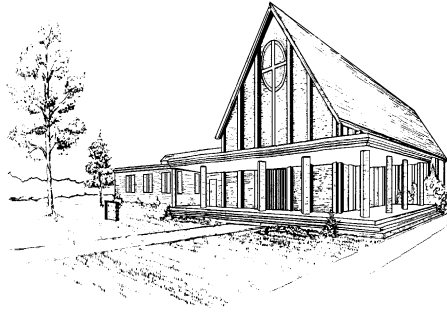


## **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**



### **Sunday Service of Worship November 6, 2011 10:30 am Communion Sunday**

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**Sunday Service of Worship**  
**November 6, 2011 10:30 am**

**CHIMES**

Bill D'Andrea

**PRAYER FOR INVOCATION**

Matthew Polcer

Heavenly Father, you have summoned us to new life, and we have accepted your invitation. Come therefore into our worship and our work that we might indeed live up to our calling to be the church of Christ, a provisional demonstration of what God intends for all of humanity.

Help us through our worship to recognize that now is the time for active discipleship, now is the time for deepening commitment, now is the time for casting away false idols, and now is the time to wait actively in hope. Neither lulled into believing that there is no urgency, nor seized with anxiety about the day Christ shall come again to judge the world with justice and mercy, help us to practice disciplines of readiness, and to roll up our sleeves and to join God where God is already at work in our world.

**PRELUDE**

*My Tribute*

Andrae Crouch, Arr. Lloyd Larson

**BRINGING IN THE LIGHT**

Acolytes Amanda Segale and Genevieve Dean

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Pastor Fred Woodward

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

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN** (see insert)

*Blessed Jesus, at Your Word*

**CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 36)**

Matthew Polcer

Leader: Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies.

People: **Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your justice like the great deep.**

Leader: How priceless is your unfailing love! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

People: **They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

Leader: For with you is the fountain of life;

People: **In your light we see light.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Pastor Fred Woodward

**CONFESSION OF SIN** (Unison)

Gracious God, we cut ourselves off from you in both word and deed. We hear Jesus' teachings, but we do not always act upon them. Knowing that the time is near, we stare at the clock like bored teenagers rather than practicing responsible deeds of discipleship. We do not let our light shine before humankind through works of justice, love and mercy.

Restore to us now a vision of your heavenly banquet, and help us in this in-between time to do your will in earnest. Save us from trying to carry the church on our own shoulders. But protect us also from the temptation to sit back as if our citizenship in heaven required nothing more from us than the repetition of the words, "Lord, Lord."

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON****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. Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING****Psalm 107:1-9****pg. 637, lg. print pg. 947**

Elder Roger Kaufmann

**HYMN*****"Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us******(See Insert)*****TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Pastor Fred Woodward

**ANTHEM*****Gloria, from Heiligmesse***

Franz Joseph Haydn, Arr. Patrick M. Liebergen

(Sung in Latin)

**RESPONSE*****Doxology***

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above the heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION****SCRIPTURE READING****Matthew 25:1-13****pg. 1037, lg. print pg. 1540**

Pastor Fred Woodward

SERMON

**“Get Ready to Wait”**

Pastor Fred Woodward

COMMUNION HYMN No. 218 (verse 1, 3)

*We Come As Guests Invited*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

EUCCHARISTIC LITANY

Leader: God be with you.

**People: And with your spirit.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to God: Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: Great and wonderful are your deeds O God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, O Ruler of the ages. We give you thanks, for you have created all things, and by your will they exist. You have delivered your people from bondage, and you have given to us Jesus Christ, Lamb of God, Savior of the world, who has won for us the victory over sin and death and all evil.

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of love and majesty.**

**The whole universe speaks of your majesty, O God Most High.**

Leader: Glory be to you, O Christ, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed for God people from every tribe, tongue, people and nation and made them a nation of priests to serve our God.

**People: The Lamb who was slain is worthy to receive power, wisdom and might; honor, glory and blessing.**

**All: Spirit of God, touch our lives deeply, and make us truly yours; and bless these gifts of bread and wine. O Living Christ, bright morning star of this darkened world, come and be our guest. Name us, mark us, and claim us as your own. Free us from bondage to the powers of this world. Glory be to you! Amen.**

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## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

God Almighty, who was, who is and ever shall be, we give you thanks that you have taken your great self-emptying power and have begun to reign. We thank you for this feast of love and victory, which is a foretaste of the day when all the faithful shall gather reunited with Christ the Lamb. May that day come soon! Give us courage to serve you in costly obedience, that your ways of justice and truth may triumph on this earth.

