

**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OF GREENLAWN**



**Celebration of Worship  
February 2, 2025 – 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

Come, people of God, to the One in whom we trust.

Praise God who delivers and rescues us.

***God is our rock of refuge, our strong fortress.***

***God saves us amid wickedness and cruelty.***

Hope in God, Who has created you.

Open yourself to the One who knows you well.

***God accepts us, even when people do not.***

***God affirms us, even when we fail.***

Our God gives us tasks to do and strength to do them.

God's Word of love is ours to proclaim.

***We have come to embrace the mysteries of our faith.***

***We are here to worship the God who empowers us.***

\*HYMN # 242

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

CORONATION

*All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall.*

*Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of All!*

*Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of All!*

*Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, Ye ransomed from the fall.*

*Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all!*

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*Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball*

*To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all!*

*To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all!*

*O that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall!*

*We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all!*

*We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all!*

\*Those who are willing and able are invited to stand.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Merciful God, You know us better than we know ourselves, but we have not believed this. You care about us even when we do not love ourselves, but it has been hard for us to understand that this is true. We see so dimly and hear Your word so faintly that we doubt Your truth. We are afraid to believe, hope, and endure when there is suffering all around us. O God, keep us from insisting on our own way, and grant us the courage to change, and to follow Jesus in spite of ridicule and rejection. 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

Elder 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

*With awe and wonder before You, O God, we dare to enlist all of our efforts toward the realization of Your realm. Where there is injustice, we want to champion those who are oppressed and misunderstood. When some feel rejected, help us to reach out to accept them in Christ's name. May these offerings preach and teach and heal. Amen.*

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 1:4-10  
Luke 4:21-30

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

“I Am Who I Am”

Rev. Dr. Ann Van Cleef

HYMN # 513

*Let Us Break Bread Together*  
(You may remain seated)

LET US BREAK BREAD

*Let Us Break Bread Together on our knees (on our knees).*

*Let Us Break Bread Together on our knees (on our knees).*

REFRAIN: *When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

*Let us drink wine together on our knees (on our knees).*

*Let us drink wine together on our knees (on our knees).* REFRAIN

*Let us praise God together on our knees (on our knees).*

*Let us praise God together on our knees (on our knees).* REFRAIN

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

***We who gather in Your name, O God, give thanks to You for the gift of this bread and this cup – fruit of the Earth and work of human hands – and pray that for us it might be the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation. Receive our praise, O God, for Your abundant gifts, which we offer in union with Christ’s gift of life for us. Bring us with Him to Life Everlasting. Amen.***

\*HYMN # 411

*Arise, Your Light Is Come!*

FESTAL SONG

*Arise, your light is come! The Spirit’s call obey.  
Show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.*

*Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door.  
Proclaim the captives’ liberty, good tidings to the poor.*

*Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born,  
Bind up the brokenhearted ones, and comfort those who mourn.*

*Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing. God’s power will make us strong.*

\*BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: *Give Thanks*

*Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One.  
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son.*

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Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.*

*And now let the weak say "I am strong."  
Let the poor say "I am rich" because of what the Lord has done for us.*

*Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One.  
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son. Give thanks.*

POSTLUDE

## **JOYS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Annual Meeting**

New York State Religious Corporation laws require that the following announcement be made two consecutive Sundays prior to our Annual Meeting:

*"The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of the First Presbyterian Church of Greenlawn will take place on Sunday February 9, at 11:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary of the church.*

*"The purpose of said meeting is to receive the Annual Report, to receive the 2025 budget, to elect church officers, and to conduct other business as necessary."*

### **"Souper Bowl" of Caring**

Our "Souper Bowl of Caring" project is up and running. From now through February 9<sup>th</sup>, members and friends of our church are invited to bring cans of soup to church, and to place them in a shopping cart on the Chancel. Because our Little Food Pantry is located outdoors, we are encouraging folks to include dry soups as well, which can withstand the freezing weather. Thank you for caring!



### **Valentine's Day**

We're going to celebrate Valentine's Day on Sunday, February 16 with a special coffee hour. Start looking around for old prom pictures, early photos of you and your spouse, or photos of you and a date! We'll play "Guess Who?" and have fun telling one another that we haven't changed a bit in the past 60 years! (Ha-ha!) Start looking for those photos!

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

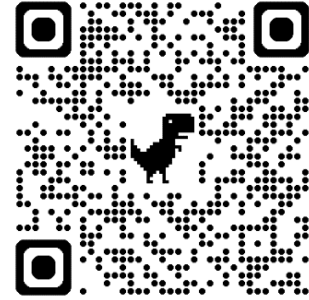
There are three people whose terms are ending on Session this year, and we still have an unfilled spot in the Class of 2026. Please prayerfully consider becoming a Ruling Elder. There are eleven meetings per year, nine of them on Zoom. Susan Perrotta will be happy to give you more information.

### **The Little Food Pantry**

Please remember our Little Food Pantry when you go shopping. We are encouraging folks to donate packaged foods, as canned food tends to explode in the freezing weather. We are especially in need of breakfast cereal. 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.



### **California Wildfires**

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is still accepting donations to help those impacted by the California wildfires.

Any donation you make will supplement the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering to enable a significant response for U.S. wildfires. Your faithful giving is deeply appreciated.

To give by phone, call 800-728-7228, ext. 5885. To send a check, please designate “California Wildfires” on the memo line and mail to: Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) P. O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700

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