

# THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENLAWN



**Sunday Service of Worship**  
**September 29, 2024 – Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**10:30 a.m.**

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## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Creator God, You have created us, but we have chosen to go our own ways. You have reclaimed us, but we have, by our arrogant attitudes and actions, rejected the claim. You have sent Your Holy Spirit to break into our controlled and unimaginative routines, and we have not appreciated that burst of creative energy. We are ready now, ready to admit that our ways are full of dangerous byways. Our mistakes and failures have often come because, in our false pride, we have not listened to You. Save us again by Your forgiving love. 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

*Mighty God, You have given us everything we have. You have granted us life. You have poured out abiding love on our behalf. You have made us rich. We share out of this awareness, and because we care about people who do not know You, people who have not shared Your abundance, people who have defied Your commandments, people who need Your love. Bless our gifts to do the work You intend. Amen.*

### THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22  
Mark 9:38-50

### HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

### SERMON

“Be Like Esther”

Rev. Dr. Ann Van Cleef

HYMN # 485  
GLORY

*To God Be the Glory*

TO GOD BE THE

*To God be the glory, great things He hath done!  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life-gate that all may go in. REFRAIN*

REFRAIN: *Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the Earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
And give him the glory: great things He hath done!  
Great things he hath taught us, great things He hath done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son.  
But purer and higher, and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. REFRAIN*

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**

### **Church Fair Debriefing**

Today after Coffee Hour, we will have a debriefing meeting regarding the Church Fair. We will celebrate the things we did well, and talk about things we can do better. If you were involved with the Church Fair, please try to stay for the meeting. Thank you.

### **Women's Choir Rehearsals**

The Women's Choir will begin rehearsals on Sunday, October 27, at 9:30 a.m. New members are always welcome. The ability to match pitch is necessary; we'll teach you everything else!

### **Lunch and Learn Event**

Those of us who are "of a certain age" have learned that changes are being made to Medicare for 2025. On Sunday, October 13, we will have a "Lunch and Learn" Coffee Hour. Heidi Peborde, a Medicare expert, will go over those changes while we enjoy a delicious luncheon prepared by Debbie and her crew.

### **Peace and Global Witness Offering**

The Peace and Global Witness Offering is one of four offerings that our denomination asks us to participate in each year. Through the Peace and Global Witness Offering, congregations are encouraged and equipped to find and address the anxiety and discord that is prevalent throughout this broken and sinful world.

A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this Offering for peacemaking efforts that align with their passion. Mid-councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

We will receive this offering next week on World Communion Sunday. Please be generous. Thank you.

### **Blessing of the Pets**

Our Blessing of the Pets Service will take place on Sunday, November 3, at 1:00 p.m. in the Church Sanctuary. All pets are invited, and are encouraged to bring their owners! Pets will receive a Certificate of Blessing. Please spread the word.

### **Is God Calling You to Become a Church Officer?**

There are three people whose terms are ending on Session this year, and we still have an unfilled spot in the Class of 2026. Please prayerfully consider becoming a Ruling Elder. There are eleven meetings per year, nine of them on Zoom. Susan Perrotta will be happy to give you more information.

### **Required Minimum Distributions**

RMDs are a wonderful thing as far as having a little more spending money is concerned. But there are some downsides. (1) You have to pay taxes. (2) You might possibly be bumped up into the next tax bracket. (3) As far as Medicare is concerned, your Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount, IRMAA for short, which is a fee you pay on top of your Medicare Part B and Part D adjustments, could rise if you make a yearly income above the annual thresholds.

You may want to prayerfully consider making a year-end gift to your church directly from your RMD. This will keep your taxes down, and will benefit the church. Thank you for considering this.

### **Food Pantry**

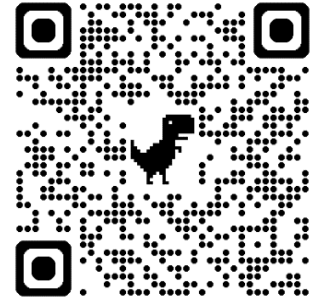
The need continues – please pick up a few things when you go grocery shopping. Thank you.

## 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.

### 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 Deutches 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.

## STAFF

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### **Treasurer**

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Betty Chatfield

### **Benevolence Secretary**

Susan Perrotta

### **Webmaster**

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### **Building Use Manager**

Larry Foray

## THE SESSION

### Susan Perrotta, Recording Clerk

### Class of 2024

Debbie Eitel  
Larry Foray  
Susan Perrotta

### Class of 2025

Marian Adams  
Bill Becker  
Gary Prentiss

### Class of 2026

Arlissa Dean  
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