



### **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**            *In Christ Alone*

arr. Lloyd Larson

### **\*Call to Worship**

In the name of God the Father,  
**who made a covenant with his people,**

and of God the Son,  
**the royal son of David, who shed his blood that  
we might partake of a new covenant,**

and of God the Holy Spirit,  
**who spoke through the prophets,  
and has written the covenant on our  
hearts through Jesus Christ:  
Let us worship God together!**

**\*Opening Hymn**            #572 “Blessed Assurance”

**\*Opening Prayer**

**Confession of Sin *and* Assurance of Pardon**

In the Third Petition of the Lord’s Prayer we pray, “Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but God desires our covenant partnership in the transformation of all things. With humility and faith, let us confess the ways we have strayed from God and from one another.

How is God’s will done?

**God’s will is done in breaking every plan and purpose of evil in the world and also in our hearts. God’s will is done when we open ourselves to the strength and power of the Word, Jesus Christ.**

**All sing: Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you—  
Amen.**

Like King David, the shepherd king, and the prophet Nathan,  
our sinful natures prohibit us from knowing perfectly the will of God.  
Yet God provides for us a cure and direction.

**O Lord Jesus, we seek your compassion and forgiveness because we too are harassed by sin and helpless to free ourselves from its bondage. We have sinned in thought, word and deed. Though you have called us to be your people, we have lived as if we only needed to answer to ourselves. Even our best intentions to follow your will have met with failure. In your mercy, forgive us our sins. Send us your Spirit to help us live as your holy people.**

**All sing: Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find.  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you—  
Amen.**

According to the perfect and compassionate will of God,  
your sins are forgiven through the precious blood  
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

**+We Listen for God+**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**The First Scripture Lesson**                      2 Samuel 7:4-29

**The Second Scripture Lesson**                  Matthew 22:41-46

**Anthem**                      *Poor Wayfarin' Stranger*                      American folk song  
William Gleason, baritone horn

I'm just a poor wayfaring stranger  
Traveling through this world below  
There is no sickness, no toil, no danger  
In that bright land to which I go  
I'm going there to see my father  
And all my loved ones who've gone on  
I'm just going over Jordan  
I'm just going over home

**A Time With Young Disciples**

**The Sermon**                  *God's Will and My Dreams*

**\*Hymn**                  #308 "There Is A Redeemer"

**\*Affirmation of Faith**    *from The Worship Sourcebook*

**We are called as pilgrim followers of Jesus Christ  
to steer our lives carefully in this world,  
lest we lose our way and mar our leader's name.  
We give thanks for generations of saints  
who walked the way before us.  
Their strong profession and bold obedience are gifts to us,  
a tradition to guide us.  
As we seek to follow our Lord in the time and place  
marked out for us, we depend on God's help alone:  
Keep us, we pray, from the disobedient perils of  
cementing ourselves in the past and of chasing  
after fads in the present.**

**Help us to take heart from our faith's ancestors,  
to live intentionally for our faith's heirs,  
and to delight and honor you. 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.*

**The Offertory**     *You Are The Christ*

Joseph Martin

Jesus gathered the chosen together,  
Then He asked this question:  
"Who do people say the Son of Man is?  
Who do they say I am? Who do you say I am?"

You are the Christ, You are Messiah,  
You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God.  
You are the King, You are the Saviour,  
You are the way, the truth, the life, You are the Christ.  
Oh Lord most high, You are the Christ.

Once unto every man and nation, comes a moment to decide.  
What will our answer be to Jesus?  
Will we in faith reply; "You are the Christ? You are Messiah,  
You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God.  
You are the King, You are the Savior.  
You are the way, the truth, the life, You are the Christ.  
Oh Lord most high, You are the Christ.

**\*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 Lords' Prayer**

Remembering that in his life, passion, and death Jesus identified with the poor, the oppressed, and the marginalized in society, let us join our hearts in prayer for all for whom Christ suffered and died and for all for whom he lives today.

We pray all who commit themselves to God's mission to establish human relationships based upon freedom and justice. Save us from indifference, and give us courage to work for justice and responsible freedom.

Lord of all nations, **help your servants.**

We pray for the affluent in developed and developing countries, that they may not succumb to materialism.

Help us to discover our worth in terms of what we can become as persons rather than in what we own or consume.

Lord of all nations, **help your servants.**

We pray for countries in which there is exploitation of natural resources and the earth is desecrated to satisfy the lust for profit.

Save us from misusing what you have given for all to share.

Lord of all nations, **help your servants.**

We pray for all tribal and aboriginal peoples threatened with dispossession and the loss of ancestral lands.

Help us to remember that the land is yours and that we hold it in trust for future generations.

Lord of all nations, **help your servants.**

We pray for all those suffering the loss of identity, culture, security, and freedom, and for those for whom life has become a burden.

Lord of all nations, **help your servants.**

We pray for those across the globe who face war, famine, poverty, and disease, that they may find comfort in affliction and peace through the care and service of others.

Help us to find human solutions to human tragedies.

Lord of all nations, **help your servants.**

We pray for all people separated from one another for any reason, especially because of religion or political different.

Help us to work for equity and peace, dialogue, and goodwill among all people.

Lord of all nations, **help your servants.**

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 #734 “Be Strong in the Lord”**

**\*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**

*Postlude on “Hymn To Joy”*

Jason Payne

Leading Worship Today:  
Rev. Julia Wright, preaching  
Bill Barden, liturgist  
Sara Gleason, Director of Music  
Carl Bingle, organist  
William Gleason, baritone horn  
FPC Chancel Choir

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**We pray for healing for:**

The Tousants, 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.

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Packets of information for the March 3 *Special Congregational Meeting* are available in Fellowship Hall today. Please take a packet and review it prior to next Sunday.

Please also see the sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall for ways you can help with lunch!

***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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**February Birthdays**

Linda McCullough—27

Maksim Klug—27

Percy Pike—28

**March Birthdays**

Jean Sturtz—1

Jon Wright—1

Carol Murray—6

JoAnn Tousant—6

Shirley Parker—7

Cassandra Elmer—8

Jean Bach—9

Martha Adams—11

Alice LeRoy—14

Reggie Schweitzer—15

Claire Mangione—17

June Denny—17

Jason Rudd—18

Aiden Thomas—18

Becky Brown—19

Carl Bingle—24

Sarah Deem—26

Bill O'Connor—28

Matt Willaman—29

Michele Bariteau—31

Gail Fluno—31

Pam Knowlton—31







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**This Week**

**Sunday, 2/25**

Morning Worship, 10am  
*fellowship following worship*  
 Christ's Faith Christian Project,  
 12pm  
 Open Table, 5-6pm

**Tuesday, 2/27**

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

**Thursday, 2/29**

Spare Closet, 10am-2pm

**Saturday, 3/2**

Spare Closet, 10am-2pm  
 AA, 8pm

**Sunday, 3/3**

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

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

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