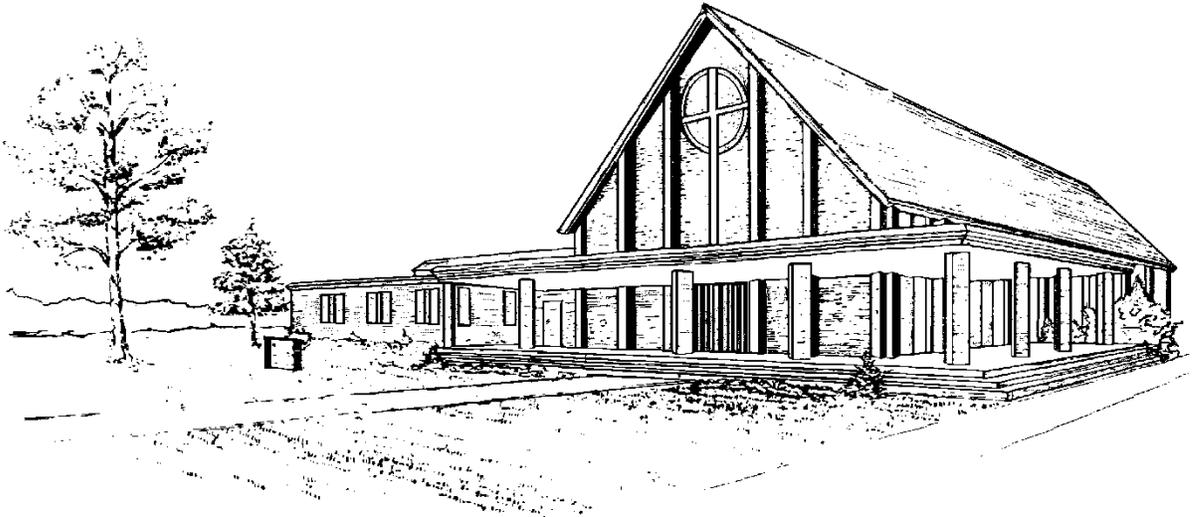


**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF GREENLAWN**



**Sunday Service of Worship
First Sunday in Advent
Communion Sunday
December 2, 2018
10:30 A.M.**

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

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Communion Sunday

10:30 am

December 2, 2018

First Sunday in Advent

CHIMES

Bill D'Andrea

HYMNS

*Prepare the Way of The Lord
Jesus, Name Above All Names*

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Elder Diane Kirchhoff

You have awakened us from sleep; now awaken us to your presence. As we enter Advent, our winter training camp for the soul, keep us safe from the weapons of mass distraction. Be the focus of our attention, the joy of our attending.

As our days grow shorter, increase in us a longing for your inextinguishable light that shines forth in the darkness that is around us and in us. Burnish us this Advent that we might mirror your luminosity in the world You sent your Son to save.

PRELUDE

Prepare the Way, O Zion

arr. David Paxton

Tune: Messiah

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Fred Woodward

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

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ. Advent means coming.

We are preparing ourselves for the days when the nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks.

(Unison) Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

*** HYMN No. 8**

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder Diane Kirchhoff

Leader: The days are surely coming, says our God, when justice and righteousness will appear.

People: **God's promise will be made known to us.**

Leader: Lift up your souls in trust and praise; open your hearts and minds to the new thing God is doing.

People: **God's ways will be demonstrated to us.**

Leader: God's mercy and steadfast love will surround us.

All: **Let us worship God.**

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Alex Kirchhoff

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Pastor Fred Woodward

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God of light, once again we approach this season of Advent sluggish, unprepared, and dimly focused. Busy with all our goings-on, running on vapors as we try to do everything ourselves, we are too exhausted to keep watch for You. Launching ourselves into tomorrow and collapsing back into yesterday, we are unable to stay in the holy now, unable to receive your gift we call the “present.”

Slow us down and help us to stay in our own lane. Help us to yield the steering over to You, and give us the good sense to stop all our backseat driving. This Advent, simply take us where we need to go, rather than where we think we should be going. Help us to release our grasp on whatever it is that weighs us down. Make us buoyant so that we might receive what is truer and gentler, in a word, what makes for life.

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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 33: 14-16

pg. 831

Elder Diane Kirchhoff

HYMN No. 2

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

OFFERTORY

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

arr. Lani Smith

Tune:

Picardy

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 Diane Kirchhoff

SERMON “Bring On the Advent Candles”

Pastor Fred Woodward

HYMN (See insert)

Behold The Lamb
Keith and Kristin Getty, Stuart Townend

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

EUCCHARISTIC LITTANY

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...

