



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 *Devotion*

John Ness Beck, arr. Linker

*Call to Worship

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

When the time was fully come,
God sent forth his Son, born of a woman.
We thank you, Lord, for Christ's humanity.

We thank you, Lord, for the human family of which Jesus was a part.
Like Mary, mother of our Lord,
may we, the servants of the Lord in this time and place,
also be humble, gentle and firm in faith.

May our spirits so rejoice in our God,
that our souls, too, magnify the Lord.

**When events and circumstances seem to be
overwhelming and beyond our control or understanding,
may our prayer be:
“Let it be with me according to your word.**

Let us worship God together!

***Opening Hymn** #328 “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

***Opening Prayer**

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But when we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name.

a time of silence is kept

And together we say: **Amen.**

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.
Thanks be to God!

+We Listen for God+

Prayer for Illumination

Anthem *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

arr. Mark Hayes

Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light

Refrain: Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.

When my way grows drear,
Precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call,
Hold my hand lest I fall:

Refrain: Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.

I need Thee every hour
Most gracious Lord
No tender voice like Thine
Can peace afford
I need Thee, O I need Thee
Every hour I need Thee
O bless me now, my Savior
I come to Thee

A Time With Young Disciples

Preface and The First Scripture Lesson Luke 1:26-38

Hymn #399 “We Are God’s People”
st. 1

The Second Scripture Lesson Luke 2:41-52

Hymn #399 “We Are God’s People”
st. 2

The Third Scripture Lesson John 2:1-5

Hymn #399 “We Are God’s People”
st. 3

The Fourth Scripture Lesson Mark 3:31-35

Hymn #399 “We Are God’s People”
st. 4

The Fifth Scripture Lesson John 19:25-27

***Hymn** #389 “Spirit of the Living God”

***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, a
nd 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

Ave Maria
Clancy Cox, soloist

Giulio Caccini

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 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 truly right and our greatest joy
to give you thanks, Creator God,
for you made the world and all that is in it.
You called us into relationship with you,
providing all we need for abundant life.

Yet we turned away,
violating our relationship with you
and acting with violence toward one another
and all creation.

Yet you did not reject us
but continued to reach out and restore us.
Over and over again,
you have made covenant to be our God,
calling us to be your faithful people.

We give thanks for signs of your covenantal love:

you put your rainbow in the cloud,
a unilateral promise never to destroy the earth
in anger again.

You pointed to the night sky,
promising Abraham and Sarah a son
and descendants to outnumber the stars
in the heavens.

As your covenantal love continued,
you gave us commandments carved in stone
so that we might know how to live faithfully
with you and one another.

Through the prophet Jeremiah,
you promised to make still a new covenant with us,
one written on our very hearts.

Therefore we praise you
for your great mercy and steadfast love.
With the faithful of every time and place,
we sing to the glory of your name:

**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.

You are holy, Lord of hosts,
and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.
You sent him into the world,
calling us to repent
and to welcome the kingdom you bring.
Tempted in every way as we are, he never sinned.

Instead, he turned away from violence,
teaching us the way of peace.
He rejected power that corrupts,
choosing instead to live as a servant among us.
He did not turn stones into easy bread
but instead offered us the bread of life—
justice, freedom,
health, unconditional love—

so that we might never be hungry again.

Showing the depth of your love,
he offered us the cup of the new covenant,
sealed in his blood.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Gracious God,
as your Spirit hovered over creation,
as your Spirit descended like a dove on Jesus,
your beloved Son,
may your Spirit now hover over us,
and descend on us and these your gifts of bread and wine,
that the bread we break and the cup we bless
may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

By your Spirit, make us one with Christ,
and one with all who share this feast.
Bind us in covenantal love to you
and to one another in the church,
that we may reach out to the world
with justice, freedom, health, and unconditional love
in Christ's name, until the promised day of your kingdom.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
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.

Words of Institution
Communion of The People
Prayer After Communion

***Closing Hymn** #151 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

***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 *Toccata on “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”*

David Cherwien

Leading Worship Today:
Pastor Andrew, preaching
Don Klug, liturgist
Sara Gleason, Director of Music
Carl Bingle, organist
Clancy Cox, soloist
FPC Chancel Choir

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

We pray for those who are unable to join us in-person: Linda, Jamie, Dorothy, Shane, Ed, Annie, Suzanne.

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.

Music Dedications Are Still Available! Please see Sara Gleason if you would like to dedicate one of the following pieces of music to enhance our Sunday worship!

Tender Mercy by Lee Dengler

\$73.75

Promise After Promise by Cameron Pollock

\$52.50

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
Reg 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



Remember and celebrate the week that changed the world with the community of First Presbyterian Church of Watertown! Through meaningful worship, powerful music, and rich fellowship we will journey with Christ to the cross and empty tomb!

“Palms to Passion”

3/24/24, 10am

This annual worship service of word and song tells the story of Christ’s final week on earth, ending with his triumphant resurrection!

Pop-Up Brunch and Resurrection

Gardens

3/27/24, 9am

Join Pastor Andrew and FPC’s staff for a pop-up brunch and learn how to make your own resurrection garden. