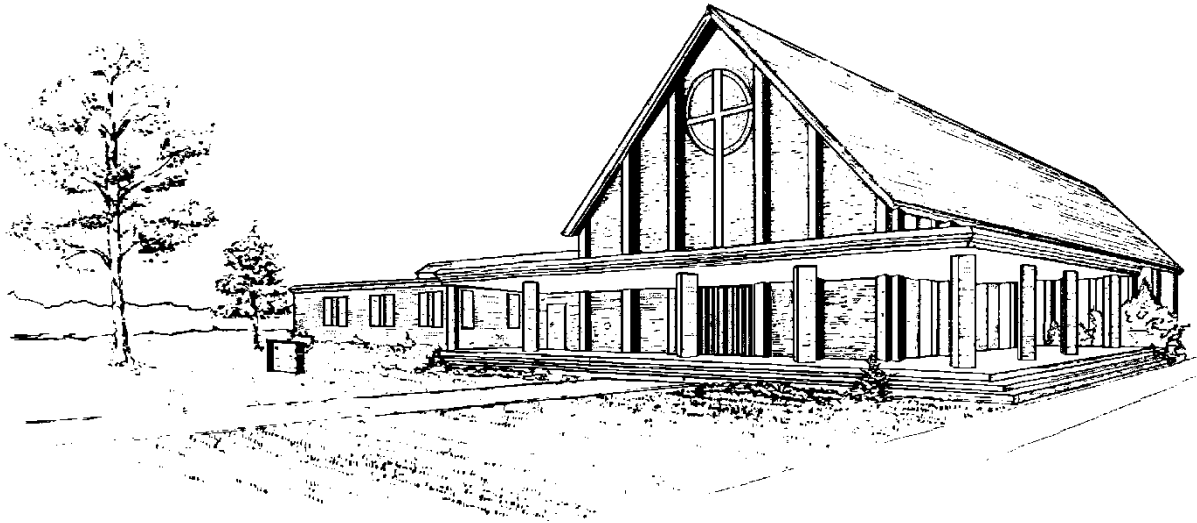


# **THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENLAWN**



**Celebration of Worship  
January 26, 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

This day is holy to our Wise God!

*We gather to listen for God's word,  
To discern God's will, and to worship with God's people.*

This day is holy to our Joyful God!

*We are members of Christ's body,  
Christ's family, Christ's church.*

This day is holy to our Powerful God!

*The Spirit of God is upon us,  
And we have been anointed to bring good news to all.*

This day is holy to our Gracious God!

*May the words of our mouths and the thoughts in our hearts  
Be a delight to our God.*

Let us worship our Holy God!

\*HYMN #446                      *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*                      AUSTRIAN HYMN

*Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God.  
God, whose word cannot be broken, formed thee for a blest abode.  
On the rock of ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvations walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.*

*See, the streams of living waters springing from eternal love,  
Well supply thy sons and daughters and all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint while such a river ever flows their thirst to assuage?  
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.*

*Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear  
For a glory and a covering, showing that the Lord is near.  
Thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day.  
Safe they feed upon the manna which God gives them when they pray.*

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

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Sometimes, God, we do not know what to confess. We seek to keep Your law, but the right course is not always clear. We want to follow Your direction, but it is hard to discern what is true. Sometimes it is difficult to care about people whose values are different from ours. How can we be one with those who do not share our beliefs? At times, our own faith is shaken – our faith in ourselves and our faith in You. We need Your help, O God, so our sins will not have dominion over us. 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

*Bless, O Lord, these gifts and offerings, that they may be a sign of our intent to serve You. Use them and us to bring good news to the poor, proclaim release to the captives, and bring wholeness and healing to all who are hurting and oppressed. Amen.*

### THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Psalm 19  
Luke 4:14-21

### HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

Rev. Mark Applewhite

“Jesus’ Mission Statement: ‘The Good News’”

\*HYMN #447

*Lead On, O King Eternal*

LANCASHIRE

*Lead on, O King Eternal, the day of march has come.  
Henceforth in fields of conquest Thy tents shall be our home.  
Through days of preparation Thy grace has made us strong.  
And now, O King Eternal, we lift our battle song.*

