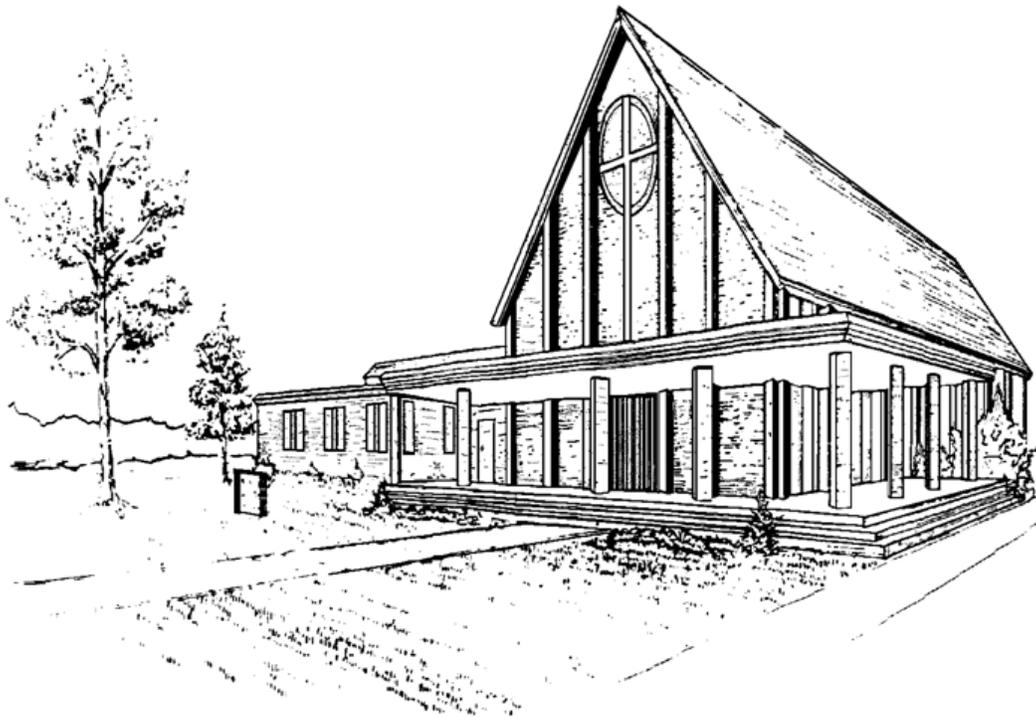


**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF GREENLAWN**



**Sunday Service of Worship
Second Sunday in Lent
Order of Ordination and Installation
February 25, 2018
10:30 A.M.**

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

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Second Sunday in Lent

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CHIMES

Bill D'Andrea

PRAYER FOR REFLECTION

Elder Susan Perrotta

Your Son calls us to be his disciples and so we seek to follow him. But we acknowledge our fear at the outset that He may be taking us where we do not wish to go. We do not take it to be good news that if we are to follow him, we must take up our crosses as He did his, that if we would save our lives, we must lose them for his sake. Lead us through the bad news of the death of false self to the good news of True Self. Illuminate our lives in this time of worship so that we might not only see the Christ as He is, but also see ourselves as we really are.

PRELUDE

The Love of Jesus Medley

Arr. Mark Hayes

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Fred Woodward

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

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 482**

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

CALL TO WORSHIP (Adopted from psalm 22)

Elder Susan

Perrotta

Leader: We will tell of your name to our brothers and sisters, and lead them in praise.

People: You did not despise the afflicted nor turn a deaf ear when they cried to you.

Leader: All the ends of the earth shall turn to You, O God; all families shall worship the Lord.

People: We will tell of your deeds to those who follow, and proclaim your deliverance to all

All: Let us worship God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Fred Woodward

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Forgive us that, like Peter, we call Jesus the Christ while resisting You over just what your Christ was supposed to be and do. We want a Messiah who furnishes us with props rather than taking them away. And so pretty much the last thing Peter or any of us wants is a Messiah who dies on a cross. We not only stand in front of Jesus rather than behind, we stand against him. We don't like it one bit that when Jesus calls his disciples, he bids us to come and die. Teach us the logic of dying and rebirth, and help us to release our hold on what we think is life so that we might really experience the life You intend for us. As you help us to see Jesus as He really is, help us also to see ourselves as we are meant to be.