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 DISTRIBUTION of the ELEMENTS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (Unison)

All: Because the broken bread has meant our healing, because the outpoured cup has meant our life, because our common sharing has meant the communion of our souls, and because we have here been graced by your presence, God, we give You thanks, and pray that our lives may be renewed in the life and the love of Jesus Christ. 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

*HYMN No. 15

Rejoice, Rejoice Believers

*BENEDICTION

*SINGING OUR HOPE

Let There Be Peace on Earth

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 as our father

Brothers all are we.

Let me walk with my brother

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

With peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth,

And let begin with me.

*POSTLUDE

Lift Up Your Heads

arr. Franklin Ritter

Tune: Truro by Thomas Williams

Advent comes from the Latin word *adventus*, means “coming.” In Advent we prepare for the *coming* of Christ: the promised *coming* of the Messiah to the Jews; the *coming* of Jesus born in Bethlehem; the promised return (the “second *coming*”) of the risen Christ in final victory; and the continuing *coming* of Christ into the hearts and lives of believers and those on the edge of faith who long to believe again.

*All who are able, please stand.

WEEKLY MESSENGER

Sunday, December 2, 2018

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

- **The flowers on the Lord's table** are given to the Glory of God.
- **GREETERS:** Greeting us today before the service is Larry Foray.
- **FELLOWSHIP HOUR:** Assisting with Fellowship Hour today is Janis Hago.
- **ASSISTING IN WORSHIP** this morning is Elder Diane Kirchhoff.
- **USHERING TEAM NO. 4**, led by Barbara Small, 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 2nd is Betty Chatfield.
- **DEACONS ON CALL** for the month of December are Debbie Eitel (718-463-3003) and Corinne Burdett (631-261-4636). 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.
- **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).
- Copies of **God With Us**, Christmas reflections from *Our Daily Bread*, can be found on the table outside the church office.

Join us for Advent meditation on three Mondays of Advent leading up to Christmas (12-3, 12-10, and 12-17). It's easy to remember: three December Mondays, at 3:33 PM in the sanctuary.

You don't have to have experience. You don't have to master anything. You don't have to be "spiritual." It's enough that we come with the intention of consenting, as best we can, to the presence and action of God.

After a brief orientation on this easy-to-explain Advent practice of meditative prayer, we'll sit together for one or two periods of 20 minutes each.

Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am. Be still and know. Be still. Be.



Advent Activities After Worship



December 2nd	Christmas Word Scramble	Narthex
December 9th	Song Title Translation	Narthex
December 16th	Carol Sing-a-long	Sanctuary

On December 2nd and 9th, game boards will be set up in the Narthex to play. Group collaboration is a great strategy for winning! There will be prizes! If you are "on the run" after worship, take a game home for family fun.

On December 16th, call out your favorite carols from our hymnal and we will sing the first verse of each. If you are "on the run" after worship, you may sing in the car on your way home!

CALL FOR COUPONS

The Board of Deacons are collecting
 manufacturer's coupons
 to distribute to families that use our Food Pantry.

CHOIR PRACTICE SUNDAYS before
service @ 10:00 am
Catch the singing vibe to praise God by singing with XLTD (exalted).
Contact Leonora Colletti, organist, for details



ANNUAL LIVING NATIVITY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16TH
5:00 PM

COMMUNITY DINNER ~ 6:00 PM

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Our church members and their individual struggles; Evelyn S.; Alan L.; Bill M.; Baby Cordelia Rose; Baby Jesse; Brandon P.; Camille F.; Cassell; Diane H.; Dottie H.; Eli; Elizabeth R.; Gloria A.; Jack F.; Jamie W.; Ed & Cathy C.; Kay G.; Kayla; Matthew W.; Maria H.; Patti C.; Rosie P.; Terry H.; Tom M.; 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; 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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Today, December 2, 2018	Choir Worship/Sunday School/ Communion	10:00 am 10:30 am
Monday	333 Advent Meditation	3:30 pm
Tuesday	Deacons Personnel	7:30 pm 7:30 pm
Wednesday	Bible Study @ the home of Diane Hartmann 5 Court Dr., Hunt Sta.	2:00 pm
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		
Next Sunday, December 9, 2018	Choir Worship/Sunday School/ Deacon Sunday	10:00 am 10:30 am