



**First Presbyterian Church
of Watertown
February 4, 2024
The Fifth Sunday After Epiphany**

The Prophet Isaiah, Sistine Chapel, Rome

Gathering Music

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart
God Has Spoken by His Prophets
I Heard the voice of Jesus Say
All Creatures of Our God and King*

Gilbert Martin
Dale Wood
David Paxton
Alfred Fedak

+Gathering+

Pastor's Greeting and Words of Welcome

Prelude *O God, Thou Faithful God*

J.S. Bach

***Call to Worship** *from Isaiah 40*

Have we not known? Have we not heard?
Has it not been told to us since the beginning?

The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
**He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
He gives power to the faint,**

and strengthens the powerless.

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint.

Let us worship God together!

***Opening Hymn #63 “All Creatures of Our God and King”**

***Prayer of The Day**

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

We fool ourselves if we think we can hide anything from God. But we do not cower before God, afraid of punishment. Rather, we approach God with humility and confidence that our sins can and will be forgiven. So as the children of God, let us confess our sins together.

God, you are everlasting, the creator of all that is. Your understanding is beyond measure. We confess to you that we have sinned against you and our neighbors, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not always sought justice, done what is merciful, or walked humbly with you.

In your compassion, forgive us. Place us firmly on that narrow path that leads to life. Show us the gate by which we can enter eternal life with you and never leave us or forsake us.

The Lord is my light, my Light and sal - va - tion: in
3 God I trust, in God I trust. The

And together we say: **Amen.**

Praise the Lord!

Our God heals the brokenhearted
and binds up our wounds.
God takes pleasure in those
who place their trust in God's grace.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

Response *Gloria Patri*

A Time With Young Disciples

+We Listen for God+

Prayer for Illumination

Anthem *For One More Day of Living*

John Purifoy

With Your safekeeping, through the night, we greet another day,
Our hands committed to Your work, our voices to your praise,
Grant us resolve to live this day by faith, and not by sight,
That we may be without regret when we shall greet the night.

We thank You for another day, Your blessings ever new.
For one more day of living, Lord, we sing our praise to You!

And when this day has reached its end, may we lie down in peace
In Your safekeeping, through the night, and sheltered by Your wings.
Our bodies and our minds restore, that we may rise anew
To live in love with gratitude and service unto You.

We thank You for another night, Your mercies ever new.
For one more day of living, Lord, we sing our praise to You!

The First Scripture Lesson Isaiah 40:21-31

The Second Scripture Lesson Mark 1:29-39

This is the Word of The Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon *For that is what I came out to do...*

***Hymn** #446 “We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations”

***Affirmation of Faith** *Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

+We Respond To God+

Community Connect

At this time in worship we share information on how you can connect even better with the community at FPC Watertown. During this time we also share our joys and concerns, as well as any other relevant information to our life together.

Song of Offering *from "Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated"*

**Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days -
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my silver and my gold -not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use
Every pow'r as Thou shalt choose,
Every pow'r as Thou shalt choose.**

**Take my will and make it Thine -it shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart - it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne,
It shall be Thy royal throne.**

Musical Offering

The Prayer
Trillium String Trio

Sager & Foster

A Prayer for Washing Hands *from Psalm 26*

I wash my hands in innocence,
and go around your altar, O Lord,
**singing aloud a song of thanksgiving,
and telling all your wondrous deeds.**

The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Invitation To The Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is a right and joyful thing to offer thanks to you, O God,
the source of all creation.

Your Spirit flows through animals and plants,
communities and villages,
systems and structures, and through us,
causing all movement and the desire for
life in all things.

You brought forth the world in love,
and in your great love creation finds at last its proper end.

From the beginning, you have been

God with us, Immanuel.

But we have not always been your faithful people.

Throughout the ages we have strayed from you,
causing violence and discord to rule the day.

Even when you sent prophets, priests, and kings
to draw us back to you, we failed to hear their warnings.

Yet you have kept covenant with us,

and on a cold night in Bethlehem

you kept your promise and became one us.

