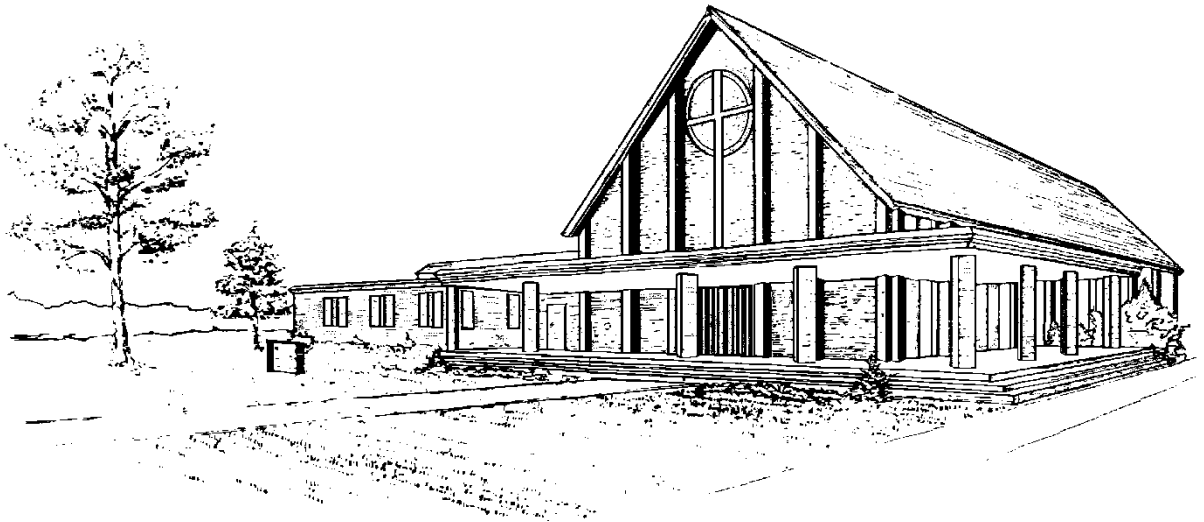


**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OF GREENLAWN**



**Sunday Service of Worship  
December 29, 2019  
10:30 A.M.**

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**SERVICE OF WORSHIP**  
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**CHIMES**

Deacon Barbara Small

**GATHERING HYMN No. 22**

*Angels From the Realms of Glory*

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Elder Betty Chatfield

God of our salvation, thank You that You straighten the winding ways of our hearts and smooth the Almighty God, You have poured upon us the new light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**PRELUDE**

*Antioch*

arr. John A. Stallsmith  
Tune: Joy to the World

**\* HYMN No. 56**

*The First Nowell*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Elder Betty Chatfield

Please fill out "Ritual of Friendship & "Concerns of Our Church Family"

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Elder Betty

Chatfield

Leader: When the fullness of time had come, God sent the Son,

**People: Born of a woman, born as one of us.**

Leader: In order to save us all,

**People: So all might be known as children of God.**

Leader: Because we are children, God has sent the Spirit of the Son into our hearts,

**People: So we might cry out, "Abba, Father!"**

Leader: For we are children who know God,

**People: And as children we will live forever in the reign of Christ.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Rev. Dr. Ann Van Cleef

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Creator God, we confess that at times we see only our flaws. We want to change our lives for the better because we feel insufficient. We focus on concerns on the world – how we look, how we are perceived by others, how we care for the poor, how we include the marginalized, how we work for justice. Forgive us for our short-sightedness. Turn us away from the voices of the world that tell us we aren't good enough. Help us to hear Your voice calling us to the work of justice, to live for others, and to live for You. In the name of Christ, who has given us new life, we pray. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**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. Amen.*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:        Isaiah 63**

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Elder Betty Chatfield

**HYMN No. 44**

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

**TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

*God Rest You Merry Gentlemen*

arr. Diane Bish

Tune: God Rest You Merry—A traditional English melody

**RESPONSE**

*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**

Elder Betty Chatfield

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

**Matthew 2: 13-23**

pg.

Rev. Dr. Ann Van Cleef

**SERMON**

“A Trip to Egypt”

Rev. Dr. Ann Van Cleef

**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 No. 29**

*Go, Tell It On the Mountain*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*SINGING OUR HOPE No. 28**

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* (Verses 1-2)

**\*POSTLUDE**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

arr. Mary McDonald

Tune: *Adeste Fidelis* by John F. Wade

\*All who are able, please stand

# WEEKLY MESSENGER

Sunday, December 29, 2019

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- **The flowers on the Lord's table** are given to the Glory of God.
- **GREETERS:** Greeting us today before the service is Carolyn Brockett.
- **FELLOWSHIP HOUR:** Assisting with Fellowship Hour today is Janice Hago.
- **ASSISTING IN WORSHIP** this morning is Elder Betty Chatfield.
- **USHERING TEAM NO. 2**, led by Jim Dean, 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 December 29th is Betty Chatfield.
- **DEACON ON CALL** for the month of December is Kathie Gerlach (631-261-0308). 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. **There is an on-going need for mac and cheese, paper towels, pancake mix, syrup, soups, and bar soap.** Cash donations can also be used by the Deacons to fill in items that need to be purchased.
- **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)

This morning, we welcome The Rev. Dr. Ann Van Cleef to the pulpit while Pastor Fred and Frances are out of town.

Ann is a graduate of Hofstra University. She received her Master of Divinity from New Brunswick Theological Seminary, and her Doctor of Ministry from Hartford Seminary. A second-career minister, she taught instrumental and vocal music on the South Fork of Long Island before being called as Pastor of the Orient Congregational Church, where she retired last January after 17-plus years of service.

Ann holds her Ministerial Standing in The United Church of Christ. She is a staff member (Registrar) of the Suffolk Association (equivalent to Presbytery), and serves the New York Conference (equivalent to Synod) as Chair of the Commission on Ministry. She also serves on the UCCNY Women's Board and is an adjunct to the NY Conference Youth Board.

Ann and her husband, Bob, live in Greenport. She just finished a month-long Temporary Supply Pastorate at The Congregational Church of Huntington, and is glad to be back in the area again.



Warm, gently used coats and jackets, hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, and new socks are being collected again this year. **“Jackets For Jesus”** can be left in the large box in the hall outside the office. All donations will go to the Family Service League.

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

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

Our church members and their individual struggles; Caregivers; Cassell; Gloria A.; John; Kathy; Kayla; Karen; Mike P.; Mike W.; Rich G.; Stephen; Tom B.; Pastor Tim and Nancy; 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; missionaries around the world; our Armed Forces and their families; our nation and its leaders; all in harm's way of terrorists; victims of natural disasters and those without basic conveniences; the homeless and the hungry; and please pray for all who need His help.

Today, December 29, 2019	<b>Worship/Sunday School</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>
Monday	<b>Church Office Closed</b>	
Tuesday		
Wednesday	<b>Happy New Year to All!</b>	
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		
Next Sunday, January 5, 2020	<b>Worship/Sunday School/ Communion</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>