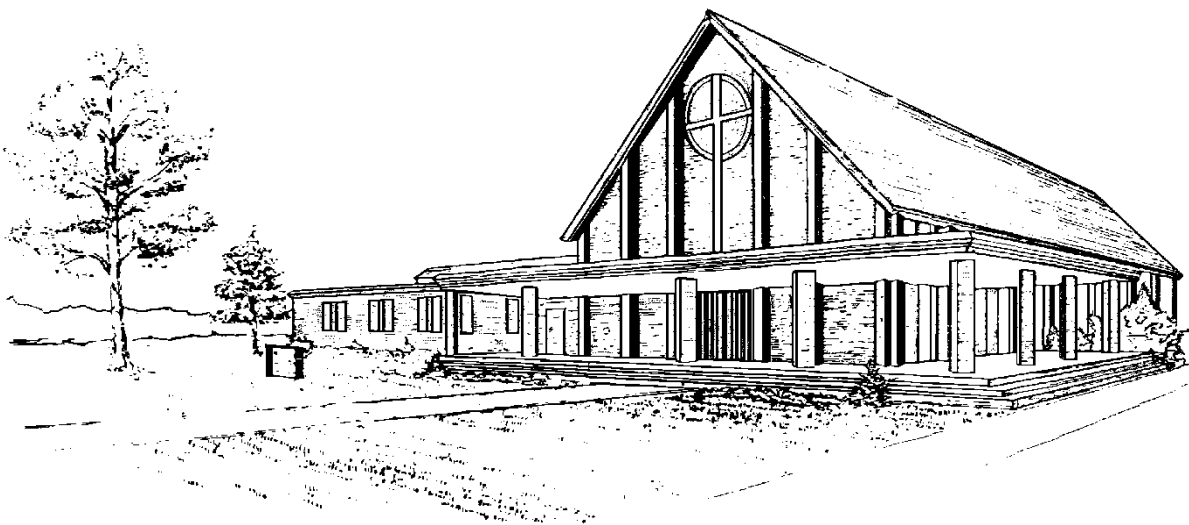


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**Sunday Service of Worship
January 17, 2021 – The Second Sunday of Epiphany
10:30 a.m.**

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

Deacon Barbara Small

GATHERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Psalm 129)

O God, You have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up.

You discern my thoughts from far away.

Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, You know it completely.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me.

I cannot attain it.

We praise You, O God.

Wonderful are Your works.

HYMN # 345

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

REST

*Dear Lord and Father of Mankind, forgive our foolish ways.
Reclothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives Thy service find,
In deeper reverence, praise.*

*In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea,
The gracious calling of the Lord. Let us, like them, without a word
Rise up and follow Thee.*

*Drop Thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease.
Take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of Thy peace.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, our lives are an open book to You. Help us to recognize in ourselves what You have seen there. Remove the distortions that keep us from acknowledging our sins. Awaken in us a sorrow over the wrongs we have done and the good we have neglected. Create in us an earnest desire to change. O God, we are in touch with the pain we have caused and the pain within us. Because of Your love and care, we can face and overcome the sins that we confess. 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

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

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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

Everlasting God, we bring these gifts before You with hope and thanksgiving for the ministries they will empower. Guide their use and bless those who have brought them, that Your world will become a place of peace and wholeness, especially for the "least of these." We offer these gifts and this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

1 Samuel 3:1-10

John 1:43-51

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

“Like a Bouquet of Flowers”

Rev. Dr. Van Cleef

HYMN # 155

Rejoice, the Lord is King

DARWALL’S 148th

*Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph ever more.
Lift up your heart! Lift up your voice, rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

*God’s kingdom cannot fail. Christ rules o’er Earth ad Heaven.
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given.
Lift up your heart! Lift up your voice, rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

*Rejoice in glorious hope! For Christ, the Judge shall come
To glorify the saints for their eternal home,
Lift up your heart! Lift up your voice, rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

*Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on Earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God, our Creator, we are family.*
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.*

*Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.*

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND JOYS

(*Original words: *With God as our Father, brothers all are we.*)

Congregational Meeting

There will be a brief congregational meeting today, Sunday, January 17, immediately following worship, with four items on the agenda:

- (1) Our current *Church Operations Manual* allows for changes to be made to our Bylaws with only Session approval. We have been informed by Presbytery that this is contrary to Presbyterian polity; changes to the Bylaws must be approved by the entire congregation at a Congregational Meeting. We need to change the wording in our *Church Operations Manual* to reflect this.
- (2) Our current bylaws cite references to the 2014 – 2018 *Book of Order*. The citations need to be changed to reflect the *Book of Order 2019 – 2021*.
- (3) The Presbytery has informed us that we need to put something in our bylaws making it “legal” to hold Congregational Meetings via Zoom in case of inclement weather or pandemic situations.
- (4) Because we are a small church, we want to try a unicameral system of church governance (in other words, one Board) on a trial basis for one year. This Board will be called The Session, and will consist of current eligible Session members, plus our current Deacons, who will be ordained as Elders. Anyone who has been ordained as a Presbyterian Deacon in the past will be invited to serve as a Deacon in this church, taking on any task to which he or she feels called, the difference being that the Deacons will be overseen by the Congregational Care Committee, as opposed to being an independent Board. We will evaluate this system in November of 2021, and will call a Congregational Meeting in early January of 2022 to vote on either continuing with a unicameral Board, or going back to a bicameral Board system. This change has been discussed with our General Presbyter Rev. Mark Tammen, who has given it his blessing.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of The First Presbyterian Church of Greenlawn will take place on Sunday, January 24, immediately following worship.

The meeting is called to receive the Annual Report, to dismiss the 2020 Nominating Committee, to elect the Nominating Committee for 2021, to elect Church Officers, and to conduct other business as necessary.

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OUR SERVING BOARDS

SESSION

Class of 2020

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Ruth Satterlee

Class of 2021

Betty Chatfield
Debbie Eitel

Class of 2022

DEACONS

Class of 2020

Corinne Burdett
Larry Foray – Moderator

Class of 2021

Arlissa Dean
Kathleen Gerlach

Class of 2022

Gary Prentiss
George Santos