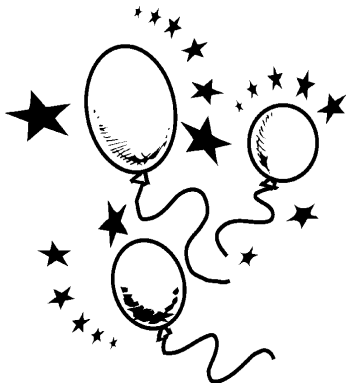
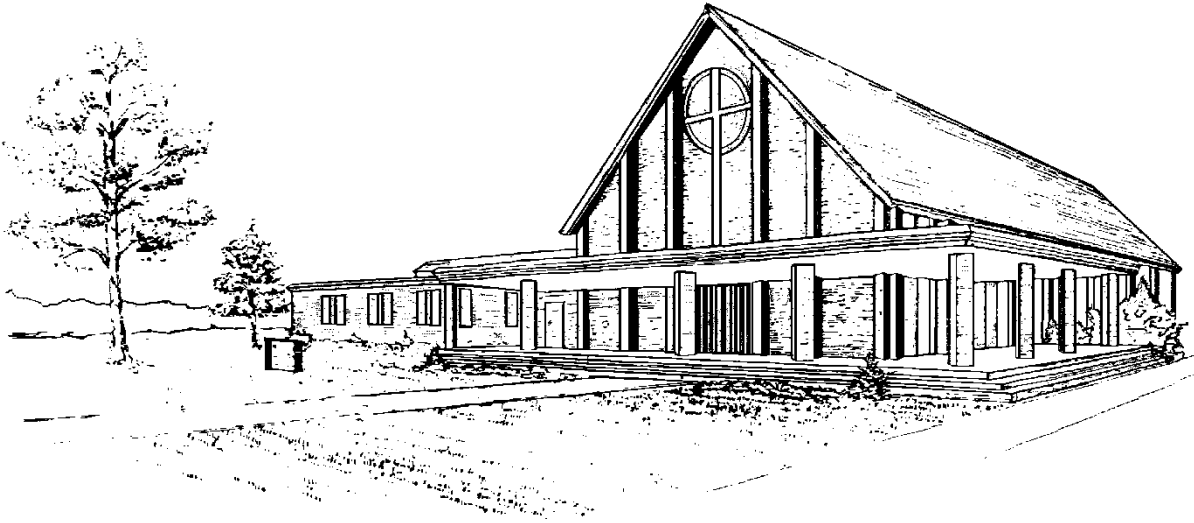
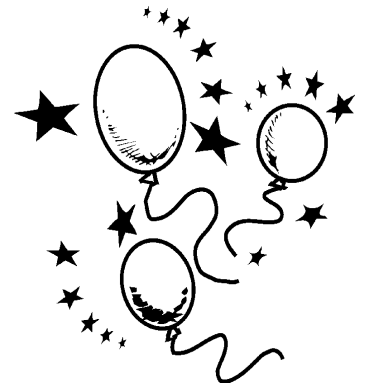


# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENLAWN



**Sunday Service of Worship  
September 8, 2019  
Deacon Sunday  
Rally Day  
10:30 A.M.**



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**SERVICE OF WORSHIP**

**Deacon Sunday**

**10:30 AM**

**September 8, 2019**

**RALLY DAY**

**CHIMES**

Deacon Barbara Small

**CONGREGATION PROCESSIONAL**

*The March of Faith*  
Paul Taylor

**GATHERING HYMN No. 417**

*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

**CENTERING PRAYER FOR RALLY DAY**

Deacon Larry Foray

Merciful and loving God, as we gather before You and rally around the cross of our Lord, renew our sense of awe and wonder that You love each one of us as if there were only one of us to love. Make us as buoyant as helium balloons in our praise of you, but protect us from puffing ourselves up on our own hot air.

Help us to hear today the voice of the One whom we can trust, Jesus the Christ, the One who bids us to follow and behind whom are today rallied.

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Pastor Fred Woodward

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

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 150**

*Come Christians Join to Sing*

**RALLY DAY LITANY**

Deacon Larry Foray

Leader: Gracious God, we gather in your name.

**People: We come just as we are, not as we wish we would be.**

Leader: In the acceptance that we are accepted, we pray for our church.

**People: Show us how to show mercy to others just as we were shown mercy.**

Leader: We pray for our elders, deacons, and other church leaders.

**People: Guide them with your wisdom.**

Leader: We pray for our young and old, disciples, all of us, of Christ.

