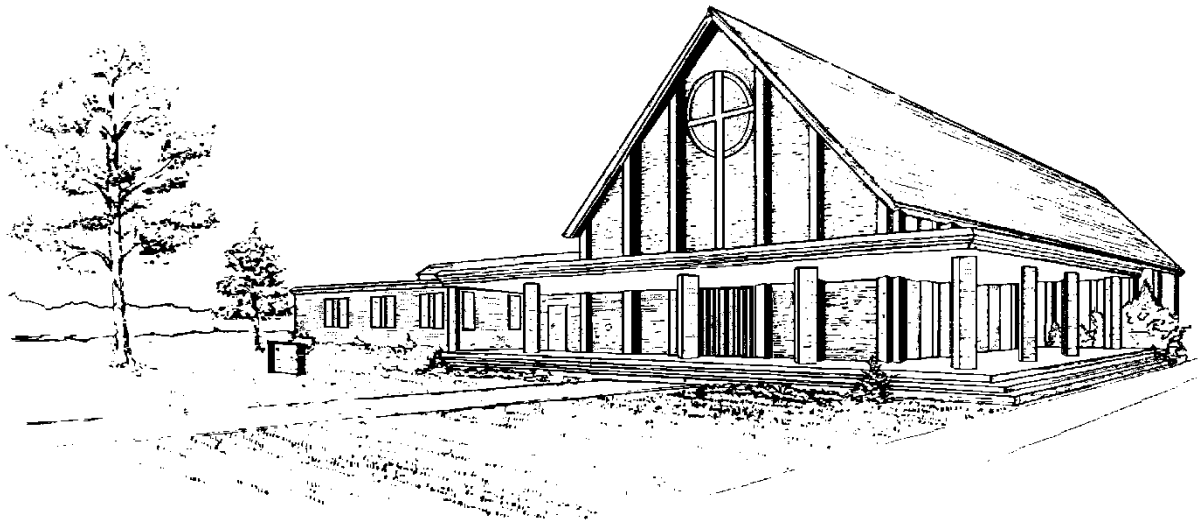


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENLAWN



**Sunday Service of Worship
Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 31, 2019
10:30 A.M.**

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SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday in Lent

10:30 AM

March 31, 2019

CHIMES

Deacon Barbara Small

GATHERING MUSIC

What Wondrous Love Is This arr. Todd Beaney
Tune: Wondrous Love by William Walker, 1835

*** HYMN**

The Wonderful Cross (see insert)

PRAYER FOR REFLECTION

Elder Susan Perrotta

Sovereign and merciful God, even when we wound You in our wandering your love for us never fails. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome home his dissolute son, You are faithful still. Even when we object to your prodigal mercy and refuse a place at your banquet, you do not withdraw your invitation.

Through our worship this day and our work this week lead us to participate joyfully in your forgiving and reconciling work in the world.

PRELUDE

Prelude on "Lonesome Valley" arr. Matthew McConnell
Tune: Lonesome Valley *An American Spiritual*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Fred Woodward

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

*** HYMN No. 376**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from "The Message" translation) Elder Susan Perrotta

Leader: Count yourself lucky, how happy you must be- you get a fresh start, your slate's wiped clean!

People: When I kept it all inside, the pressure never let up. Then I let it all out: I said, "I'll make a clean breast of my failures to God."

Leader: Suddenly the pressure was gone- my guilt dissolved, my sin disappeared.

People: Celebrate God. Sing together- everyone.

All: Let us worship Go

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Fred Woodward

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Hear Lord, our entreaty of entrapment: how subject we are, O God, to the illusion of separateness from You; how heedless of our original identity as your children, made in your very image!

In our anxiety, we cut off from You and take flight from the home You have made for us and keep for us still. In the fog of our forgetfulness we suppose it is You who have taken leave of us, not we of You. In the chaos of our confusion, we trap ourselves in self-destructive behaviors, symptoms of our willful decision to live outside of our union with You.

When we have had enough, we make our way home to You like the prodigal with our pointless declarations tugged away in our back pockets. Thank you that You make them unnecessary, along with all our other needless defenses against your love.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE

Gloria Patri (Hymn No. 579)

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 33: 1-4**

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Elder Susan Perrotta

*HYMN No. 76

My Song Is Love Unknown

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Lead Me to Calvary

arr. Ovid Young

Tune: Duncannon by William J. Kirkpatrick

RESPONSE

Doxology (Hymn No. 592)

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 15: 1-3; 11b-32

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Pastor Fred Woodward

SERMON “Loving the Livid and the Dissolute Dear”

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

***HYMN No. 555**

Now Thank We All Our God

***CHALLENGE AND BLESSING**

***SINGING OUR HOPE**

I Come to the Cross (see insert)

***POSTLUDE**

Toccatina in A Minor

Gerald Peterson

*All who are able, please stand

WEEKLY MESSENGER

Sunday, March 31, 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 are Jayne and Michael Ramirez and Family.
- **FELLOWSHIP HOUR:** Assisting with Fellowship Hour today are Carolyn Brockett and Kathleen Remauro.
- **ASSISTING IN WORSHIP** this morning is Elder Susan Perrotta.
- **USHERING TEAM NO. 3**, led by David Hammer, 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 March 31st is Debbie Eitel.
- **DEACONS ON CALL** for the month of April are David Hammer (631-421-9102) and 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. **Currently there is a need for toilet paper, paper towels, 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).

- If you did not receive a copy of the **2018 Annual Report**, there are extra copies available in the church office.

Hands On Huntington 7th Annual Fundraiser Brunch
Wednesday, April 3 ~ 11:00 am to 1:00 pm here at the church
\$15.00 per person or \$120 for a group of 10
Come support your neighborhood program. Enjoy great food, company, music and raffles! Call 631-351-6610 for tickets



JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3rd AT 6:00 PM
FOR OUR LENTEN SOUP SUPPER
BRING SOUP AND/OR BREAD TO SHARE!
We will be joined by the SpiritLifters.



Palm Sunday ~ Worship ~ 10:30 am
Easter Egg Hunt after worship

Good Friday ~ Worship ~ 7:30 pm

Easter Sunday ~ Breakfast at 9:00 am
Worship ~ 10:30 am ~ Flowering of the Cross

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Our church members and their individual struggles; Evelyn S.; Alan L.; Pat L.; Bill M.; Baby Cordelia Rose; Baby Jesse; Brandon P.; Camille F.; Cassell; Diane H.; Eli; Gloria A.; Ed & Cathy C.; Gary J.; Kayla; Maria H.; Matt W.; Mike W.; Nadia M.; Patti C.; Terry H.; Tom D.; Tom M.; Pastor Tim; Sister Martha Mganga; 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, March 31, 2019	Worship/Sunday School Choir Rehearsal	10:30 am 11:45 am
Monday	Lenten Meditation	3:30 pm
Tuesday	Deacons	7:30 pm
Wednesday	Pastor Fred's Happy Hour Bible Study	2:00 pm
	Lenten Soup Supper	6:00 pm
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		
Next Sunday, April 7, 2019	Worship/Sunday School/ Communion No Choir Rehearsal Worship Committee	10:30 am 11:45 am