

**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF GREENLAWN**



**Sunday Celebration of Worship
March 15, 2026 – The Fourth Sunday in Lent
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

God summons us to wake up and see.

Light has come to lead us to all that is good.

Our eyes have been opened to God’s goodness.

We seek to live as children of light.

God sees beyond our outward appearance.

God knows the intent of our hearts.

We are here to find out what is pleasing to God.

We want to know what is right and true.

God listens to all who worship sincerely.

Praise God with openness and obedience.

We seek to know and follow God’s will.

This is a day to do the works of God.

HYMN # 138

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!

NICEA

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.*

*Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea.
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who wert and art, and evermore shalt be.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinfulness Thy glory may not see.
Only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee.
Perfect in power, in love and purity.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in Earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Great Shepherd, we thank You for finding us and bringing us to this time of prayer. We have wandered far from the paths of integrity, justice, and peace that You have set before us. We are ashamed of some things we do when we think no one will find out. We are quick to judge others and to excuse ourselves. We want to decide who is acceptable to You and who is not. Surely, we persuade ourselves, You prefer people like us, and not those who appear, believe, or act differently. Even as we say those words, we know we are not in tune with Your way. Forgive us, we pray, and help us to change. 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

... All this we pray in Jesus' name, saying, *Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

Congregational Response:

*Hear our prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer, O Lord.
Incline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace. Amen.*

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

Loving God, as You illuminate our lives with fascinating insights and possibilities, we reach out to share Your love through our tithes and offerings and our investment of time and energy in tasks to which You call us. All this we offer now for Your blessing, for apart from You, the light goes out of our lives and we slip into meaningless existence. Let us, rather, dwell with You and serve You wherever we go. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

“Blindness of Another Kind”

Rev. Dr. Van Cleef

*HYMN # 324

Open My Eyes That I May See

OPEN MY EYES

*Open my eyes that I may see glimpses of truth Thou hast for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for Thee, ready my God, Thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

*Open my ears that I may hear voices of truth Thou sendest clear.
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for Thee, ready my God, Thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

*Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere.
Open my heart, and let me prepare love with Thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for Thee, ready my God, Thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

EDELWEISS

*May the Lord, Mighty God bless and keep you forever,
Grant you peace, perfect peace, perfect in every endeavor.
Lift up your eyes and see His face, and His grace forever.
May the Lord Mighty God, bless and keep you forever.*

POSTLUDE

JOYS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Those who are willing and able are invited to stand.
Congregation reads aloud the words in ***bold italics***.

THE SESSION

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Easter Flowers

Easter is right around the corner! Please fill out the attached order form, and place it in the offering plate or give it, along with your check, to Betty Chatfield. Thank you.

Easter Flowers Order Form

Please enclose a check for \$15 per plant, payable to FPC Greenlawn. Place it in the offering plate or give it to Betty Chatfield. Please print clearly.

I would like to order the following:



Number of Plants

Name of Plants

Easter Lilies

Daffodils

Miniature Daffodils

Hydrangea

Tulips

Hyacinths

Total number of plants _____ X \$15 per plant = \$ _____

Please list my plant dedication as follows:

In Loving Memory of:

In Honor of:

Your name: _____

Your e-mail address: _____

Your phone number: _____