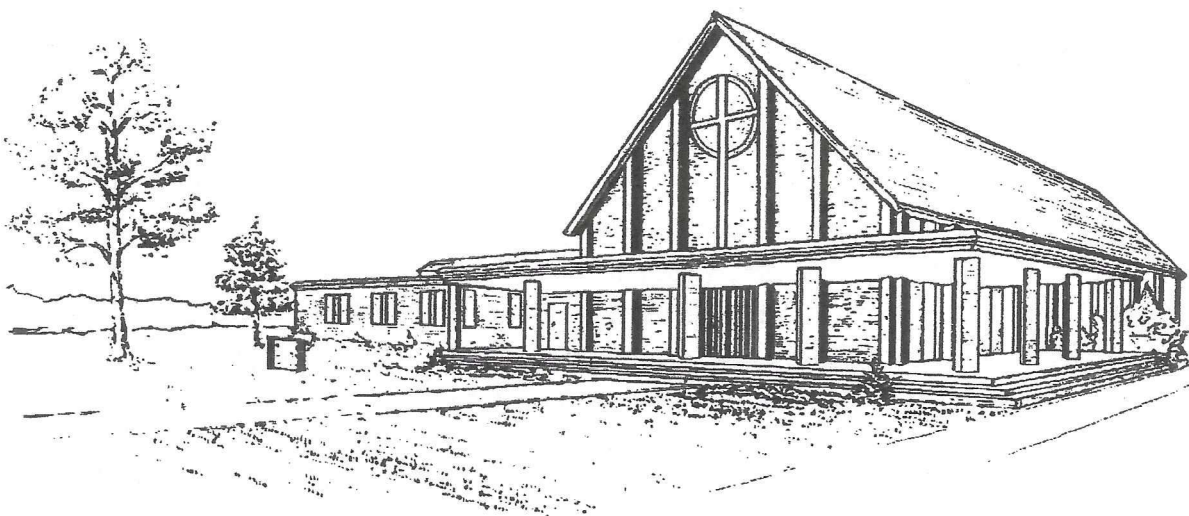


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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

Dan Charnews /Tyler Hago/ Glenn Jahier

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 22:1-15

My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?

Why are You so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish?

My God, I cry out by day, but You do not answer, by night, but I find no rest.

Yet You are enthroned as the Holy One; You are the one Israel praises.

In You our ancestors put their trust; they trusted and You delivered them.

To You they cried out and were saved; in You they trusted and were not put to shame.

But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by everyone, despised by the people.

All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads.

“He trusts in the Lord,” they say, “let the Lord rescue him.

Let Him deliver him, since He delights in him.”

Yet You brought me out of the womb;

You made me trust in You, even at my mother’s breast.

From birth I was cast on You; from my mother’s womb You have been my God.

Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.

Many bulls surround me; strong bulls of Bashan encircle me.

Roaring lions that tear their prey open their mouths wide against me.

I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint.

My heart has turned to wax; it has melted within me.

My mouth^[d] is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks

to the roof of my mouth; You lay me in the dust of death.

*HYMN # 487

When Morning Guilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

When morning guilds the skies, my heart awaking cries:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair:

May Jesus Christ be praised!

*Those who are willing and able, please stand.

*Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this:
May Jesus Christ be praised!*

*Let Earth's wide circle round in joyful notes resound:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Let air and sea and sky from depth to height reply:
May Jesus Christ be praised!*

*Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this the eternal song through all the ages long:
May Jesus Christ be praised!*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, know that many times we feel forsaken and terrified more than supported and comforted. We cry out and hear no answers. We suffer and find no relief. We are tempted to blame You even though we are the ones who cut off communication. We complain in the midst of plenty and groan over imagined slights. When we feel mocked and scorned and despised, we turn inward with the hurt instead of opening ourselves to Your healing touch. Have mercy on us, and help us in our time of need. 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

