

# **THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENLAWN**



**Sunday Celebration of Worship  
June 8, 2025  
Pentecost Sunday  
and  
Celebration of Our Music Ministry  
10:30 a.m.**

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## GATHERING MUSIC

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CHORAL INTROIT The Choir

## *Gonna Rise Up Singing*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

The Spirit descends like a dove,  
bringing peace to unite the world in a just and caring community.

*The Spirit comes like a breath, bringing life to renew the people of God.*

The Spirit spreads like fire, bringing energy for witnessing to the love of God.

***Spirit of the Living God, come to us and transform our lives by Your power.***

When God sends forth the Holy Spirit, all things are created.

*I will sing to the Lord as long as I live.*

May the Holy Spirit inspire us to a worship that is pleasing to God.

*I will sing praise to God always and forever. Amen.*

HYMN # 326      *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*      MORECAMBE

*Spirit of God, descend upon my heart.*

*Wean it from Earth, through all its pulses move.*

*Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art,*

*And make me love Thee as I ought to love.*

*Hast Thou not bid us love Thee, God and King.*

*All, all Thine own: soul, heart and strength and mind?*

*I see Thy cross, there teach my heart to cling.*

*O let me seek Thee, and o let me find!*

*Teach me to feel that Thou are always nigh.*

*Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,*

*To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh.*

*Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.*

*Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love,  
One holy passion filling all my frame.  
The baptism of the Heaven-descended Dove,  
My heart an altar and Thy love the flame.*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Almighty God, You poured Your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of Your Spirit among us. We do not listen for Your word of grace, speak the good news of Your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of Your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be Your faithful people, doing Your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 Choir

*In the Bulb There Is a Flower*

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Congregational      Response      #      333:      (Please      remain      seated)  
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*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

*God of Wind and Flame, may new life be breathed into the world because of these gifts we return to You. Grant us the capacity to carry Your revelation to others in ways they can understand. We seek to be channels of Your love and peace, both in person and through the outreach of our offerings. Amen.*

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Genesis 11:1-9  
Acts 2:1-8, 11b-21

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Van Cleef

“The Holy Spirit: God Moving in Our Lives”

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

SINE NOMINE

*When in Our Music God is Glorified*

- 1. When in our music God is glorified, and adoration leaves no room for pride,  
It is as though the whole creation cried, Alleluia! Alleluia!*
- 2. How often, making music, we have found a new dimension in the world of sound,  
As worship moved us to a more profound Alleluia! Alleluia!*
- 3. So has the church, in liturgy and song,  
In faith and love through centuries of wrong,  
Borne witness to the truth in every tongue: Alleluia! Alleluia!*
- 4. Let every instrument be tuned for praise!  
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!  
And may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia! Alleluia!*

BENEDICTION

The Choir

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

JOYS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

The Choir

*River in Judea*

# **Joys and Announcements**

## **Pentecost Sunday**

This morning, we celebrate Pentecost Sunday, one of the most ancient feasts of the Church, celebrated early enough to be mentioned in the Book of Acts and in Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. Pentecost is celebrated on the 50<sup>th</sup> day after Easter (if we count both Easter Sunday and Pentecost Sunday).

Christ has promised His Apostles that He would send His Holy Spirit, and on Pentecost, they were granted the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The Apostles began to preach in all of the languages that the Jews who were gathered there spoke, and about 3,000 people were converted and baptized that day. Pentecost is often called "the birthday of the Church." The color of the day is red.

## **Our Music Ministry**

As part of our Pentecost observance, today we celebrate our music ministry.

We are deeply grateful to Leonora Knight, who plays our hymns, sings, assists with the choir, and provides us with beautiful music each week. She brings her students to church, giving them an opportunity to perform, and giving us a chance to appreciate their musical gifts. Her husband, Jack, plays the 'cello for us on special occasions.

We are grateful, also, to Pastor Ann, for leading our choir, a terrific group of ladies who love to sing to the glory of God. You will find their names below.

## **The Women's Choir**

Rev. Dr. Ann Van Cleef, Director

Leonora Knight, Accompanist

### **Sopranos**

Marian Adams

Barbara Charnews

Kathleen (Kathie) Gerlach

Janet Giacio

Priscilla Jahier

Susan Perrotta

### **Altos**

Arlissa Dean

Debbie Eitel

Claire Proctor

Jill Wilson

## **New Members**

Have you been worshipping with us frequently? Would you like to become a member of our church? We will be having a "New Members Sunday" next week, June 15. So far, three people are interested in joining our Church. Please see Pastor Ann if you are interested.

### **Help Hungry Heroes Project**

Today is the third and last Sunday of our 3-week Help Hungry Heroes project.

As you know, today's dollar does not stretch as far as it did in the past. As a result, many of our veterans are having trouble putting food on their tables. Our church is partnering with the Northport VA to make sure our veterans don't go hungry.

We are accepting donations which will go toward purchasing \$25 Stop and Shop gift cards, which will be distributed by the VA to veterans who are in need. There is a box next to our offering plate for monetary contributions; any amount will be appreciated. (Please make checks out to our church.) Or, if you prefer, you may donate a \$25 gift card from Stop and Shop.

Thank you for caring for our veterans.

### **The Little Food Pantry**

Kathie Gerlach, our Mission Chair, reports that our Little Food Pantry continues to be heavily used. The following foods, in particular, are needed:

- Cereal
- Canned carrots
- Canned potatoes
- Spaghetti

Thank you for your generosity.

### **The Pentecost Offering**

Later this month, we will receive The Pentecost Offering, which is one of four special offerings sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (USA). A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the Presbyterian Church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering is retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Thank you for your generosity.

### **The Organ Committee**

It was one year ago tomorrow that we had our first organ fundraising concert featuring Broadway personality Craig Schulman. Thanks to the efforts of Fran Roberts (with a little help from Marian Adams and Ann Van Cleef) we were able to raise funds and purchase an organ in less than a year.

Our next step is to purchase and install speakers that are compatible with our organ.

On this day of music celebration, we want to thank Fran, along with Marian and Ann, as well as those folks who supported our fundraisers.

### **Coffee Hour Schedule**

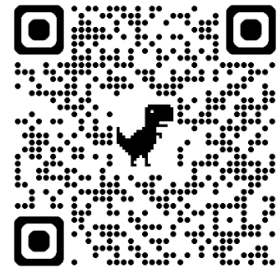
The Coffee Hour sign-up list is on the food table in the Narthex. Thank you to those who have already signed up to host a Coffee Hour. Please consider hosting this important ministry one Sunday. Thank you.

### **Recycling Plastic**

Elwood Library has partnered with a local Girl Scout Troop to complete a Plastic Film Recycling Challenge sponsored by NexTrex. After a group has collected a certain amount of plastic over a specific period of time, they can earn a bench made out of recycled plastic film. We can help. Look for the plastic recycling box in our church hallway.

### **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.



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Betty Chatfield

#### **Benevolence Secretary**

Susan Perrotta

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#### **Building Use Manager**

Larry Foray

### **THE SESSION**

#### **Susan Perrotta, Recording Clerk**

#### **Class of 2025**

Marian Adams  
Bill Becker  
Gary Prentiss

#### **Class of 2026**

Arlissa Dean  
Kathleen Gerlach

#### **Class of 2027**

Debbie Eitel