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.

SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16

pg. 15-16
Elder Susan Perrotta

***HYMN No. 488**

The God of Abraham Praise

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Great is Thy Faithfulness
Arr. Virginia Halberg

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 Susan Perrotta

GOSPEL READING: Mark 8: 31-35

pg. 1055
Pastor Fred Woodward

SERMON: “Didn’t Sign On for This”

Pastor Fred Woodward

ORDER OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

Being ordained as deacon this morning is Larry Foray. Being installed today deacon and elder respectively are Corinne Burdett and Susan Perrotta.

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. 101**

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

***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**

How Great Thou Art
Arr. Mark Hayes

*All who are able, please stand

WEEKLY MESSENGER

Sunday, February 25, 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 in loving memory of Herman Milk by his wife, Geri.
- **GREETERS:** Greeting us today before the service are Gloria and Bob Arelt.
- **ASSISTING IN THE PULPIT** today is Elder Susan Perrotta.
- **FELLOWSHIP HOUR:** Assisting with Fellowship Hour today is Margaret Negrelli.
- **USHERING TEAM NO. 6**, led by Linda Rixon, 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 February 25th is Betty Chatfield.
- **DEACONS ON CALL** for the month of February are Debbie Eitel (718-463-3003) and Carolyn Brockett (631-368-2163). 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).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Catherine Mahler

Please share your appreciation for the gifts and talents Catherine has shared with our congregation over the last years, as well as your congratulations to her on her new position as Director of Music at a local Lutheran church.

In June 2003 Session offered Catherine the position of organist on a weekly stipend. But by March of 2004, Session directed the Personnel and Worship committees to create an expanded job description and title especially for Catherine. And so Catherine began to serve our church as its Director of Music, which she has done ably and professionally over the last 14 years.

The across-the-board salary cuts that the session instituted in 2017 to address a decade of deficit budgets proved a special hardship for members of our staff and Catherine specifically. No one I know works in a Presbyterian church to amass wealth, but even church workers have their mortgages, their taxes and other bills to pay. And so I was saddened, but not surprised, when Catherine approached me in January 2017 to be her reference as she began to seek positions elsewhere that might offer her greater compensation.

By April of 2017, I was afraid that we had lost Catherine to an out-of-state church that had fallen quite in love with her. But the timing was not right, and so we had Catherine and Bill to ourselves for the next 10 months as she continued to search for a more congenial local fit. But now the time has come to bid Catherine and Bill goodbye. The time has come to thank them for their years of faithful service, compensated and uncompensated, and to accept their leave-taking that marks so very much of human life both in and outside the church.

So let us not spare our hugs or our expressions of gratitude and appreciation. Even if they are not leaving our area, we will still surely miss both Catherine and Bill on Sunday mornings. But we will continue to hold them both in our hearts, our thoughts and our prayers, even as we seek to honor the legacy of music leadership to which Catherine made her own special contribution.

Pastor Fred

Thank
You



Lenten Soup Suppers Continue This Week!

Our annual Lenten Soup Suppers will continue each Wednesday through March 21st. Soup is served at 6:30 PM, so bring your appetites and some soup or bread to share and join your church family during Lent.



Do You Have Furniture You Can No Longer Use?

If you have used furniture that is cluttering up your home, speak to Frances Woodward who is seeking to help a needy family, a single mother and three children, that is moving into an unfurnished apartment. Frances can be reached by cell phone at 516-848-5815.

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Our church members and their individual struggles; Alan L.; Andrew K.; Arlene C.; Bill M.; Brother Jack F.; Camille F.; Cassell; Clint T.; Ed & Cathy C.; Florence M.; Kayla; Maria

H.; Matilda H.; Mike P.; Ray D.; Terry H.; the safety of school children everywhere; 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; and please pray for all who need His help.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Today, February 25, 2018	Worship/Sunday School/ Ordination & Installation of Church Officers Special Session Meeting	10:30 am 11:30 am
Monday		
Tuesday	Session Meeting	7:30 pm
Wednesday	Bible Study @ the home of Diane Hartmann 5 Court Dr., Hunt. Sta. Lenten Soup Supper	2:00 pm 6:30 pm
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		
Next Sunday, March 4, 2018	Worship/Sunday School/ Communion	10:30 am