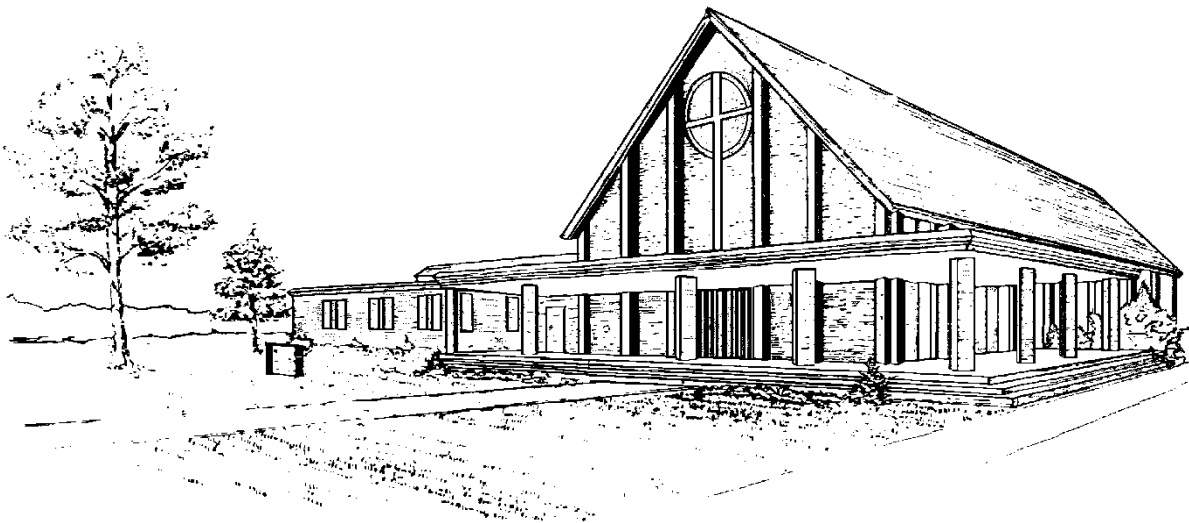


# THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENLAWN



**Sunday Service of Worship  
September 17, 2023 10:30 a.m.**

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

THE RINGING OF THE BELL  
Cleef

Dan Charnews / Bob Van

CALL TO WORSHIP

(adapted from Psalm 149)

Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song.  
Sing God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.

*Let Israel be glad in its Maker.*

*Let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.*

Let them praise God's name with dancing,  
Making melody with tambourine and lyre.

*For the Lord takes pleasure in His people,*

*And adorns the humble with victory.*

Let the faithful exult in glory.

*Let us sing together for joy!*

HYMN # 476

*O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!*

LYONS

*O Worship the King, all glorious above!  
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love.  
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.*

*O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace,  
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
The chariots of Heaven, deep thunderclouds form,  
And bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.*

*The Earth with its store of wonders untold.  
Almighty, Thy power hath founded of old.  
Hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,  
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*O God, we have not been faithful to Your commands. We have been more ready to condemn than to console, more eager to justify ourselves than to work for understanding. We feed the flames of dissent instead of welcoming the freeing power of forgiveness. We gather as two or three, not to welcome Your presence, but to gossip about those who are absent. Our sins are destroying us, O God. Turn us around to a new way of being. 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

Elder Betty Chatfield

## PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

..... All this we pray in Jesus' name saying, *Our Father who are 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.*

## OFFERING SENTENCES

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

*In these gifts, O God, we acclaim You as our Lord. May they be useful to You in bringing Your kingdom into full flower through the ministries of Your Church, we pray in Christ's name. Amen.*

## THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Exodus 14:19-31  
Matthew 18:21-35

SERMON

“Debts and Debtors”

Rev. Dr. Van Cleaf

HYMN # 447  
LANCASHIRE

*Lead            On,            O            King            Eternal*

*Lead on, O King Eternal, the day of march has come.  
Hence-forth in fields of conquest Thy tents shall be our home.  
Through days of preparation Thy grace has made us strong.  
And now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.*

*Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease.  
And holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace.  
For not with sword's loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums.  
With deeds of love and mercy the heavenly Kingdom comes.*

*Lead on, O King Eternal. We follow, not with tears.  
For gladness breaks like morning where e'er Thy face appears.  
Thy cross is lifted over us. We journey in its light.  
The crown awaits the conquest. Lead on, O God of might.*

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, FOLLOWED BY POSTLUDE**

**Session Meeting**

Session will meet this Tuesday via Zoom at 7:15 p.m. Please have your reports to Pastor Ann by Monday noon. It should be a short meeting, as the last one was just three weeks ago.

### **Countdown to the Church Fair!**

We will need help setting up tables around the perimeter of CE Hall after Coffee Hour today. We also need help carrying the last of the boxes from Sunday School Room # 1 to the stage. Additionally, we need assistance installing the church fair banner in the front yard. Thank you in advance!

If you have not already done so, please see Larry Foray today to tell him how you plan on assisting at the Church Fair.

Volunteers are asked to wear their green t-shirts the day of the fair. Please search through your drawers and closets to find yours. We have two dozen more on order, and we'll keep our fingers crossed that they come in on time.

### **The Little Food Pantry**

We are in need of canned tuna and chicken, cereal, pasta and spaghetti, Chef Boy-R-Dee ravioli, canned fruit: peaches, pears, plums, mandarin oranges, mixed, (no applesauce), rice, and peanut butter and jelly. Thank you for your generosity.

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