

**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF GREENLAWN**



**Sunday Service of Worship
September 1, 2024 – The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
10:30 a.m.
Labor Day Sunday**

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL Dan Charnews /Tyler Hago/ Glenn Jahier

CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed are the poor who have no work or too little income.

God has promised: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who are hungry right now.

God has promised: they shall be filled.

Blessed are those who weep over unpaid bills, the loss of a job,
or their children's lack of opportunities.

God has promised: they shall be comforted. They shall laugh.

Blessed are those who are merciful.

God has promised: they shall receive mercy.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice.

God has promised: they shall be filled.

The time is surely coming when God's justice and peace
shall reign throughout the land.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN # 415

Come, Labor On

ORA LABORA

*Come, Labor on. Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain,
While all around us waves the golden grain?
And to each servant does the Master say, "Go work – today."*

*Come, labor on. Claim the high calling angels cannot share.
To young and old the Gospel gladness bear.
Redeem the time; its hours too swiftly fly. The night – draws nigh.*

*Come, labor on. Away with gloomy doubts and faithless fear!
No arm so weak but may do service here.
Though feeble agents may we all fulfill God's right-eous will.*

*Come, labor on. No time for rest, till glows the western sky.
Till the long shadows o'er our pathway lie.
And a glad sound comes with the setting sun. "Well done, well done!"*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We are workers, God, just like You. But we confess that our actions do not always affirm and honor each other. Our work is not always done in a spirit that is pleasing to You. We admit that we have failed to end an unjust system in which some workers have jobs that provide good wages and benefits, while others have no job, or one that pays little and provides few benefits. Forgive us, and help us to create a better world where workers everywhere share in Your abundance. 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

LITANY FOR THOSE WHO WORK & THE LORD'S PRAYER

O Lord God: You are ever at work in the world for us and for all humankind. We pray that You guide and protect all who work to earn their living.

Amen.

For those who plow the earth, for those who tend machinery;
For those who sail deep waters, for those who venture into the skies;

Work with them, O God.

For those who work in offices and warehouses,
For those who labor in stores or factories;

Work with them, O God.

For those who work in mines, for those who buy and sell;
For those who keep house, for those who work with children;

Work with them, O God.

For all who live by strength of arm, for all who live by skill of hand;
For all who employ or govern;

Work with them, O God.

For all who excite our minds with art, science, or learning;
For all who instruct, for writers and teachers;

Work with them, O God.

For all who serve the common good in any way by working;

Work with them, O God.

For all who labor without hope, for all who labor without interest;
For those who have too little leisure, for those who have too much leisure;
For those who are underpaid, for those who pay small wages;
For those who cannot work, for those who look for work in vain;
For those who trade on troubles of others, for profiteers, extortionists, and greedy people;

Great God, work through us and help us always to work for You, we pray, 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

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

Loving God, in thanksgiving, we invite those who live in need to share our wealth. We reach out to help, expecting no reward but the satisfaction of sharing what You have so richly entrusted to us. We dedicate our time and abilities along with these fruits of our labors. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Romans 13:10-14

Luke 10:38-42

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

“Do We Work Too Hard?”

Rev. Dr. Ann Van Cleef

*We gather here – in Jesus’ name –
 His love is burning in our hearts like living flame.
 For through the loving Son the Father makes us one.
 Come, take the bread, come, drink the wine, come, share the Lord.*

*No one is a stranger here. Everyone belongs.
 Finding our forgiveness here, we in turn forgive all wrongs.*

*He joins us here. He breaks the bread.
 The Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead.
 The One we love the most is now our gracious Host.
 Come, take the bread, come, drink the wine, come, share the Lord.*

*We are now a family of which the lord is head.
 Though unseen He meets us here in the breaking of the bread.*

*We’ll gather soon where angels sing.
 We’ll see the glory of our Lord and coming King.
 We now anticipate the feast for which we wait.
 Come, take the bread, come, drink the wine, come, share the Lord.*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

We give thanks, O God, because in Your own free gift of love, You have reached out to us. You have refreshed us at Your table, touched our deepest needs, and called us to a life shared in memory and hope. Send us forth with courage and joy in the name of Jesus Christ, that we, too, may become bread and peace for one another and the world. Amen.

*I sing a song of the saints of God, patient and brave and true,
 Who toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew.
 And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,
 and one was a shepherdess on the green.
 They were all of them saints of God, and I mean, God help me to be one, too.*

*They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and God's love – made them strong.
And they followed the right, for Jesus' sake, the whole of their good lives long.*

*And one was a soldier, and one was a priest,
and one was slain by a fierce, wild beast!*

And there's not any reason, no, not the least, why I shouldn't be one, too.

They lived not only in ages past, there are hundreds of thousands, still.

The world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus' will.

*You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea,
in church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea.*

For the saints of God are just folk like me, and I mean to be one, too!

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

Church Fair – Saturday, September 21

This is the big event we all look forward to every year. We'll have our own stuff for sale, there will be vendors, food, and our Health Fair will be incorporated into the festivities. Mark your calendar and stay tuned for more information.

You May Now Donate On Line

Simply put your cell phone into camera mode, hold it up to the funny little square thing (no need to take a photo), and the link to our church website will pop up. The "Donate" button is on the opening page.



Brahms' Requiem

Please let Pastor Ann or Marian Adams know if you are interested in learning the Brahms ' "Ein Deutes Requiem" to be sung in German on Oct. 27. Since there's only one rehearsal with the entire group on Oct. 26, we have a lot to do on our own. Music sectionals will start in September.

Food Pantry

School is still out, and as such, our Little Food Pantry is being heavily used. In fact, it gets emptied just about every day. We need everything – please pick up a few things when you go grocery shopping. Thank you.

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University (FPU)

Last year, Session approved our running an FPU class, but we were unable to do so. We will be running that 9-session class this fall, with Amy Bahr teaching, and Debbie Eitel and Ann Van Cleef assisting. Looking to get your finances in order? FPU helped Amy, Debbie, and Ann. It will help you, too.

We will be running two sessions of this class, one on Friday afternoons and one on Friday evenings starting in September. (Specific dates to be announced.) There is a sign-up sheet during coffee hour.

Best of all, this class is FREE. This is our gift to you.

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