... Jesus the Christ, in whose name we pray, 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

Thank You, God, for the wealth You have entrusted to us. As we share a portion of that wealth, we pray that it may never become the object of our affection. Keep our focus on people and relationships and lasting values, rather than on the possessions we can accumulate. We dedicate our time, money, and ourselves to the reign of God among us, praying that all whom our gifts may reach may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Job 23:1-9, 16-17
Mark 10:17-31

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON "Threading the Eye of a Needle" Minister Glenn Rubin

*HYMN # 343 *Called as Partners in Christ's Service* BEECHER

*Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace.
We respond with deep commitment, fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,
Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.*

*Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth.
Let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on Earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,
Blending human skills together, gracious gifts from God unfold.*

*So, God grants us for tomorrow ways to order human life
That surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,
Messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.*

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

Welcome Back, Minister Glenn Rubin

We welcome Glenn Rubin to the pulpit this morning, while Pastor Ann is taking some time off.

Glenn Rubin received his Bachelor of Music Education degree from the Crane School of Music at SUNY Potsdam, his Master's degree in Double Bass Performance from the Manhattan School of Music, and a Master's degree in Musical Composition from Queens College. He earned his Master of Divinity degree from New Brunswick Theological Seminary.

After nearly a decade of freelancing in New York City, Glenn began his teaching career. He is retired from the Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District where he was the high school orchestra director and music theory instructor. These days he spends several months of each year as an adjudicator at various NYSSMA festivals.

Glenn has been a member of the Simpson United Methodist Church in Amityville since 1986, and is currently a church musician and a trustee. He enjoys preaching whenever the opportunity arises and considers each invitation to be a gift from God. "There is no more enjoyable activity than spreading the Word of God. Preaching the message of God's Love is like experiencing a fine symphony; both seek to lift us to a higher level."

Lunch and Learn Event

Those of us who are "of a certain age" have learned that changes are being made to Medicare for 2025. This morning, we will have a "Lunch and Learn" Coffee Hour. Heidi Peborde, a Medicare expert, will go over those changes while we enjoy a delicious luncheon prepared by Debbie and her crew.

Women's Choir Rehearsals

The Women's Choir will begin rehearsals on Sunday, October 27, at 9:30 a.m. New members are always welcome. 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.

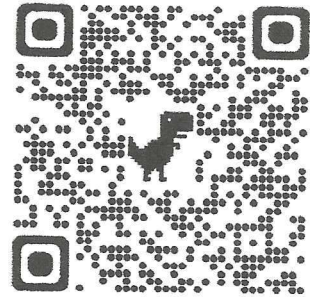
You may want to prayerfully consider making a year-end gift to your church directly from your RMD. This will keep your taxes down, and will benefit the church. Thank you for considering this.

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.

You May Now Donate On Line

Simply put your cell phone into camera mode, hold it the funny little square thing (no need to take a photo), the link to our church website will pop up. The "Donate" button is on the opening page.



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Brahms' Requiem

We have recruited well over 40 choristers, many of professional musicians, for the Brahms German Requiem concert, Sunday, October 27, 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Here is some wonderful news. We have two outstanding singers who will be performing the solos in the Requiem, and two professional pianists who will be accompanying the chorus.

Soprano Pamela E. Jones has performed all over the world, but calls the City Opera "home."

Baritone Stan Lacy is the founder and President of the New Camerata Opera Company. Additionally, he performs in operatic roles throughout the US.

Pianist Stephanie Watts has performed throughout the US and Europe. She is Professor of Music, Director of Piano and Theory Studies and has also served as Chair of the Department of Music at the Post Campus of Long Island University.

Pianist AeRee Kim has won several piano competitions and is currently on the piano faculty at the Post Campus of Long Island University.

Blessing of the Pets

Our Blessing of the Pets Service will take place on Sunday, November 3, 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. Please spread the word.

Food Pantry

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

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.

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