

**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF GREENLAWN**



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November 3, 2024 – Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Listen and hear, all you people of the book!

There is one God who created all time and space.

Our hope is in God who made Heaven and Earth.

All creatures of the land and sea come from God.

You shall love God with all your heart and soul.

You shall honor God with all your mind and strength.

We will praise God as long as we live.

We will sing of God's glory all through our lives.

A second commandment is like the first:

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

God watches over strangers and widows and orphans.

We honor God by honoring these, our sisters and brothers.

*HYMN # 151

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne.

Hark! How the Heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!

Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,

And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of Love. Behold His hands and side,

Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.

No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,

But downward bends his burning eye at mystery so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of Peace, whose power a scepter sways

From pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise.

His reign shall know no end, and round His pierced feet

Fair flowers of Paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

*Those who are willing and able, please stand

*Crown Him the Lord of Years, the Potentate of Time,
Creator of the Rolling Spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me.
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We have not kept faith with You, righteous God. There are so many distractions that occupy our time! There are so many groups to claim our loyalty. There are so many activities that bid for our attention. Even the church involves us in busyness that keeps us from matters of greater importance. In these moments, we seek to know You and to be known by You, that in an honest exchange, our relationship with You and with the people around us might be strengthened. In Your name, and joining with You, we seek justice for the oppressed, food for the hungry, and healing for all. 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

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:

*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

Receive from us, O God, the best we have to give. All we have comes from You. We return a portion with joy to accomplish the work we intend to do together in Your name. We bring ourselves as well, to be blessed by You, so that while we are apart, our words and deeds will continue to be a significant offering. May our lives praise You! Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Malachi 3:7-12

Luke 6:38

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

“Why I Give”

Rev. Dr. Ann M. Van Cleef

COMMUNION HYMN # 357

MARYTON

O Master Let Me Walk with Thee

*O Master, let me walk with Thee in lowly paths of service free.
Tell me Thy secret. Help me to bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.*

*Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear winning word of love.
Teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.*

*Teach me Thy patience, still with Thee in closer, dearer company.
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong.*

*In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way.
In peace that only Thou canst give, with Thee, O Master, let me live.*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Thank You, Most Holy God, for meeting us in this simple meal. May Your presence within us ripple beyond us, ever expanding, until the day when You gather all Your saints from the four winds to share in Your eternal banquet. In all our words and actions, may Your name be praised now and forever more. Amen.

*HYMN # 514

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

LINSTEAD

*Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy.
Bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.*

REFRAIN: *Jesus lives again, Earth can breathe again,
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!*

*Christ is able to make us one. At the table He sets the tone.
Teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express. REFRAIN*

*Jesus calls us in, sends us out, bearing fruit in a world of doubt.
Gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere! REFRAIN*

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.*

Joys and Announcements

Brahms' Requiem

Last Sunday's Brahms' Requiem concert was a success beyond belief. The choir was outstanding, the soloists were stunning, and the piano accompanists were incredible. Our conductor, Fran Roberts, came out of retirement to conduct this concert for us, and she was truly an inspiration to all.

Thank you to everyone who attended, and to Larry and Debbie who assisted with set-ups and clean-ups. This concert brings us even closer to our goal of having a new organ in place.

Blessing of the Pets

Our Blessing of the Pets Service will take place today at 1:00 p.m. in the Church Sanctuary. All pets are invited, and are encouraged to bring their owners! Pets will receive a Certificate of Blessing.

Melissa Maravell in concert

Our final fund-raising concert for our organ will take place on Sunday, November 17, at 3:00 p.m. It will be a cabaret-style concert in CE Hall, and will feature the talents of Melissa Maravell. Tickets are \$20 and will be sold at the door.

Women's Choir Rehearsals

The Women's Choir began rehearsals last week. New members are always welcome; we rehearse at 9:30 a.m. (The November 10 rehearsal I canceled.) The ability to match pitch is necessary; we'll teach you everything else!

Required Minimum Distributions

RMDs are a wonderful thing as far as having a little more spending money is concerned. But there are some downsides. (1) You have to pay taxes. (2) You might possibly be bumped up into the next tax bracket. (3) As far as Medicare is concerned, your Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount, IRMAA for short, which is a fee you pay on top of your Medicare Part B and Part D adjustments, could rise if you make a yearly income above the annual thresholds.

You may want to prayerfully consider making a year-end gift to your church directly from your RMD. This will keep your taxes down, and will benefit the church. Thank you for considering this.

Food Pantry

The need continues – please pick up a few things when you go grocery shopping. Thank you.

Church Membership

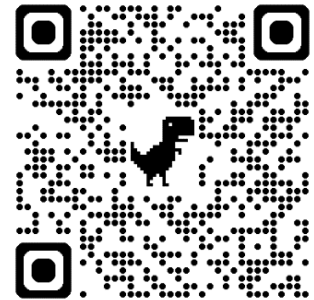
Are you a friend of our church who has faithfully been attending worship? Would you like to become a member of The First Presbyterian Church of Greenlawn? Please see Pastor Ann about joining; we would like to have a “New Members Sunday” sometime this fall.

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.



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