

**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENLAWN**  
**June 28, 2020 – 10:30 a.m.**  
**Baccalaureate Service**  
**Worshipping God and Honoring Alex Kirchoff**

WELCOME

A PRAYER FOR GRADUATES

*Loving God, we ask Your blessings on all who are graduating this year. There is much for them to do to prepare for the next phase of life. There is growing up to do and independence to assert. Protect all graduates as they head into the future. Continue to offer strength, courage, and discernment as they go into a world that is not always kind or fair.*

*Protect and provide for Alex as he prepares to attend James Madison University. May he find love and fellowship, make lifelong friends, and find Your plan for him in the experiences You provide. All this we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.*

GATHERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Proverbs 1)

To know wisdom and instruction

*To perceive the words of understanding.*

To receive the instruction of wisdom,

*Justice, judgment, and equity.*

To give prudence to the simple

*And to the young, knowledge and discretion.*

A wise person will hear and increase learning,

*And a person of understanding will attain wise counsel.*

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge,

*But fools despise wisdom and instruction.*

HYMN

*Holy Wisdom*

SALVE REGINA COELITUM

*Who comes from God as Word and Breath? Holy Wisdom.*

*Who holds the keys of life and death? Mighty Wisdom.*

*Crafter and Creator too, Eldest she makes all things new.*

*Wisdom guides what God will do.*

*Wisest One, Radiant One, welcome, Holy Wisdom.*

*Who lifts her voice for all to hear? Joyful Wisdom.  
Who shapes a thought and makes it clear? Truthful Wisdom.  
Teacher, drawing out our best, magnifies what we invest,  
Names our truth, directs our quest.  
Wisest One, Radiant One, welcome, Holy Wisdom.*

*Who should we seek with all our heart? Loving Wisdom.  
Who, once revealed, will not depart? Faithful Wisdom.  
Partner, Counselor, Comforter, love has found none lovelier.  
Life is gladness lived with her.  
Wisest One, Radiant One, welcome, Holy Wisdom.*

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Holy God, at times we have delusions of grandeur, and we forget to see what is small: the falling leaf that holds the beauty of Creation; the kind word that is a testament to grace; the student who is vital not only to the future, but to the present. Help us to remember our place in this world that You made, to give thanks for things great and small, to be humble and hopeful. Hear us as we open our hearts to you. Amen.*

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

#### 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.*

#### PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

#### Congregational Response:

*Breathe on me, breath of God. Fill me with life anew.  
That I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.*

#### OFFERING SENTENCES

The First Presbyterian Church of Greenlawn  
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#### 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

*As Christ sacrificed all personal gain for the sake of others, we venture little sacrifices to support the ministries of the Church, O God. We give that Your will might be done, and when it is, all of us benefit. Multiply, we pray, the power of these gifts to do the good that You intend. Accept our efforts to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. Amen.*

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, 11a  
Philippians 1:3-11

## SERMON

“Fears, Failures, and Faith”

Dr. Van Cleef

## HYMN

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!*

MARION

*Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!  
Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!*

*Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go;  
From youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!*

*At last the march shall end. The wearied ones shall rest.  
The pilgrims find their home at last, Jerusalem the blest.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!*

*Then on, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!  
Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!*

## BENEDICTION

### CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

*God be with you till we meet again. Loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
With a shepherd's care enfold you. God be with you till we meet again.  
Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet,  
Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND JOYS

### TO THE KITCHEN FOR COFFEE!

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