*Lead on, O King Eternal, till sin’s fierce war shall cease.  
And holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace.  
For not with swords’ loud clashing nor roll of stirring drums,  
With deeds of love and mercy the Heavenly Kingdom comes.*

*Lead on, O King Eternal, we follow not with fears.  
For gladness breaks like morning where e’er Thy face appears.  
Thy cross is lifted over us. We journey in its light.  
The crown awaits the conquest. Lead on, O God of might.*

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**

### **Welcome, Rev. Mark Applewhite.**

Rev. Mark Vernon Applewhite, ordained at Riverside (Rockefeller's Church Christ Chapel) as a graduate of Union Seminary of Columbia University in the city of New York, is formerly Moderator (1999-2001) of the United Church of Christ's Suffolk Association of Long Island, NY, which is all the UCC Churches of Eastern Long Island.

Riverside Church is the tallest church in the United States with the largest ringing-bell in-the-world. As Temporary Supply Pastor, Mark's last church was the Presbyterian Church of Center Moriches. Prior to that, Mark completed Princeton Seminary's training in Presbyterian "Transitional Ministry," 2019, the same year Rev. Applewhite served Presbyterian Church of Glen Cove. Presently, Mark, and his wife, Cathy (a retired Church Educator), live locally in E. Northport while Mark serves full-time as the Board Certified Chaplain of Huntington Hospital. Mark is the longest multi-faith Chaplain serving 3 major in-patient Hospitals on the eastern end of Long Island. Rev. Applewhite's ministry began at St. John's Episcopal Hospital in 1995 after Mark and Cathy completed Clinical Pastoral Education in Allentown, PA. We welcome Mark.

### **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.”*

### **Helping the Homeless**

Thank you for your response to our drive to help the Long Island Coalition for the Homeless these past two weeks. And thank you to Dave Bennardo for bringing the donations to the Elwood Library for us. The folks at the library will forward them to the LI Coalition.

### **“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!



### **Annual Reports Are Due**

Annual Reports are due. If you are responsible for submitting a report, please submit it by tonight. Reports should be submitted in Word format and e-mailed to: [pastorannsutton@yahoo.com](mailto:pastorannsutton@yahoo.com). If your computer is not capable of doing Word, just write the report in the body of an e-mail and send it that way. PLEASE do NOT do PDF or Google Docs. Thank you.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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**

On January 7 of this year, wildfire activity began in Los Angeles County, CA. Immediate reports indicate that this fire has caused substantial damage throughout LA County, making this event the largest fire disaster in the county's history. AT the time of this writing, nearly 30,000 acres have been consumed by the blazes. 189,999 people are currently displaced from their homes due to devastation or evacuation orders, and these fires continue to spread, causing additional destruction.

"Multiple churches have been impacted and multiple Presbyterians have lost their homes," said the Rev. Jim Kirk, Associate for National Disaster Response for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

As of this writing, an estimated 130,000 people have been under evacuation orders as the fires have ravaged communities, consuming about 42 square miles, which is almost as large as the entire city of San Francisco, according to the AP.

In addition to the Presbytery of the Pacific, the fires are also thought to have impacted the San Fernando and San Gabriel presbyteries, Worthen Gamble said.

“PDA is reaching out and has been in communication with the impacted presbyteries, offering support,” Kirk said. “However, at this time, because it's still an ongoing disaster, it's not safe for people to come in. We pray for the hundreds of first responders who are working diligently and faithfully to keep people and property safe.”

The Pacific Palisades Presbyterian Church, which is part of the Presbytery of the Pacific, was lost in the massive Palisades fire, the largest blaze at more than 17,000 acres. Fortunately, there were no lives lost.

In the midst of the emergency on Wednesday, the Rev. Juan Sarmiento, executive presbyter of the Presbytery of San Fernando, provided this glimpse into the situation. “Our home is under evacuation warning. No electricity or internet. Prayers for our family and wisdom on how to support the churches in the presbytery are appreciated.”

“Pray for those who are in harm's way and the hundreds of firefighters who are risking their own well-being to keep people and property safe” in all areas, Kirk said.

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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