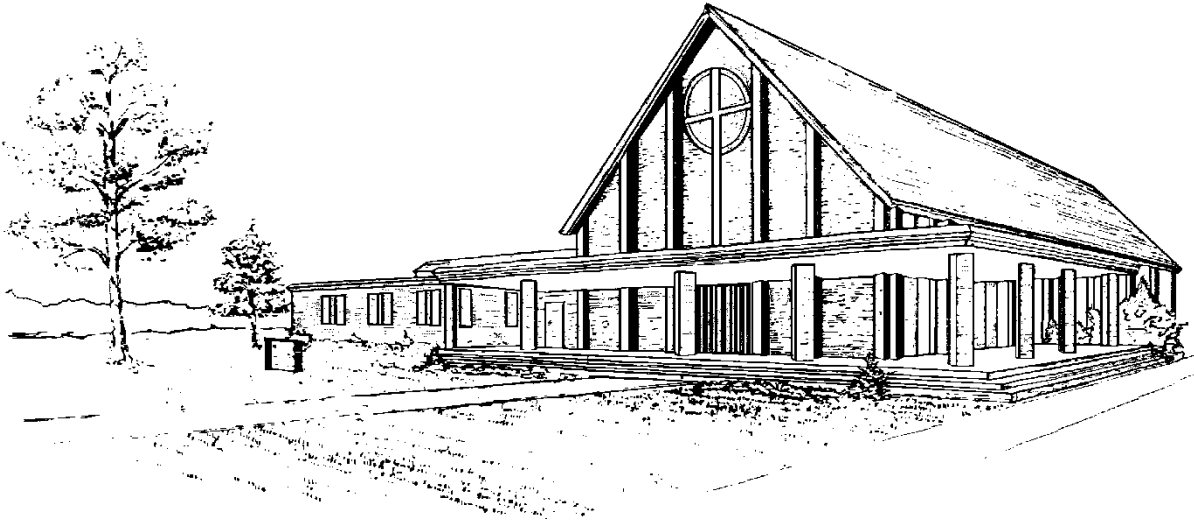


# **THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENLAWN**



**Sunday Service of Worship  
November 1, 2020  
10:30 a.m.**

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**“All Saints Day”**

*We gather this morning to celebrate the lives of persons we name as saints. Some of them are living, others have completed their physical lives here on earth. Some have touched us personally, others have touched and called into question the institutions and structures of our society. But all have helped shape who we are. We celebrate these persons and their lives in all aspects of God’s creation.*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE RINGING OF THE BELL**

**Deacon Barbara Small**

**GATHERING MUSIC**

**CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Matthew 5:3-9)**

Blessed are the poor in spirit,

***For theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.***

Blessed are those who mourn,

***For they will be comforted.***

Blessed are the meek,

***For they will inherit the Earth.***

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

***For they will be filled.***

Blessed are the merciful,

***For they will receive mercy.***

Blessed are the pure in heart,

***For they will see God.***

Blessed are the peacemakers,

***For they will be called children of God.***

Blessed are you, children of God,

***For yours is the reign of God.***

*A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.  
 Our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
 For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe.  
 His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,  
 On Earth is not his equal.*

*That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth.  
 The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth.  
 Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also.  
 The body they may kill, God's truth abideth still,  
 His Kingdom is forever.*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Ancient of Days, we have failed to learn the lessons of our ancestors. We have failed to follow their footsteps in faith. Instead of gaining wisdom, we often repeat their folly. We tune out the teachings of old, thinking we know better, but fall into the same traps of worldly fame and success. Call out to us, O God, through the wisdom of the sages that continues to tug at our hearts. Call out to us, O God, in the needs of our neighbors, reminding us that when we love one another, we love You best. In the name of Christ, who came not to abolish the law but to fulfill it, who came to show us how to live into Your ways, we pray. 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 Betty Chatfield

## PASTORAL PRAYER &amp; THE LORD'S PRAYER

Loving God, in every age You have raised up holy men and women to reflect the light of Christ and to teach us the way of holiness. We thank You for the lives of those who have entered Life Eternal this past year. We remember their names:

We thank You for the lives of those who entered Life Eternal in years gone by, who have not been forgotten. We remember their names:

We thank You for those who have been teachers in the school of Christ: give understanding to those who study the faith that the Church has handed on, and clarity to those who communicate the gospel in a changing world ... Lord, hear us. ***Lord, graciously hear us.***

We thank You for those who have been shepherds of your people: give a pastoral heart to Church Officers and Clergy, and the needful gifts to all your people in their ministry ... Lord, hear us. ***Lord, graciously hear us.***

We thank You for those who have been Christian rulers in the world, and for those who carried the good news to lands where it had not been before: give wisdom to all who have power and influence among the nations, and establish God's sovereignty among people of every race ... Lord, hear us. ***Lord, graciously hear us.***

We thank You for those whom you have called to live in community: establish mutual love among those drawn into fellowship in your service, and bless with Christ's presence all the communities to which we relate ... Lord, hear us. ***Lord, graciously hear us.***

We thank You for those who have lived out their vocation in family life: give your grace to all who nurture children and all who care for the aged, and enfold in your love all your sons and daughters ... Lord, hear us. ***Lord, graciously hear us.***

We thank You for those who have brought wholeness through the medicine of the gospel: give skill to all who minister healing and reconciliation in your name, and comfort all who cry out to you from any sort of distress ... Lord, hear us. ***Lord, graciously hear us.***

We thank You for the noble army of martyrs by the shedding of whose blood the Church has been enriched: keep under your protection those who are persecuted for the cause of Christ, and acknowledge, we pray, and all those who have passed through death trusting your promises ... Lord, hear us. ***Lord, graciously hear us.***

Hasten, Lord, the day when people will come from east and west, from north and south, and sit at table in Your kingdom, and we shall see your Son in his glory. And now we offer prayer for those needs using the words taught to us by Jesus Christ saying, ***“Our Father ...”***

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.*

TESTIMONY – What This Church Means to Me

Deacon Barbara Small

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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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 we give ourselves and our offerings, we pray, O God, that they may reveal Your love in such a way that people will respond. Awaken in us a love for You and for one another that is contagious. Remove from us all apathy, pretension, and greed that we may grow in holiness and compassion, living joyously in communion with You. Amen.*

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

1 John 3:1-3  
Revelation 7:9-17

SERMON

“For All the Saints”

Rev. Dr. Van Cleef

COMMUNION HYMN # 324

OPEN MY EYES

*Open My Eyes That I May See*

*Open my eyes that I may see glimpses of truth Thou hast for me.  
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall enclasp and set me free.  
Silently now, I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see.  
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

*Open my ears that I may hear voices of truth Thou sendest clear.  
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.  
Silently now, I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see.  
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

*Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere.  
Open my heart, and let me prepare love with Thy children everywhere.  
Silently now, I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see.  
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*Thank You, most Holy God, for meeting us in this simple meal. May Your presence within us ripple beyond us, ever expanding, until the day when You gather all Your saints from the four winds to share in Your eternal banquet. In all our words and actions, may Your name be praised now and forever more. Amen.*

HYMN # 526

*For All the Saints*

SINE NOMINE

*For All the Saints who from their labors rest,  
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed.  
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

*Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might.  
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight.  
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia, Alleluia.*

*O blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine.  
Yes all are one in Thee, for all are Thine. Alleluia, Alleluia.*

*From Earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

*Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, His Son.*

*And now, let the weak say, "I am strong." Let the poor say, "I am rich"  
Because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks.*

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND JOYS