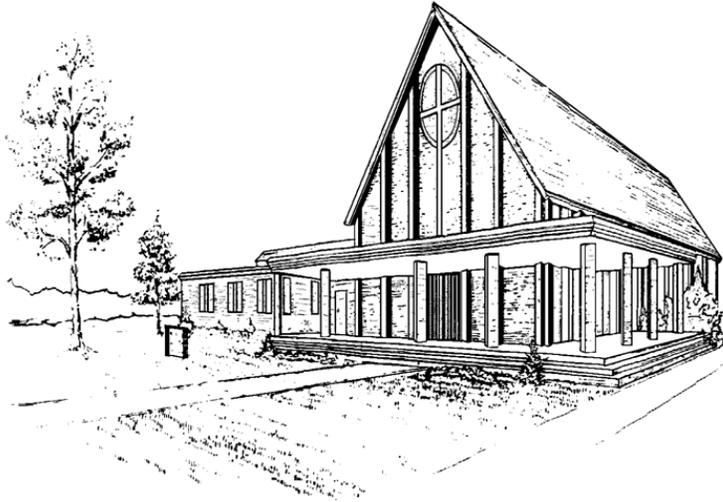


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENLAWN



**Sunday Service of Worship
September 10, 2017
Rally Day
10:30 A.M.**

**497 Pulaski Road
Greenlawn, NY 11740
Phone: 631-261-2150**

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Deacon Sunday

10:30 am

September 10, 2017

Rally Day

CHIMES

Bill D'Andrea

CENTERING PRAYER FOR RALLY DAY

Alex Kirchhoff

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 pioneer of our faith.

PRELUDE

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

Alyssa Infranco and Elena Meissner

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

Alex Kirchhoff

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 we were shown mercy.

Leader: We pray for our church leaders and teachers.

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

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 FORGIVENESS

Pastor Fred Woodward

***RESPONSE**

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.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Ezra 3: 10-13

pg. 494

Deacon Arlissa Dean

***HYMN No. 420**

God of Grace and God of Glory (verses 1, 3)

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

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 Arlissa Dean

NEW TESTAMENT READING: 2 Corinthians 4: 7-13, 16

pg. 1210

Pastor Fred Woodward

READING “Balloons Belong in Church”

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 No. 464**

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee (verses 1, 2)

***BENEDICTION**

***SINGING OUR HOPE**

Edelweiss

Come, O Lord, be with us.
Fill us with joy and thanksgiving.
May our hearts flow with peace.
Come with your love and surround us.
Friendship and peace, may they bloom and grow.
Bloom and grow forever.
Bless us now, bless our friends
Bless all your people forever.

***POSTLUDE**

The reading, “Balloons Belong in Church” is from Ann Weems’ *Resources for Creative Worship: Reaching for Rainbows* (Philadelphia, PA: Westminster Press, 1980).

*All who are able, please stand

WEEKLY MESSENGER

Sunday, September 10, 2017

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- **The flowers on the Lord's table** are given to the Glory of God.
- **CHILDREN'S WORSHIP BULLETINS** (ages 3-6 and 7-12) are available each Sunday. Please ask the ushers for a bulletin for your child
- **GREETERS:** Greeting us today before the service are Yulchi and Yani Lee with Casey and Tyler.
- **ASSISTING IN THE PULPIT** this morning are Deacon Arlissa Dean and Alex Kirchhoff
- **ACOLYTES:** Serving as acolytes today are Alyssa Infranco and Elena Meissner.
- **FELLOWSHIP HOUR:** Assisting with fellowship hour today are members of the Board of Deacons.
- **USHERING TEAM NO. 6**, led by Diane Kirchhoff, 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 10th is Ruth Satterlee.
- **DEACONS ON CALL** for the month of September are Debbie Eitel (718-463-3003) 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 cereal, canned fruit, and paper products.** Cash donations can also be used by the Deacons to fill in items that need to be purchased. Thanks to all of you who remember our pantry each week as you shop for your family.
- **FLOWERS FOR THE CHANCEL** We would encourage any and all to donate flowers for birthdays, anniversaries, "in memory of", 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).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RALLY DAY

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.

CHURCH PICNIC TODAY ~ 3:00 PM ON THE FRONT LAWN

HAMBURGERS, HOT DOGS, DRINKS PROVIDED
LAST NAME A -M : BRING A LARGE SALAD
LAST NAME N- Z: BRING DESSERT

**Welcome back to a year of fellowship and growth as we continue on our
Christian journey.**

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Our church members and their individual struggles: All those affected by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma; Alan L.; Bob B.; Cassell; Craig B.; Diane H.; David Brian; Ed. C.; Kayla; Mike P.; Pastor Tim; Terry H.; Tom M.; 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; our Armed Forces and their families; our nation and its leaders; all in harm's way of terrorists; and please pray for all who need His help.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Today, September 10, 2017	Worship/Deacon Sunday Rally Day	10:30 am
	Church Picnic	3:00 pm
Monday		
Tuesday	Committee Meetings	7:30 pm
Wednesday	Pastor Fred's Happy Hour Bible Study	2:00 pm
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		
Next Sunday, September 17, 2017	Worship Youth Car Wash	10:30 am 2-5 pm

