

# **THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENLAWN**



**Sunday Celebration of Worship  
May 5, 2024 – The Sixth Sunday of the Easter Season  
10:30 a.m.**

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

Tyler Hago

CALL TO WORSHIP

(From Psalm 98)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the Earth.

***Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.***

Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,

***With the lyre and the sound of melody.***

With trumpets and the sound of the horn,

***Make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.***

O sing to the Lord a new song,

***For God has done marvelous things.***

HYMN # 404

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

PRECIOUS LORD

*Precious Lord, take my hand. Lead me on, help me stand.*

*I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.*

*Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.*

*Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*

*When my way grows drear, Precious Lord, linger near.*

*When my life is almost gone,*

*Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand lest I fall.*

*Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***Ever-present God, we confess to You our unloving thoughts and deeds. We live by standards that we bend and break in our own favor, while ignoring the commandments that You have given. We find it hard to love everyone, for so many act in unloving ways. It is easier to ignore people than to listen for their needs. We withhold ourselves rather than offer our lives, even for our loved ones. We hoard the gifts You entrust to us instead of letting them bear fruit for You. Cleanse us from these destructive ways, freeing us to love You as You have loved us, we pray in Jesus' name. 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.*

PRAYER CONCERNS

Elder Arlissa Dean

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE 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.*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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

*We dedicate these gifts as evidence of our stewardship, loving God. Our silver and gold have no value except when they are invested according to Your purposes. Our lives gain value as we give our time and talents in loving service. Use all that we have and give to build the community You intend, through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

Acts 10:44-48  
John 15:9-17

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

SERMON

“It’s About Love”

Rev. Dr. Van Cleef

COMMUNION HYMN # 329

BREAD OF LIFE

*Break Thou the Bread of Life*

*Break Thou the Bread of Life, Dear Lord, to me.  
As Thou didst break the loaves beside the sea.  
Beyond the sacred page, I seek Thee, Lord.  
My spirit pants for Thee, O Living Word!*

*Bless Thou the truth, Dear Lord, now unto me,  
As Thou didst bless the bread by Galilee.  
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall,*

*And I shall find my peace, my all in all.*

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*When we were barely looking, Lord God, You came upon us. In the mystery of our despair, You raised the touch of love. In the anguish of our uncertainty, You lifted the grace of Christ. In the hour of our dejection, You raised for us the cup of thanksgiving. In the torment of our fright, You held us in the risen arms of Christ. Holy God, we rejoice in you. As You raised our Lord Jesus, raise us in hope to love and to share. As the broken bread is given to feed our souls, raise us in life to join our hearts in tenderness and care. As the cup, refreshes our souls, raise us with Jesus to share together the feast of Your kingdom. Anoint us in Your Spirit that we might fully live, Your people and witnesses of resurrection; in Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.*

HYMN # 281

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

CWM RHONDDA

*Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrims through this barren land.  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty. Hold me with Thy powerful hand.  
Bread of Heaven, Bread of Heaven. Feed me till I want no more.  
Feed me till I want no more.*

*Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow.  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.  
Strong Deliverer, Strong Deliverer, be Thou still my strength and shield.  
Be Thou still my strength and shield.*

*When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.  
Death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee.  
I will ever give to Thee.*

### BENEDICTION

### CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 151

*Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne.  
Hark, how the Heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee.  
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.*

*Crown Him the Lord of Years, the Potentate of Time,  
Creator of the Rolling Spheres, ineffably sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me.  
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND JOYS**

### **Student Recital**

Join us today in the Sanctuary, at noon for a recital by Leonora Knight's voice and piano students!

### **Looking Ahead ....**

Next Sunday is Mother's Day. It's always a very special time at our church. Start looking around for a nice photo of your Mom, Grandmother, Daughter, or any other woman who is special to you. Try to put that photo in a frame, and bring it to church with you on Mother's Day; as is our tradition, we'll place those photos on the Communion Table before the Service.

Why not invite a woman to church that day!

### **Church Movie Afternoon – Many Thanks**

Thank you to Debbie Eitel and Larry Foray for organizing Sunday Afternoon at the Movies" last week. Although attendance was a bit lower than we had hoped, those who did attend had a wonderful time.

### **Food Pantry**

This week, we are in need of canned carrots, mixed veggies, spinach, potatoes, fruit, (like peaches, pears and mixed), regular applesauce, canned black beans, kidney beans rice, cereal, boxed potatoes, and stuffing. Thank you!

### **Church QR Code**

Recently, we acquired a QR code. Do you like the little dinosaur in the middle? We're naming him "Presby-saurus." Simply put your cell phone into camera mode, hold it up to the funny little square thing (no need to take a photo), and the link to our church website should pop up. We are in the process of updating our church website. Stay tuned!



## **Fundraising Concerts for New Organ**

As was announced, we will be holding some fund-raising concerts this year with the goal of purchasing a new organ for our Sanctuary. Pastor Ann has tickets for sale during coffee hour. Mark your calendar! Here is the concert schedule:

**Sunday, June 9, 3:00 p.m.**

"Craig Schulman on Broadway"

**Sunday, October 27, 3:00 p.m.**

"Brahms - A German Requiem"

by the Greater Huntington Festival Chorus

Frances C. Roberts, Conductor

**Dress Rehearsal Saturday, October 26, 3:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, November 17, 3:00 p.m.**

"Baroque to Broadway (With a Few Stops In Between)"

With Barbara Fusco and Melissa Maravell

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