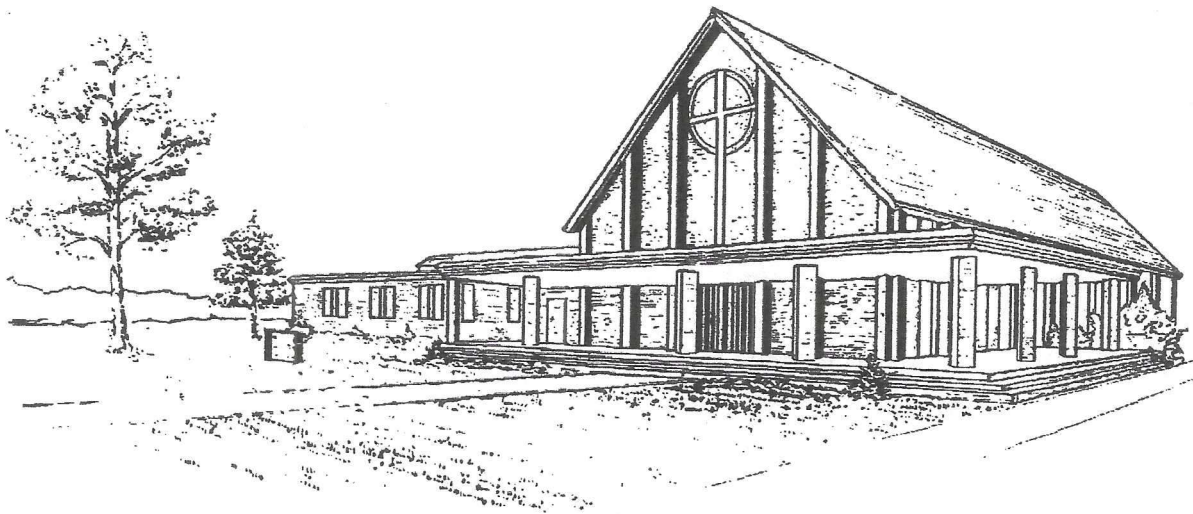


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OF GREENLAWN**



**Sunday Celebration of Worship  
October 20, 2024 – Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost  
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

(adapted from Psalm 134)

I will bless the Lord at all times.

His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

*My soul makes its boast in the Lord.*

*Let the humble hear and be glad.*

O Magnify the Lord with me,

And let us exalt His name together.

*O taste and see that the Lord is good.*

*Happy are those who take refuge in Him.*

\*HYMN # 464

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

HYMN TO JOY

*Joyful, Joyful, we adore Thee, God of Glory, Lord of Love.*

*Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above*

*Melt the clouds of sin and sadness. Drive the gloom of doubt away.*

*Giver of Immortal Gladness, fill us with the light of day.*

*All Thy works with joy surround Thee. Earth and Heaven reflect Thy rays.*

*Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of Unbroken Praise.*

*Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,*

*Chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee.*

*Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.*

*Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in Heaven's plan.*

*Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.*

*Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

\*Those who are willing and able, please stand

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*We confess, O God, that our lives have made of You a distant deity. We listen to what others say about You, but we have seldom glimpsed for ourselves who You are. We are dominated by our doubts instead of by our practice of prayer. We are not ready to repent in dust and ashes, but we do ask for mercy as we face up to sins we have not recognized and wrongdoing we have tried to ignore. Instill in us a new appreciation of righteousness, and help us to grow in the way You would have us go. Forgive us, God, we pray. 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

... 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

*Hear our prayer for all who may be helped by what we give. We offer more than money; we offer ourselves. May the sympathy and comfort we share with people in need serve to draw them closer to You. Keep us strong, that this church may give witness to truth, constructive opposition to evil, and merciful redemption to those caught up in the wickedness of our times. Amen.*

## THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c and Mark 10:35-45

## HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

“Be Careful What You Ask For!”

Minister Glenn Rubin

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:

*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."

### **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.

### **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**

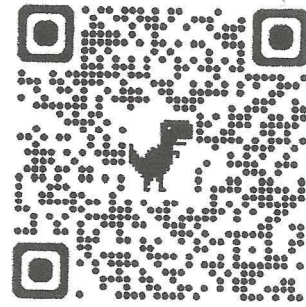
The need continues – please pick up a few things when you go grocery shopping. Thank you.

### **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.

## 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.



## Brahms' Requiem

We have recruited well over 40 choristers, many of them 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.

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