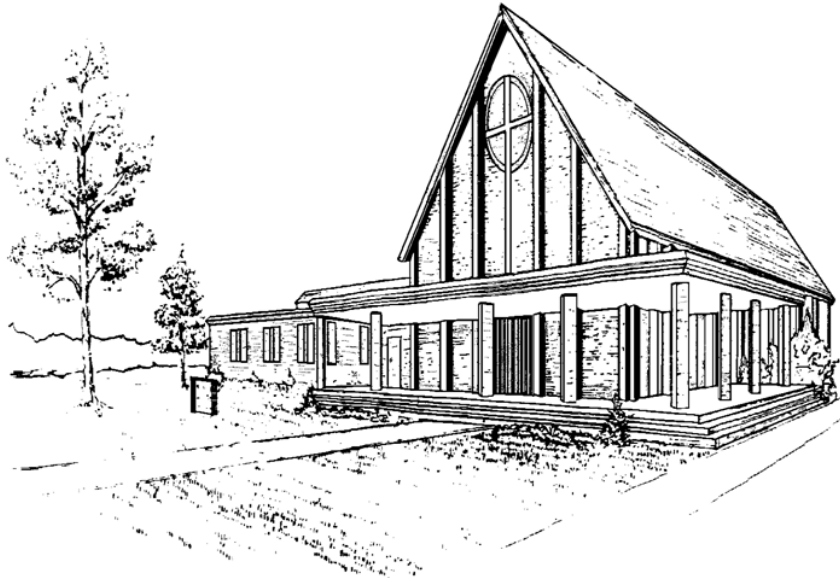


**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF GREENLAWN**



**Sunday Service of Worship
December 31, 2017
10:30 A.M.**

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

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
10:30 AM

December 31, 2017

CHIMES

Bill D'Andrea

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Based on Psalm 148)

Elder Margaret Negrelli

We praise your name, O Lord, but not only us. The heavens praise You, the sun and the moon, and all the shining stars. Mountains and hills, fruit trees and cedars, wild animals and cattle, things that creep on the ground and birds that fly: all praise You.

Young men and women, old and young together exalt your holy name. For though your glory is above the earth and heaven, yet You have come so very near and have chosen to live among us. Thank you, God, that You have chosen to come so very close. Help us to welcome You now.

PRELUDE

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Fred Woodward

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

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 56**

The First Nowell (verses 1-4)

CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Howard Thurman)

Elder Margaret Negrelli

Leader: When the song of the angels is stilled; when the star in the sky is gone
People: **When the kings and princes are home; when the shepherds are back with their flock,**
Leader: The work of Christmas begins:
People: **To find the lost, to heal the broken,**
Leader: To feed the hungry, to release the prisoner,
People: **To rebuild the nations, to bring peace among brothers and sisters,**
Leader: To make music in the hearts
All: **Let us worship God.**

SONGS OF PRAISE

Give Thanks (see insert)

This Is the Day (see insert)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Fred Woodward

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Over these days leading up to Christmas, we have longed for steadfast hearts, but our hearts have been dragged this way and that. We have tried to fill the God-shaped hole in us with a great deal that is not You, but our hearts remain ever restless until they find their rest in You.

Forgive us that we separate ourselves from You through both our action and our thinking. Give us trusting hearts to embrace You as You come to us in love.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 61: 10– 62:3

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Elder Margaret Negrelli

***HYMN No. 29**

Go Tell It On The Mountain

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

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 Margaret Negrelli

GOSPEL READING: Luke 2: 22-35

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SERMON: "Falling and Rising"

Pastor Fred Woodward

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. 25**

Away In A Manger

***CHALLENGE AND BLESSING**

***SINGING OUR HOPE No. 49**

Once In Royal David's City (verses 3-4)

Jesus is our childhood's pattern
Day by day like us He grew
He was little, weak and helpless
Tears and smiles like us He knew
And He feels for all our sadness
And He shares in all our gladness

And our eyes at last shall see Him
Through His own redeeming love
For that Child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in heaven above
And He leads His children on
To the place where He is gone.

***POSTLUDE**

*All who are able, please stand

WEEKLY MESSENGER

Sunday, December 31, 2017

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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 in loving memory of Myra Kern by her daughter, Barbara Lambert.
- **CHILDREN'S WORSHIP BULLETINS** (ages 3-6 and 7-12) are available each Sunday. Please ask the ushers for a bulletin for your child
- **GREETERS:** Greeting us today before the service is Ginny Soergel.
- **ASSISTING IN THE PULPIT** today is Elder Margaret Negrelli.
- **FELLOWSHIP HOUR:** Assisting with Fellowship Hour today is Janice Hago.
- **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 31st is Margaret Negrelli.
- **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

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; Craig B.; Diane H.; Ed. C.; Kayla T.; Maria H.; Matilda H.; Meg L.; Mike P.; Ray D.; Ruby W.; Pastor Tim; Susan; 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.

Today, December 31, 2017	Worship/Sunday School/	10:30 am
Monday	New Year's Day	
Tuesday	Deacon Meeting	7:30 pm
Wednesday	Pastor Fred's Happy Hour Bible Study	2:00 pm
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		
Next Sunday, January 7, 2018	Worship/Sunday School/ Communion	10:30 am