

**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF GREENLAWN**



**Sunday Celebration of Worship
September 12, 2021 – The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
“We Remember”
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

Deacon Barbara Small

GATHERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

(adapted from Psalm 130)

Out of the depths I have cried to You, O Lord:

Lord, hear my voice!

I wait for the Lord. My soul waits.

And in the Lord’s Word, I do hope.

My soul waits for the Lord.

More than those who watch for the morning.

HYMN

Be Not Afraid

DUFFORD

*You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety, though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands and all will understand.
You shall see the face of God, and live.*

REFRAIN: *Be not afraid. I go before you always.*

Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.

If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown.

If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed.

If you stand before the power of hell and death is at your side,

Know that I am with you through it all. REFRAIN:

Blessed are your poor, for the Kingdom shall be theirs.

Blest are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh.

And if wicked tongues insult and hate you all because of me,

Blessed, blessed are you. REFRAIN:

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, twenty years after 9/11, we are still in chaos, and the chaos is not only outside us, but also and especially within us. We have Your law, but we cannot earn anything with it. In it, we have a guide, but we turn away from it again and again. There is more and more confusion in our lives, in the life of the world, in our own souls, in our own thoughts, in our sleepless nights, and in our restless days. Help us to know You better and to do Your will. We pray this in Jesus' name. 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

We are afraid and we will never be quite the same since 9/11. But that doesn't mean we, as Christians, have to be ruled by our fear. Let us join in solidarity of suffering and compassion, remembering the people and events of 9/11 and what has transpired since, and, by sitting with our fears, may we find God. Let us pray by responding together to the invocations with "We Remember Them."

In the rising of the sun and in its going down,

We remember them.

When we are weary and in need of strength,

We remember them

When we are lost and sick of heart,

We remember them.

When we have joys we yearn to share,

We remember them.

So long as we live, they too shall live, for they are now a part of us.

We remember them.

In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,

We remember them.

In the opening of buds and in the birth of spring,

We remember them.

In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer,

We remember them.

In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn,

We remember them.

In the beginning of the year and when it ends,

We remember them.

We remember all of those affected by the events of 9/11 as we pray in Jesus' name, 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

We offer the treasures of this world as a way of recalling all of us to a right relationship with You, O God, the Source of All Wisdom and Truth. Your design for life is more to be desired than the finest gold. To learn from You and to serve You is our highest joy. May our offerings and our daily lives communicate this message to all. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 3:5-10

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside quiet waters. He restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

You prepare a table for me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

“Don’t Be Afraid to Love”

Rev. Dr. Ann Van Cleef

SONG:

When You Walk Through a Storm Rodgers & Hammerstein

*When you walk through a storm, hold your head up high,
And don’t be afraid of the dark.
At the end of the storm is a golden sky
And the sweet silver song of a lark.*

*Walk on through the wind, walk on through the rain,
Though your dreams be tossed and blown.
Walk on, walk on, with hope in your heart,
And you’ll never walk alone. You’ll never walk alone.*

GUEST SPEAKER

Mr. James (Jim) Reams

“My Memories of 9/11, and How That Day Changed Me.”

SONG:

God Bless America

Irving Berlin

*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.*

*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.*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome, Mr. James (Jim) Reams

This morning, we welcome Mr. James Reams as our guest speaker. Jim spent much of his career as a commodities trader in Building # 4 of the World Trade Center. He witnessed the events of 9/11 first-hand, and has a compelling story to tell. Now retired, Jim lives in Bethpage with his wife, Barbara, and his two young adult children, Christopher and Lauren.

Oh, and Jim is also Pastor Ann's cousin and friend!

Tuesday Fellowship Group

Our Tuesday Fellowship Group had a very enjoyable first meeting via Zoom this past week. Anyone is welcome to join. The next meeting will be this Tuesday, September 14, at 1 p.m. 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.

Rally Day Next Sunday

Normally, we "rally" back to our fall-winter-spring schedule the second Sunday in September. But, due to the 9/11 Service, we thought it best to hold Rally Day next week. Lots of fun – be sure to invite a friend!

Church Fair – Coming Down the Home Stretch!

Thirteen more days to go! This is an "All-hands-on-deck" event! We need volunteers to work at the fair, and to hang flyers around town to publicize our

event. There are still a few 10 x 10 spaces left for vendors, if you know of anyone who is interested.

“Got Junk?”

Your “junk” may be another person’s treasure! Please drop off donations that we can sell at the fair on Thursdays, Fridays, and Sundays. Thank you.

Thinning Your Garden?

Don’t throw away those perennials when you thin out your garden. We can sell them at the church fair. Pastor Ann has pots in her office if you need them.

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 on Sunday, October 3, at The First Presbyterian Church of Northport at 2:00 p.m.

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.

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