We have seen the rising of your glory,
the Word Made Flesh among us.

And so with the hosts of heaven
we join the everlasting hymn of praise:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Through Jesus Christ you filled our world
with glory and light, and caused our eyes to see
the world you created in new and abundant ways.
Jesus lived among us, teaching, healing,
and revealing the boundless riches of your grace,
that everyone might see and know the power
of your love for us.

Remembering the life and work of Christ,
his ministry among the poor and lost,
his death upon the cross of human shame,
and the victory revealed by the empty tomb,
we offer to you our lives in thanks and praise,
in unity with Christ our friend and Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.

Send your Holy Spirit on us here
and on these gifts of bread and wine we share.
Make us, gathered here in love for you,
members of the body of our Lord,
that we may share the promise of the gospel,
one with Christ, and one in ministry to all the world.

As this bread is broken,
break open our weary hearts with the warmth
of your abundant love.
As this cup is shared, teach us new ways

to share your love with the world.
Unite us in body and spirit with all your people
in every time and place that we might
offer our voices, our hearts, and our very bodies
in unified service to your holy name.

All this we ask through Christ and in
the power of the Holy Spirit,
for all glory and honor are yours,
Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

And now as Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:
**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 and
the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

***Closing Hymn #407 “God Has Spoken by His Prophets”**

Blessing for Celebration Sunday Lunch

Leading Worship Today:
Pastor Andrew, preaching
Bunny Gorman, liturgist
Sara Gleason, Director of Music
Carl Bingle, organist
Agnes McCarthy, Christian Hosmer, and Perry Morgan, Trillium String Trio
The FPC Channel Choir

We pray for healing for:
Deanne, Gerda, Jennifer, Elise, John, Pat, Jane, Millie.

We pray for those who are unable to join us in-person:

Linda, Jamie, Dorothy, Shane, Ed, Annie.

We pray for our mission partners:

Tyler, Rochelle, and Mphatso, Grace, Sam, and Ruth, Isaiah, MELT, The Women of Grace, NNY Presbytery, Synod of The Northeast, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Josh Garry and Family (preparing for ministry).

We pray for our local and national leaders:

Watertown’s Mayor and City Council, the President of The United States and Congress, the Governor of New York and State Legislature.

We pray for those serving our nation:

The Wright Family, those in conflict in Ukraine, Israel and Palestine, and Sudan.

Important Dates To Remember:

February 10: Volunteer Church Work Day, 9am-2pm—please use to the sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall to let us know you’re coming!

February 11: Souper Bowl of Caring—we’ll be collecting monetary and canned soup donations for the Watertown Urban Mission Food Pantry.

February 14: Ash Wednesday Worship, 7pm

March 4: Special Congregational Meeting, following worship

February Birthdays

Nalanie Simpson—1

Bob Brown—2

Janneane Gerot—2

Lauren Sinclair—2

Barbara Butts—3

Susan Guy—4

Joseph Slabchuck—5

Louise Jefferies—8

Harold Johnson, II—9

Jurt Riordan—9

Paul Brown—10

Marti Montovani—11

Kathryn Ann Kolton—12

Lindsay Gefell—13

Valerie Vernyuy—13

Clayton Lee—16

Robert Blank—16

Josh Garry—16

Ralph Green, Jr.—18

Dacia Van Eenenaam—18

Aleesha Gill—18

Alisha Dunkle—19

Boo Wells—21

Jeremy Gerot—23

Linda McCullough—

Maksim Klug—27

Percy Pike—28





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This Week

Sunday, 2/4

Morning Worship, 10am
annual meeting following worship
Christ's Faith Christian
Project, 12pm

Tuesday, 2/6

Spare Closet, 10am-2pm
Staff Meeting, 12pm
Al-Anon, 7:30pm

Thursday, 2/8

Spare Closet, 10am-2pm
Worship Committee, 5pm
Music rehearsals, 6-9pm

Saturday, 2/10

Spare Closet, 10am-2pm
Work Day, 9am-2pm
AA, 8pm

*The church office is open by
appointment only at this time.
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