

# **THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENLAWN**



**Sunday Service of Worship  
September 8, 2024 – The Sixteenth 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

Listen! God is welcoming us to this time of worship.

Young and old, rich and poor, all are welcomed.

***This is a place where all belong.***

***This is a time when all are accountable to God.***

The Maker of All seeks our common good.

The God of Mercy calls on us to be merciful.

***We are not judges over our sisters and brothers.***

***We are called to love our neighbors as ourselves.***

Come to sing praises and put your trust in God.

Come to prepare yourself in Christ's name.

***We will bring all our needs to God, our hope.***

***We want to share faith and hope with others.***

HYMN # 487

*When Morning Guilds the Skies*

LAUDES DOMINI

*When morning guilds the skies, my heart awaking cries:*

*May Jesus Christ be praised.*

*Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair.*

*May Jesus Christ be praised.*

*Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find:*

*May Jesus Christ be praised.*

*Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this:*

*May Jesus Christ be praised.*

*Let Earth's wide circle round in joyful notes resound:*

*May Jesus Christ be praised.*

*Let air and sea and sky from depth to height reply:*

*May Jesus Christ be praised.*

*Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine:*

*May Jesus Christ be praised.*

*Be this the eternal song through all the ages long:  
May Jesus Christ be praised.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*O God, we confess that our good intentions have gone astray. We favor the people who are like us and honor those we deem to be important. We dishonor the poor, write off those with whom we disagree, excuse our self-serving behavior, and sow injustice on every hand. It is so much easier to give advice than to do good. We would rather point fingers at others who are unfair than to give up our own advantages. O God, we plead for Your forgiveness and for a depth of faith that will make a difference in us and in our world. Forgive us, we pray. 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 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 all our members, our community, and our world. Help us to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.*

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17  
Mark 7:24-37

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON "Ephphatha – Be Opened!" Rev. Dr. Ann Van Cleef

HYMN *Because He Lives*

RESURRECTION

*God sent His Son. They called Him Jesus.  
He came to love, heal, and forgive.  
He lived and died to buy my pardon.  
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.*

REFRAIN: *Because He lives, I can face tomorrow.  
Because He lives, all fear is gone.  
Because I know He holds the future,  
And life is worth the living just because He lives.*

*How sweet to hold a new-born baby,  
And feel the pride and joy that gives,  
But greater still the calm assurance  
This child can face uncertain days because He lives.* REFRAIN:

*And then one day I'll cross the river.  
I'll fight life's final war with pain.  
And then as death gives way to victory,  
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He reigns.* REFRAIN:

REMEMBERING MILDRED BACHMANN

**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.

**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.

Music sectionals will start this month for those who want them.

### 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.



### 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.

### STAFF

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### THE SESSION

#### Susan Perrotta, Recording Clerk

#### Class of 2024

Debbie Eitel  
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Marian Adams  
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# **A SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND CELEBRATION**



**Mildred “Millie” Bachmann  
(September 7, 1927 – January 4, 2024)**

**The First Presbyterian Church of Greenlawn**

**Sunday, September 8, 2024  
11:15 a.m.**

## OPENING PRAYER

## THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

John 14:1-6

## EULOGY

## REMEMBRANCES

Family and friends are invited to share spoken remembrances at this time.

## PRAYER

## BENEDICTION (In Unison)

Psalm 23

*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures.  
He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul.  
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil, for thou art with me;  
Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.  
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies. Thou anointest  
my head with oil; my cup runneth over  
Surely<sup>1</sup> goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.*

## HYMN

*Give Thanks for Life*

SINE NOMINE

*Give thanks for life, the measure of our days,  
Mortal, we pass through beauty that decays.  
Yet sing to God our hope, our love, our praise.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*And thanks for those who made their life a light  
Caught from the Christ-flame, bursting through the night,  
Who touched the truth, who burned for what is right.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*And for our own, our living and our dead,  
Thanks for the love by which our life is fed.  
A love not changed by time or death or dread.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Give thanks for hope, that like the wheat, the grain  
Lying in darkness, does its life retain  
In resurrection to grow green again,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

## **Memories of My Mother**

By Lynne Ward (nee Bachmann)

Mildred “Millie” Bachmann was born in Brooklyn, NY, on September 7, 1927 to Christian John Rosenbauer and Anna Smith Rosenbauer. She was the youngest of four siblings, and remained in Brooklyn until marrying on her 20<sup>th</sup> birthday to Charles “Charlie” Bachmann.

She met my Dad when she was 14 years old, as he was friends with her older brother, John. Both my parents graduated from Grover Cleveland High School in Ridgewood. Mom went to work in a bank and my Dad went off to war. He landed in Normandy on the fourth day of the invasion, and helped to liberate Paris, but he never spoke to my brother and me about his wartime experience abroad.

Mom and Dad moved to Queens, and had fun as a couple with Arthur and Terry Geyer, who became their life-long best friends. I came along after they were married for six years. We moved to Commack, and my brother, Brian, was born the following year.

Mom found her second home here at The First Presbyterian Church of Greenlawn. My father had been raised Catholic, but my parents could not be married in a Catholic church because my mother did not wish to convert. My father left the Catholic church, but always retained his strong faith. I have happy memories of my father driving my brother and me to the playground near the church on Sunday mornings, and then to Sunday School.

My Mom has been a member of Greenlawn Presbyterian Church for over 60 years. When my Dad became ill in his later years, Pastor Fred Woodward would visit him in the hospital. After my Dad passed on in 2010, my Mom became more involved with the church, participating in Bible Studies and counting the offerings.

Mom had several serious hospitalizations in her later years, but always rallied due to her strong will and strong faith.

Pastor Ann Van Cleef visited my mother often at Sunrise Assisted Living in Holbrook, and they became very close. She also prayed with my Mom in the hospital.

Mildred was predeceased by her parents, her brothers, Robert and John, and her sister, Edie. She is survived by her daughter, Lynne Ward (Jeff), her son, Brian



(Donna); grandchildren, Timmy, Jaxson, Hudson, and LJ; and great-grandson, Rocco.

Mildred's family is very grateful for all the wonderful memories they have of this church and the loving persons they have met here.