

**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF GREENLAWN**



pure
peace loving,
gentle at all times,
willing to yield to others,
full of mercy,
fruit of good deeds
shows no favoritism
always sincere.

WISDOM
from
Above

Sunday Service of Worship
September 22, 2024 – The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
10:30 a.m.

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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 forevermore Alleluia! Amen!*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All-powerful God, we confess our devious ways. Even when prayers for others are on our lips, we seek ways to secure our own advantages. We put our trust in things we can accumulate rather than aligning ourselves with Your will and way. Our behavior creates enemies and multiplies divisions among Your people. Then we want You on our side against those who are different from us. O God, we need healing, but we are afraid to lose the illusions of control that are so much a part of us. Help us and forgive us, Gracious God. 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 AND 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 dedicate ourselves and our offerings to the work of Your church, Generous God. For those who are sick, who are suffering, who are grieving, who are lost, we have words of hope and acts of caring. We stand with all who face discrimination, oppression, and confusion, and we seek to work with them for justice and a meaningful existence. As You have accepted us, we reach out to include all Your children in our growing love. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a
Mark 9:30-37

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

“Wisdom from Above”

Rev. Dr. Ann Van Cleef

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:

*God be with you till we meet again. Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a shepherd’s care enfold you. God be with you till we meet again.*

*Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus’ feet.
Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.*

Joys and Announcements

Thrift Store Is Going Out of Business

The folks who are running the Thrift Store are no longer able to do so; they will be having a “going out of business” sale on Fridays and Saturdays through the end of September.

Is there any interest in our taking over the Thrift Store perhaps two Saturdays a month from 10- 2? Please talk to Larry Foray.

Church Fair

(This bulletin was written and copied prior to our Church Fair.) A big thank you to Larry Foray, who coordinated the Fair, and to all the folks who helped make this annual event a success.

Session Meeting

Session will meet via Zoom this Tuesday at 7:15 p.m. Please get your written reports in by 6:00 this evening. Thank you.

Food Pantry

The need continues – please pick up a few things when you go grocery shopping. Thank you.

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.

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University (FPU)

The first session of Financial Peace University went very nicely.

The second session will take place this Friday, September 27, at 1:30 p.m. in the Parlor. You are welcome to join. Best of all, this class is FREE.

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