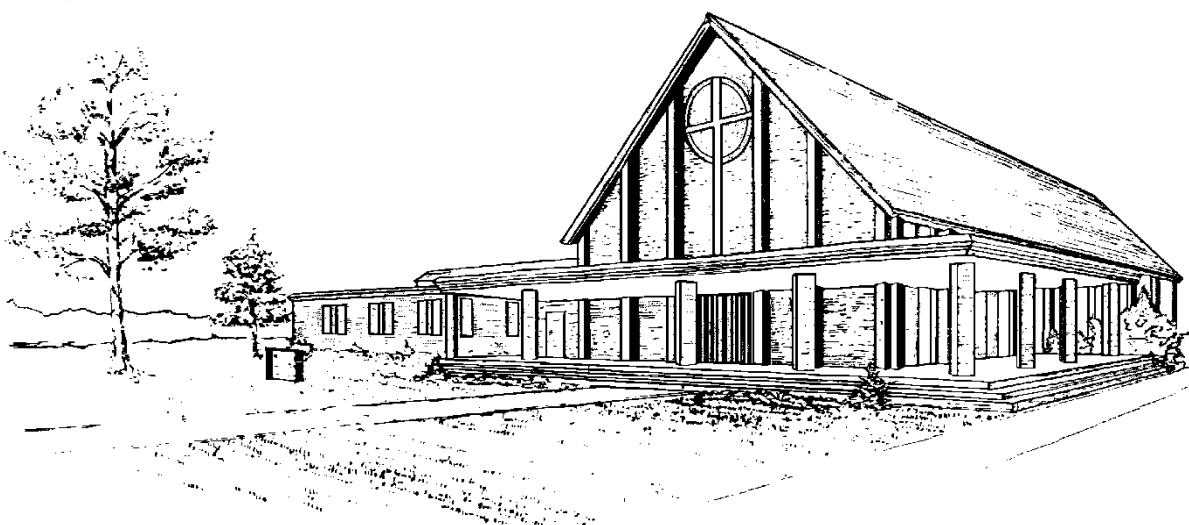


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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

Deacon Barbara Small

GATHERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from Psalm 1

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers.

***But their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on His law, they meditate day and night.***

They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.

In all that they do, they prosper.

The wicked are not so, but are like the chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore, the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

***For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.***

HYMN # 150

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

MADRID

*Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
Let all with heart and voice before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice; Alleluia! Amen!*

*Come, lift your hearts on high; Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
He is our guide and friend. To us He'll condescend.
His love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!*

*Praise yet our Christ again; Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
On Heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forever more, "Alleluia! Amen!"*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of All Worlds, we confess our arrogance in turning away from the knowledge You offer and the relationship with us that You desire. We make light of Your commandments and scoff at discipline and boundaries as if they did not apply to us. Our tongues reveal our ignorance before the vastness of Your truth. The words we speak in error spread poison that cannot be contained. Our waywardness is destroying us. Our complacency before evil, within us and all around, threatens life itself. O God, we cry out for forgiveness. 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

... All this 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 give because You have been generous to us, Gracious God. We give because we need to give in order to realize Your image within us. We give to feed the hungers of body and soul that are all around us and deep within. May the ministries of this church meet the needs of our members, our community, and our world. Help us to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Psalm 54
James 3:13 – 4:3, 7-8a

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Ann Van Cleef

“An Imperfect Instrument in the Hands of God”

HYMN # 288

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

*I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day.
The moon shines fill at God's command, and all the stars obey.*

*I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the Earth with food.
God formed the creatures with a word, and then proclaimed them good.
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed where e'er I turn my eyes.
If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the skies.*

*There's not a plant or flower below but makes Thy glories known.
And clouds arise and tempests blow, by order from Thy throne.
While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care,
And everywhere that we can be, Thou, God, art present there.*

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.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rally Day

This morning, we “rally” back to our fall-winter-spring schedule. Please join us as we celebrate with a special brunch in the Narthex right after this morning’s Celebration of Worship.

Tuesday Fellowship Group

Our Tuesday Fellowship Group is really catching on! We meet via Zoom, and anyone is welcome to join. (Don’t worry, we don’t give out awards for perfect attendance.) The next meeting will be this Tuesday, September 21, 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.

Church Fair – Coming Down the Home Stretch!

Six more days to go! This is an “All-hands-on-deck” event! We need volunteers to:

- Help move items into the Narthex this Friday afternoon.
- Bring items out to tables Saturday morning
- Help work tables during the Fair.

Please see Larry Foray for details, and tell him that you can help.

“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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