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Elder Roger Kaufmann

*Worshippers briefly share joys and concerns as part of their offering to God of their prayers of supplication, intercession, and thanksgiving.*

## **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. No. 88**

*Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*

## **\* CHALLENGE AND BLESSING**

## **\*SINGING OUR HOPE**

Hymn No. 209, Verses 1, 2

*Blest be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Christian love  
The fellowship of kindred minds  
Is like to that above.*

*Before our Father's throne  
We pour our ardent prayers;  
Our fears, our hopes, our sins are one  
Our comforts and our cares*

## **POSTLUDE**

*How Majestic is Your Name*

Michael W. Smith, Arr. Lloyd Larson

**Calendar for the Week of 11 / 6 / 11**

**Today, Sunday 11/6, Communion Sunday**

9 AM EBENEZER WESLEYAN CHURCH  
WORSHIP SERVICE CE  
10:30 am Worship Service  
12 pm Adult Bible Study  
6:30 pm Friendships of Women  
7 PM EBENEZER WESLEYAN CHURCH  
WORSHIP SERVICE CE

**Monday 11/7**

**Tuesday 11/8, Election Day**

7:30 pm Committee Meetings

**Wednesday 11/9**

2 pm Pastor Fred's Lectionary Bible Study

**Thursday 11/10**

1 pm Joy Circle  
7 PM EBENEZER WESLEYAN CHURCH BIBLE  
STUDY CE  
8 pm Choir

**Friday 11/11, Veterans Day**

10:30 am Bible Study

**Saturday 11/12**

**Next Sunday 11/13, Deacons' Sunday**

9 AM EBENEZER WESLEYAN CHURCH  
WORSHIP SERVICE CE  
10:30 am Worship Service  
11:30 am Congregational Meeting  
12 pm Adult Bible Study  
6:30 pm Friendships of Women  
7 PM EBENEZER WESLEYAN CHURCH  
WORSHIP SERVICE CE

**UPCOMING STEEPLE CHIMES DUE DATES AND FOLDING DATES**

**Materials for the December Steeple Chimes are due by Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am, and will be folded on Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, and mailed.**

**Materials for the January Steeple Chimes are due by Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am, and will be folded on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, and mailed.**

**Announcements for the week of 11 / 6 / 2011**

- ◆ **The flowers on the Lord's table are given to the glory of God.**
  
- ◆ **Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child are to be brought in next Sunday, November 13th.**
  
- ◆ **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of a Congregational Meeting to be held immediately following worship next Sunday, November 13th.** This meeting is for the purpose of electing church officers for 2012 as well as the election of the 2012 Nominating Committee.
  
- ◆ **Please remember to bring in Non-Perishable Donations for the Youth Group Thanks giving Baskets,** *FREE Turkey Coupons are also needed. Monetary donations are welcome! (We will shop, if you cannot!)* **We will be making up the baskets Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.** *The Youth Group*
  
- ◆ **Chef Gary Prentiss's Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on Saturday, November 19 at 6:30 pm.**
  
- ◆ **Becky Dodge is recuperating after knee surgery at Carillon Rehab. Center, 830 Park Ave, Huntington, NY 11743 631-271-5800, Room 301, private # 630-0384.**
  
- ◆ **Deacons on Call** If you would like our church to send a card to someone who is ill, facing an operation or just in need of a few encouraging words – please give the name and address to one of the Deacons on Call for this week. They can be found at the Deacons' table in the Narthex each Sunday.
  
- ◆ **The Friday Morning Bible Study group** meets at 10:30 am in the Parlor. During this time we share ideas and discuss what the Bible says to each of us. All are welcome to join us.

- ◆ **Pastor Fred's Office Hours** You can find Pastor Fred at the church between 11 am and 5 pm Monday through Thursday, though he can be contacted outside those hours for appointments and consultations (631-626-3702). It is still a good idea though to call ahead to make sure that the pastor is not out making visits or attending a meeting.
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- ◆ **Come Grow In Christ** The Sunday Adult Bible Study meets at 12:00 Noon.
- ◆ **Friendships of Women** Womens' Bible Study meets Sunday 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm in the Parlor. All women welcome!

### **MINISTRIES WEEK OF 11 / 6 / 11**

**GREETERS:** Greeting us today before the service are Priscilla and Duncan Cameron.

**ASSISTING IN THE PULPIT** this morning is Roger Kaufmann.

**SESSION LISTENING POST:** Elder Alan Lawrence, 757-1245, will be available after Worship in the hall by the office for any who would like to share their ideas or insights about the ministry of the Church.

**COFFEE HOUR:** Assisting with Coffee Hour are Rich and Nadine Heiligenstadt.

**ELDER ON CALL:** Elder Ginny Bailey, 499-2955, will be available during the week to respond to questions or concerns you might have related to the ministry of this church.

**DEACONS ON CALL:** Deacon Maria Francis-Henry, 754-8213, and Deacon Maria Hottinger, 421-5380, are here to serve you. 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.

**THERE IS AN ACTIVE PRAYER MINISTRY IN GREENLAWN CHURCH.** Please feel free to call with your request for loved ones, friends, neighbors or yourself. Call Betty Chatfield at 261-8104 or email her at [bbcny22@aol.com](mailto:bbcny22@aol.com).

**NEEDS REQUESTS** If you know of someone in need, please fill out the blue form & place in the box located by the food pantry.

**FLOWERS FOR THE CHANCEL**—Each Sunday flowers beautify the Chancel of our church. We would encourage any and all to donate flowers for birthdays, anniversaries, “in memory of”, etc. A check for **\$30 (please note the change in price)** should be made to Greenlawn Presbyterian Church. *To order flowers in November, please call the church office, 261-2150. Barbara Small will collect the money.*

**Prayers of the People**

**Your prayers make a difference!**

**Please keep the following people in your prayers:**

Kayla Marine

Maria Hottinger

Kim Dodge

Michele Roberts

Troops Worldwide

Peoples of Haiti & Japan

Hurricane, Earthquake, Tornado & Flood ravaged Cities & People