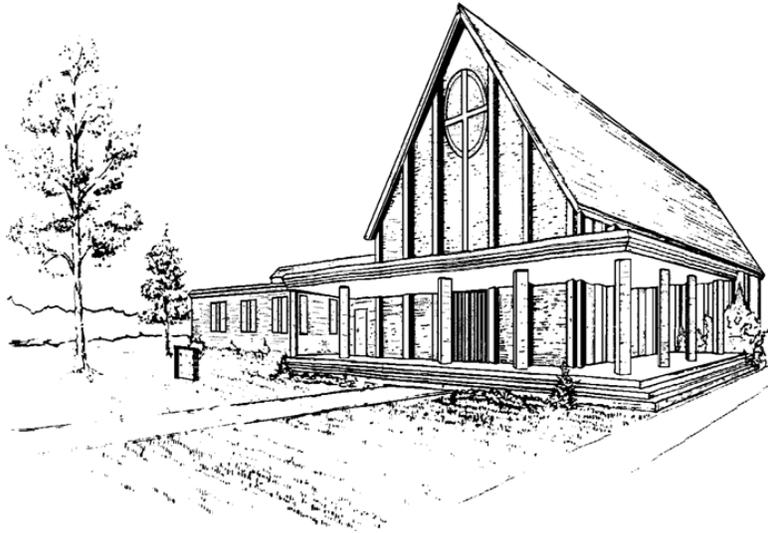


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENLAWN



**Sunday Service of Worship
Communion Sunday
Baptism of the Lord
January 7, 2018
10:30 A.M.**

**497 Pulaski Road
Greenlawn, NY 11740
Phone: 631-261-2150**

CONFESSION OF SIN (Unison)

You send forth your Spirit to mend and heal us, but we say, “thanks, but we’re fine.” You call us to acts of service, but we say, “well, we’re kind of busy right now; couldn’t you ask someone else this time?”

Lord, have mercy upon us, and in your love uphold us. Remind us that there is nothing we could do that could make you love us any less, and nothing that we could do that could make you love us any more. But stir up the waters of our baptism, and free us for life because we are tired of being on such easy terms with death.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Fred Woodward

***RESPONSE**

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.

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 42: 1-9

pg. 758

Elder Margaret Negrelli

***HYMN No. 126**

Come Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

RESPONSE

Doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above the heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Elder Margaret Negrelli

SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 1: 4-11, pg. 1045

(The Message Translation)

John the Baptizer appeared in the wild, preaching a baptism of life-change that leads to forgiveness of sins. People thronged to him from Judea and Jerusalem and, as they confessed their sins, were baptized by him in the Jordan River into a changed life. John wore a camel-hair habit, tied at the waist with a leather belt. He ate locusts and wild field honey.

As he preached he said, “The real action comes next: The star in this drama, to whom I’m a mere stagehand, will change your life. I’m baptizing you here in the river, turning your old life in for a kingdom life. His baptism—a holy baptism by the Holy Spirit—will change you from the inside out.”

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At this time, Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. The moment he came out of the water, he saw the sky split open and God's Spirit, looking like a dove, come down on him. Along with the Spirit, a voice: "You are my Son, chosen and marked by my love, pride of my life."

SERMON: "Chosen and Marked by His Love"

Pastor Fred Woodward

COMMUNION HYMN No. 514

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

EUCCHARISTIC LITANY

Leader: God be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God: Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: Great and wonderful are your deeds O God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, O Ruler of the ages. We give you thanks, for you have created all things, and by your will they exist. You have delivered your people from bondage, and you have given to us Jesus Christ, Lamb of God, Savior of the world, who has won for us the victory over sin and death and all evil.

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of love and majesty.

The whole universe speaks of your majesty, O God Most High.

Leader: Glory be to you, O Christ,... and made them a nation of priests to serve our God.

People: The Lamb who was slain is worthy to receive power, wisdom and might; honor, glory and blessing.

All: Spirit of God, touch our lives deeply, and make us truly yours; and bless these gifts of bread and wine. O Living Christ, bright morning star of this darkened world, come and be our guest. Name us, mark us, and claim us as your own. Free us from bondage to the powers of this world. Glory be to you! Amen.

