



The sanctuary flowers today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the baptism of Penelope June Powers by her parents, Diana and Derek.

Gathering Music

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Assurance

The Wondrous Cross

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Luther, arr. McDonald
John Ness Beck, arr. Linker
Janet Linker
Peace, arr. Limbaugh

+Gathering+

Pastor's Greeting and Words of Welcome

Prelude *It Is Well with My Soul*

Michele Bariteau, bass flute

Bliss, arr. Simpson

***Call to Worship**

Wherever two or more are gathered together in Jesus' name,
he promises to be there in the midst of them.

Come, merciful Father, and be our guest.

Come, loving Savior, and be our guest.

Come, Comforter, be our guest

and fill this moment with your presence.

In the sure and confident hope that our Lord is
present in this place:

Let us worship God together!

***Opening Hymn** “Here In This Place” *(insert)*

***Opening Prayer**

A Time With Young Disciples

The Sacrament of Baptism

Presentation

Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ:
All authority in heaven and on earth
has been given to me.

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,
and teaching them to obey everything
that I have commanded you.

And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Hear also these words from holy scripture:

There is one body and one Spirit,
just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,
one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all,
who is above all and through all and in all.

As many of you as were baptized into Christ
have clothed yourselves with Christ.

**There is no longer Jew or Greek,
there is no longer slave or free,
there is no longer male and female;
for all are one in Christ Jesus.**

Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ,
promise to guide and nurture Penelope by word and deed,
with love and prayer?

We do.

Will you encourage her to know and follow
Christ and to be a faithful member of his church?

We will.

Will you, by your prayers and witness, help Penelope to grow into the full stature of Christ?

We will.

Profession of Faith

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God,
do you turn from the ways of sin and
renounce evil and its power in the world?

I renounce them.

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple,
obeying his word and showing his love?

I will, with God's help.

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

Thanksgiving Over The Water

Introduction of The Newly Baptized

+We Listen for God+

Prayer for Illumination

The First Scripture Lesson Exodus 3:1-6, 4:10-17

The Second Scripture Lesson John 3:14-21

Anthem *Melody of Hope*
FPC Handbell Choir

Sondra K. Tucker

*We thought we'd awaken to a world in mourning.
Heavy clouds crowding, a society storming.
But there's something different on this golden morning.
Something magical in the sunlight, wide & warming.*

*So, on this meaningful morn, we mourn & we mend.
Like light, we can't be broken, even when we bend.*

*We ignite not in the light, but in lack thereof,
For it is in loss that we truly learn to love.
In this chaos, we will discover clarity.
In suffering, we must find solidarity.*

*For it's our grief that gives us our gratitude,
Shows us how to find hope, if we ever lose it.*

*We'll observe how the burdens braved by humankind
Are also the moments that make us humans kind
Let each morning find us courageous, brought closer
Heeding the light before the fight is over.
When this ends, we'll smile sweetly, finally seeing
In testing times, we became the best of beings.*

–from " The Miracle of Morning" by Amanda Gorman

The Sermon *God's Will and My Inadequacy*

Hymn #564 "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

+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.

The Offertory

God So Loved The World

John Stainer

The Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts!
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

Let us pray: **Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The Prayers of The People *and* The Lord's Prayer

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Steadfast God, thank you for sheltering us in the storms of life.

Thank you for ministering to us through angels
seen and unseen in times that test us.

Thank you for claiming us as a people beloved forever.

Because of your great love and care for us,
we trust you in our brightest joys and deepest needs.

Lord, **listen to your children praying.**

We rejoice when dark clouds of trouble are overtaken
by the light of your presence and new possibilities,
when things settle down after a time of tossing about,
when the great storm is over,
and when the promise of resurrection life takes hold in us
with sure and certain hope.

Lord, **listen to your children praying.**

Hear our prayers, we ask, for the deep needs of the world.
In places of violence and warfare,
give us the courage to lay down our weapons of death
and promote life and well-being instead.
In places of drought and fire,
bring rains that make the earth colorful and verdant again.
In places where the waters overtake their boundaries,
allow the overflowing chaos to recede.

Lord, **listen to your children praying.**

Loving God, in life and in death, we belong to you.
So in the midst of life, we entrust ourselves to your care.
We are bold to ask for help
when we are confused, lost, or afraid.
We are eager to ask for healing for our bodies and minds,
whether wounded, ill, or recovering.

Lord, **listen to your children praying.**

And we are unceasing in our prayers for those we love
who are far from us physically, emotionally, or spiritually.
In the midst of death and grief,
even though we are weary,
we return again and again, praying for comfort,
for an easing of the pain that comes from loss,
and for the light of your presence to pierce
the present darkness.

Lord, **listen to your children praying.**

Hear us now as we pray together the prayer that Jesus taught us:

**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** #606 “O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”

***Blessing and Benediction**

***Passing The Peace of Christ**

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Please share some sign of
Christ’s peace with your neighbors.

Postlude *Majestic Toccata in G minor*

Garrett Parker

Leading Worship Today:

Pastor Andrew, preaching

Bob Kimball, liturgist

Sara Gleason, Director of Music

Jenny Whitenack, Bell Choir Director

Carl Bingle, organist

Michele Bariteau, flute

FPC Chancel Choir

FPC Bell 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, Shallow Wells and Marion Medical Mission, 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 Date To Remember:

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—27

Maksim Klug—27

Percy Pike—28



Have you heard music in our sanctuary that touches your heart?

Sourcing new music for worship is vital to bringing our faith and the message of the Bible alive! Now you have the opportunity to gift a piece of music to our church. Below are three pieces that the choir will sing during Lent. If you are interested in dedicating one of these pieces in honor or memory of a loved one, or would like to make a gift for the purchase of new music, please see Sara Gleason. Sara can also give you a listening preview so you can choose the one that means the most to you!

Tender Mercy by Lee Dengler

\$73.75

Promise After Promise by Cameron Pollock

\$52.50



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This Week

*We wish all children and teachers a
rest-filled Winter Break!*

Sunday, 2/18

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

Tuesday, 2/20

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

Wednesday, 2/21

Discipleship Committee, 5pm

Thursday, 2/22

Spare Closet, 10am-2pm

Saturday, 2/24

AA, 8pm

*The church office is open by appointment.
Please contact Pastor Andrew or Stacey
Bristow if you have a need.*

*Pastor Andrew and his family will be on
vacation 2/21-/26. If you have a pastoral
need during that time, please call Rev. Julia
Wright: (315) 408-7784.*

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