**People: Give us the necessary disciplines to hear, heed and obey.**

Leader: Use us in our glorious imperfection to witness to your perfect love.

**All: Creator of us all, rally us around your Word and renew our commitment to follow Christ Jesus into the world you sent your Son to save.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Pastor Fred Woodward

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

*Create In Me a Clean Heart, O God* (see insert)

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

As we gather this day beneath the balloons and banner of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess our sin as a church: we have rallied behind the wrong gods. We have withheld compassion and neglected the needs of the poor and weak. We have failed to consistently proclaim the righteousness of God. We have regarded the church as a refuge *from* the world rather than a community sent *into* the world. We have become consumers of consolation, forgetful that we are comforted in our sorrows so as to be a comfort to others in theirs. Rally our faith in Jesus Christ and lead us together into life.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*RESPONSE**

*Glory Be to God, Creator* (see insert)

**READING**

**“Balloons Belong in Church”**

[Elder Ann Weems (1934-2016)]

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18**

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Deacon Larry Foray

**\*HYMN No. 420**

*God of Grace and God of Glory* (Verses 1,3)

**TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

*Prelude in F Major*

J.S. Bach

From *Eight Little Preludes and Fugues*

**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**

Deacon Larry Foray

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**      **Luke 14: 25-33**

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Pastor Fred Woodward

**HOMILY**      “Recklessly Rallying”

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

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

*Will You Come and Follow Me* (see insert)

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*SINGING OUR HOPE**

*We Are the Church* (verses 1,2,4) (see insert)

**\*RECESSION OF THE PEOPLE**

*Triumphant Finale*  
Thomas Bliss

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\*All who are able, please stand

# WEEKLY MESSENGER

Sunday, September 8, 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 Lydia and Gary Mott.
- **FELLOWSHIP HOUR:** Assisting with Fellowship Hour today are members of the Board of Deacons.
- **ASSISTING IN WORSHIP** this morning is Deacon Larry Foray.
- **USHERING TEAM NO. 4**, led by Larry Foray, 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 September 8th is Debbie Eitel.
- **DEACON ON CALL** for the month of September are Carolyn Brockett (631-368-2163) and Arlissa Dean (631-266-3497). 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. **There is an on-going 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)



“Balloons Belong In Church” has been drawn from Ann Weems’ *Resources for Creative Worship: Reaching for Rainbows* (Philadelphia, PA: Westminster Press, 1980).

Rally Day has a long history in American Protestantism, and was early recognized as a time to rally Christian youth beneath the banner of our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of our salvation. A hundred years ago, our Sunday schools were customarily regarded as a division of the army of the Church universal. The members of that division were its pupils, and its officers, its church schoolteachers and administrators.

Now, a century later, we recognize a little better the dangers of applying militaristic metaphors to Christ’s church. Because of human sinfulness, it is just too easy to confuse our own power and authority with that of God, and to smugly identify the kingdom of God with our church, ethnic tribe or nation- with us!

God alone brings God’s reign. We, the people of God, are simply its heralds. May this Rally Day be a time for all of us to give up the dream of extending God’s Kingdom as if we were conquerors, but to wake to and accept God’s advance toward us, his gracious movement toward the human heart, conquered by his love for us in Jesus Christ. Trusting that Jesus has called the church into being and has promised never to abandon it, may we live lives of greater faithfulness and discipleship, and rally behind Christ the King as He continues to redeem the world God created in love.



**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH**

**WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 10:30 AM**

**ALL CHURCH PICNIC ON THE FRONT LAWN AT  
3:00 PM**

**Last name A to M bring a dessert**

**Last name N to Z bring a salad**

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

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

Our church members and their individual struggles; Frances W.; Steve S.; Baby Jesse; Brandon P.; Brian; Camille F.; Cassell; Crystal; Eli; Gloria A.; Gary J.; Kathie G.; Kayla; Maria H.; Matt W.; Mike P.; Mike W.; Nadia M.; Teresa; Terry H.; Tom D.; Tom M.; Pastor Tim; Sister Martha Mganga; Ray; Spencer P.; William B.; 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, September 8, 2019	<b>Rally Day Worship/ Deacon Sunday/ Flea Market Committee Church Picnic</b>	<b>10:30 am 11:30 am 3:00 pm</b>
Monday		
Tuesday	Committee Meetings	7:30 pm
Wednesday	Bible Study @ the home of Diane Hartmann 5 Court Dr., Hunt. Sta.	2:00 pm
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		
Next Sunday, September 15, 2019	<b>Worship/Sunday School Memorial Service for Alan Lawrence</b>	<b>10:30 am 12:00 pm</b>