INVITATION

WORDS of INSTITUTION and the DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (All)

Gracious God, in gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you. Having shared this living bread, we cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, and encourage many through us. For You have spared nothing, Holy God, going with us into the depths of human experience to raise us up into your hope for the healing of the world. So now raise us up in Christ to feed the hungry, bind up the brokenhearted, comfort and care for all in need to the glory of your holy name we pray. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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, the power, and the glory—forever. Amen

***CLOSING HYMN**

Down By the Jordan (see insert)
(to the Hymn Tune, LOBE DEN HERREN, Hymn No. 482)

***CHALLENGE AND BLESSING**

***SINGING OUR HOPE**

Edelweiss

Come, O Lord, be with us.
Fill us with joy and thanksgiving.
May our hearts flow with peace.
Come with your love and surround us.
Friendship and peace, may they bloom and grow.
Bloom and grow forever.
Bless us now, bless our friends
Bless all your people forever.

***POSTLUDE**

*All who are able, please stand

A Note about Today's Third Hymn

The hymn, "Down By the Jordan," is the work of Presbyterian Pastor and hymn writer Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, and is used with limited permission. Carolyn is the author of *Gifts of Love: New Hymns for Today's Worship* (Louisville: Geneva Press, 2000) and *Songs of Grace: New Hymns for God and Neighbor* (Nashville, Discipleship Resources, 2009).

WEEKLY MESSENGER

Sunday, January 7, 2018

www.greenlawnpresbyterianchurch.org

Pastor Fred Woodward may be reached by cell phone at 631-626-3702

- **The flowers on the Lord's table** are given in loving memory of Myra Kern by her daughter, Barbara Lambert.
- **GREETERS:** Greeting us today before the service is Geri Milk.
- **ASSISTING IN THE PULPIT** today is Elder Margaret Negrelli.
- **FELLOWSHIP HOUR:** Assisting with Fellowship Hour today is Margaret Negrelli.
- **USHERING TEAM NO. 5**, led by Craig Satterlee, assists us in worship today.
- **ELDER ON CALL:** If you have a concern about the church or the life of the congregation, please speak with our "Elder On Call". Our Elder On Call for the week of January 7th is Susan Perrotta.
- **DEACONS ON CALL** for the month of January are Debbie Eitel (718-463-3003) and David Hammer (631-421-9102). If you or someone you know has a spiritual, physical, or financial need, the Deacon on Call will try to help you! Just call the Deacon or call the church office. All information will be kept confidential.
- **NEEDS REQUESTS:** If you know of someone in need, please fill out the blue form & place in the box located by the food pantry.
- The Board of Deacons is grateful to all of our church members who have helped to keep our pantry shelves stocked. **Currently there is a need for cereal, canned fruit, pasta and sauces.** Cash donations can also be used by the Deacons to fill in items that need to be purchased. Thanks to all of you who remember our pantry each week as you shop for your family.
- **FLOWERS FOR THE CHANCEL** We would encourage any and all to donate flowers for memorials, birthdays, anniversaries, etc. A check for **\$35** should be made to Greenlawn Presbyterian Church. To order flowers, please call Corinne Burdett (631-261-4636), our flower coordinator, or the church office (631-261-2150).
- **OUR DAILY BREAD** is available in large print. Limited copies can be found on the table in the narthex.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Board of Deacons will meet after worship this morning for their regular monthly meeting.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:

On January 21, 2018, we are having our annual meeting of the congregation when we will be receiving the Annual Report and electing new church officers for 2018.

The annual meeting of the congregation will take place immediately after worship.

Reports for the annual meeting are due in the church office before Monday, January 15, 2018. Our office administrator asks that all reports be submitted to fpcgoffice@gmail.com in Microsoft Word.

From the Moderator of Session

PRAYER CONCERNS

***Please lift up the
following in prayer:***

Our church members and their individual struggles; Alan L.; Arlene C.; Bill M.; Cassell; Christina; Craig B.; Ed. C.; Kayla T.; Maria H.; Matilda H.; Meg L.; Mike P.; Ray D.; Pastor Tim; please pray for God's comforting and healing presence for all; all in Nursing homes; shut-ins and care-givers; our Pastor; our church members and their families; our Armed Forces and their families; our nation and its leaders; all in harm's way of terrorists; and please pray for all who need His help.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Today, January 7, 2018	Worship/Sunday School/ Deacon Meeting	10:30 am 11:30 am
Monday		
Tuesday	Committee Meetings	7:30 pm
Wednesday	Pastor Fred's Happy Hour Bible Study	2:00 pm
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		
Next Sunday, January 14, 2018	Worship/Sunday School/ Deacon Sunday	10:30 am