly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a peaceful end.*

*Be still, my soul: for God will undertake
To guide the future surely as the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake.
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
The voice that calmed them in this world below.*

*Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
When we shall dwell with God forever more,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We were not there, O God, on that day. But we are here today, and we have choices before us. Remind us, we pray, to seek Christ's face in the faces of strangers, in the faces of those of whom we don't approve, and in the faces of those we do not like. Remind us that Christ loves each one equally and unconditionally, and that we are called to do the same. Remind us that You are the God of all, not just the God of some. Mold us into the true sons and daughters of Your heart, so that all our words and deeds may cry out: "Your will be done, in peace." Forgive 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.*

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Healing God, we offer to You what has been spoken, what has been left unspoken, and what is too enormous to speak. We offer You our honesty, knowing that no human emotion or struggle is foreign to You.

God who brings life from death, hear us.

Restorer of life, we trust in Your ability to heal. We open to You the woundedness within us, within our Church, within our nation, and within our world.

God who brings life from death, heal us.

Shepherd, we trust in Your steadfast love, even through the most shadowed valley. We place in Your hands our fear, our confusion, our quickness to accuse, our despair over the suffering of others, and our reluctance to be led by You.

God who brings life from death, guide us.

Bringer of Peace, we trust in Your reconciling power. We lift to You all of those things within us and within our world that thwart Your purpose of Shalom.

God who brings life from death, save us.

Love that pursues, we trust that You will not let go of Your creation. We remember those who have died, believing that communion with You is eternal and that nothing can stop Your love.

God who brings life from death, love us.

We remember all the people of this world: many faiths, many nations, many cultures. We are so small, so powerful, so beautiful, so dangerous, so intelligent, so foolhardy, so compassionate, so judgmental, so inventive, so instinctive, so hopeless, and so hopeful. We need You, and we need each other. Help us to remember that we are all created in Your image. Teach us the kind of love that never lets the other go.

God who brings life from death, go with us.

And now may the Good Shepherd, who brings life from death, and who makes a way when there is no way, bless us and make us a whole people.

All this we pray in Jesus' name saying, "Our Father ..."

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

We honor You, O God, as we give. We know we are part of a world community, linked in ways beyond our knowing, with You and all generations of Your children. We are accountable to You, and share in responsibility for one another. Thus, we dedicate our resources and our lives to You for the work of Your Realm. Receive our gifts and draw us close. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE
(selections)

Psalm 27

Luke 22:49-51

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

“Reflections on 9/11”

Rev. Dr. Ann Van Cleef

SONG:
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God Bless America

IRVING

*God Bless America, land that I love.
Stand beside her and guide her
Through the night with the Light from Above.
From the mountains to the prairies
To the oceans white with foam,
God bless America, my home sweet home.
God bless America, my home sweet home.*

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.*

(*Original words: *With God as our Father, brothers all are we.*)

Joys and Announcements

Today's Service

This morning's Service starts with the lighting of seven Candles of Remembrance. In the Call to Worship, we acknowledge our feelings of fear, pain, and loss. The hymn *Be Still, My Soul* reminds us of God's presence, and in our Prayer of Confession, we ask God to help us love as Christ loves. The Pastoral Prayer is a litany, asking God to hear, heal, guide, save, love, and go with us.

The Scripture readings are short, as is the sermon, where I draw parallels with the Easter story. It is a message of hope. We will sing *God Bless America* together, and then *Let There Be Peace on Earth* after the Benediction.

This is one of the most difficult services I have ever researched and written, going from remembrance to healing to peace. It has touched me spiritually; I hope it does the same for you.

- Pastor Ann

Bulletin Cover

Thank you to Judy Korsh for the beautiful pen-and-ink bulletin cover. This piece of art is full of symbolism, from the permanence of the ink to the beauty of the flowers to the significance of the circle as the Christian symbol of unending love.

Judy lives in East Northport. In addition to being an artist, she taught at Long Island Lutheran Day School in East Northport.

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

Annual Church Fair

The date has been set for our Church Fair: Saturday, September 24, with a rain date of Saturday, October 1.

As you're doing your spring cleaning, you can start bringing in your contributions for the rummage sale part of the fair. These items will be sorted and priced as they come in, rather than waiting until the day before the fair, as we did last year. There will be a box in the hallway for you to deposit items. (No books, please. We find that they don't sell well.)

We are in need of people willing to help with the rummage sale, basket auction, and publicity.

Basket Auction

Do you have new items that you're not going to use? (Gifts, impulse buys, etc.) If so, we can use them for our Chinese Auction at the Church Fair. Please bring them to church on any Sunday. Thank you!

Goodbye, Dear Leonora

Please join us next week after worship as we say goodbye to our Director of Music, Leonora Colletti, as she goes on to new adventures in her musical career.

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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