

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENLAWN



**Sunday Celebration of Worship
September 18, 2022 – 10:30 a.m.**

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

Dan Charnews

GATHERING MUSIC

John Eyre

CALL TO WORSHIP

God welcomes those whose hearts are aching.

God's invitation comes to people whose joy is gone.

Why is the health of God's people not restored?

Why must we weep all day and night for those we have lost?

There is a balm in Gilead. There is a physician who heals.

Jesus Christ is our Mediator, Healer, and Savior.

We bring all our pain and unresolved anger.

We come in all our confusion to seek answers.

Bring all your urgent prayers and honest laments.

God is eager to offer salvation and open us to truth.

We cry out to God for deliverance from our sin.

We cry out for relief from our suffering.

HYMN # 394

There Is a Balm in Gilead

BALM IN GILEAD

REFRAIN: *There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.*

There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain.

But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. REFRAIN

Don't ever feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend.

And if you lack for knowledge, he'll not refuse to lend. REFRAIN

If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,

You can tell the love of Jesus and say, "He died for all."

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we have not managed well the wealth of the Earth, which is our trust from You. We have modified Your commands to suit our own egos and desires. We have wasted resources while hoarding for our own use what is meant for all to enjoy. Our concerns are narrow and our compassion is weak. We are restless and unfulfilled, for we have not tried Your ways. Forgive us, we pray, and lead us into Your new day. 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

We give, Loving God, because of Your generosity to us. We share because this is Your will for us. In faithfulness to Your call, we seek to manage the resources that You provide for the greatest benefit to humankind. May they bring an awareness of Your intentions for us and Your rule among us. We worship and serve You with all that we have. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

9:1

Jeremiah 8:18 –

Luke 16:1-13

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

“Doing Unto Others”

Rev. Dr. Ann Van Cleef

HYMN # 430

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

DARWELL’S 148th

*Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey and praise the Lord!*

*Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme,
Empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey and praise the Lord!*

*Let courage be our friend, let wisdom be our guide.
As we in mission magnify the Crucified!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey and praise the Lord!*

*Come sing, O Church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o’er the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey and praise the Lord!*

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

Welcome, John Eyre

This morning, we welcome John Eyre back to the piano and organ benches. A graduate of SUNY Fredonia, John is a professional accompanist, singer, arranger, clarinetist, and conductor. He is President of Bulkhead Publishing Company, a music publishing house located in Riverhead. Welcome back, John, and thank you again for sharing your musical gifts with us.

Today's Flowers

The flowers are given by Leonora Colletti in thanksgiving for the entire congregation of The First Presbyterian Church of Greenlawn.

Rally Day Barbecue

Today we celebrate "Rally Day" as we "rally" back into our fall schedule. In true FPCG fashion, we'll be celebrating with food! There is plenty to go around, so please stay after worship and celebrate with us.

Many thanks to Debbie Eitel for organizing this, and to Chef Gary Prentiss!

Pricing Help Needed

Last week, we received an unexpected gift from the Huntington Methodist Church: they donated the leftovers from their yard sale to us, about 80% of which are toys. Now we need help sorting through these toys and putting prices on them.

Is there anyone who is available to help tomorrow (Monday) about noon? Please see Pastor Ann. Thank you!

150th Anniversary Gala Luncheon

Our 150th Anniversary Gala Luncheon will take place on Sunday, October 23, at 12:30 p.m. in Moose Hall. 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

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 and other canned meats, pasta. Thank you for your generosity.

Annual Church Fair

This is the week! We will be setting up tables on Friday – Larry will give specifics as to time.

Pastor Ann will be putting yard sale items on tables starting at 7 a.m. on Saturday. She would appreciate some help. Thanks!

Greenlawn T-Shirts

Attention Church Fair volunteers. It's time to hunt through your closets and drawers and find your Greenlawn Presbyterian t-shirt. If you can't find it, or if you never got one, shirts will be available today at coffee hour. They're free. We would appreciate it if all volunteers wore their t-shirts on Saturday, which will identify us to the community.

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