

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENLAWN



**Sunday Celebration of Worship
August 24, 2025 – 10:30 a.m.
The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Assemble before God, our Rock and Refuge.

Come together to listen for the voice of our Creator.

The Word of God shakes the foundation of the earth.

We expect to be changed by God's message to us.

God rescues us from cruelty and injustice.

In steadfast love, God delivers us from our enemies.

We remember the rich heritage we have received.

We give thanks for God's grace and mercy.

This is God's holy day, a time to lay aside narrow interests.

How will we honor God in word and in deed?

We will delight in the Word and works of our God.

We will join together in praise and good works.

*HYMN # 210

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come.

Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Before the hills in order stood, or Earth received its frame,

From everlasting Thou art God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight are like an evening gone.

Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, soon bears us all away.

We fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come.

Be Thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.

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

Congregation reads aloud the words in ***bold italics***.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We bow in awe before You, powerful God. We have forgotten that You are in charge of the Earth. We have neglected the brothers and sisters that You have called us to love. We want them to conform to our way of doing things rather than reaching out to them where they are. We would rather ignore them than feel obligated to help. Sometimes we would rather continue our own crippled existence than call on You for help. O God, we need your mercy and forgiveness. 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 # 333: (Please remain seated)

LAFFERTY

*Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness.
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia.*

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

O God, we cannot forget all of Your benefits. Accept our offerings as expressions of praise and acts of true worship. We pour out our thanks for all You have given us to help ourselves and others. May healing come to all who suffer, and freedom be granted to those weighed down with heavy burdens. Use us and our gifts to bring the changes for good that You intend for our world. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Psalm 71:1-6
Luke 13:10-17

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

“Free from Pain”

Rev. Dr. Van Cleef

*HYMN # 108

Christ Is Alive!

TRURO

*Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.*

*Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine.
But saving, healing, here and now, and touching every place and time.*

*Not throned afar, remotely high, untouched, unmoved by human pains.
But daily, in the midst of life, our Savior in the God-head reigns.*

*In every insult, rift, and war, where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, where even hope has died.*

*Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age,
Till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.*

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.*

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SESSION

Susan Perrotta, Recording Clerk

Class of 2025
Marian Adams
Bill Becker
Gary Prentiss

Class of 2026
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Class of 2027
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Joys and Announcements

Thank you!

A big “thank you” goes to everyone who helped us last Sunday.

We did a “piano switch” between the pianos in the Narthex and Parlor. Thank you to everyone who helped us to move those monsters!

The Rummage Sale Committee has been sorting items for the Church Fair. Thank you to the ladies who moved boxes from the basement to the stage.

The BBQ grill has been moved from the “Greenport Parsonage” to our church. Thank you to the Eitel Sisters who wrestled it out of Pastor Ann’s car and into the church.

Finally, thank you to Mr. Henry Parkinson, a member of the Baiting Hollow Congregational Church, who drove 45 minutes from his home in Wading River to the “Greenport Parsonage” to load the BBQ grill into Pastor Ann’s car, thus saving us the expense of renting a truck.



Annual Church Fair

The date has been set for our Church Fair: Saturday, September 27, with a rain date of Sunday afternoon, September 28

We are in need of people willing to help with various aspects of the fair. The list is below, please see Larry Foray if you are willing to help.

- **Rummage Sale.** We do need helpers the day of the fair. Please keep bringing in rummage items and leave them outside Pastor Ann’s office. Thank you.
- **Food Concession.** We need team members. Please see Debbie Eitel.

- **Publicity.** Updating flyer. Posting ads (both online and in local papers), and posting flyers at local stores.



“Home Runs and Re-runs”

Our “Home Runs and Re-runs” service will take place on Sunday, August 31. Please contact Pastor Ann by August 25 and tell her which sermon and hymns you would like to hear again. pastorannsutton@yahoo.com or text (631) 275-3461

Let’s wear the shirts / hats / of our favorite baseball teams that day!

Sermons:

9/1/24	Do we Work Too Hard?	3/9/25	<i>(Hafele Candidating Sermon)</i>
9/8/24	Ephphatha – Be Opened!	3/16/25	Trusting God – Like Abraham Did
9/15/24	Who Do You Say That I Am?	3/23/25	Bad Things CAN Happen to Unsuspecting People
9/22/24	Wisdom from Above	3/30/25	Lost and Found
9/29/24	Be Like Esther	4/6/25	Are You Better Off?
10/6/24	World Communion Sunday	4/13/25	I Love a Parade (Palm Sunday)
10/13/24	<i>(Vacation)</i>	4/20/25	Believing (Easter)
10/20/24	<i>(Vacation)</i>	4/27/25	If You’re Not Part of the Solution, Then You’re Part of the Pollution (Earth Day)
10/27/24	Seeing, and Yet, Not Seeing	5/4/25	The Post-Easter Blues
11/3/24	Why I Give (Stewardship)	5/11/25	Shiphrah and Puah: Two Unsung Heroes of the Bible
11/10/24	<i>(Pulpit Exchange / Russo)</i>	5/18/25	Loving as Jesus Did
11/17/24	We Wait	5/25/25	Lest We Forget (Mem. Day)
11/24/24	Don’t Worry, God Is Good	6/1/25	Praying for the Impossible
12/1/24	Advent: A Season of Waiting	6/8/25	The Holy spirit: God Moving in Our Lives
12/8/24	Juggling Too Much at One Time	6/15/25	Paul and Joseph: Two Biblical Fathers
12/15/24	A Light in the Darkness	6/22/25	The Power of Letters
12/22/24	No Room for You, Either	6/29/25	<i>(Sabbatical)</i>
12/24/24	Reflections on Christmas	7/6/25	<i>(Sabbatical)</i>
12/29/24	The Story of Let There Be Peace on Earth	7/13/25	<i>(Sabbatical)</i>
1/5/25	What You May Not Have Known about the Wise Men	7/20/25	<i>(Sabbatical)</i>
1/12/25	The Baptism of Jesus	7/27/25	<i>(Sabbatical)</i>
1/19/25	Jesus’ First Miracle	8/3/25	<i>(Sabbatical)</i>
1/26/25	<i>(Vacation)</i>	8/10/25	Do Not Worry, Little Flock
2/2/25	I Am Who I Am	8/17/27	Rosy Christians
2/9/25	Changing Careers		
2/16/25	Blessed Are the Poor? Really?		
2/23/25	My Personal Journey of Faith		
3/2/25	The Transfiguration		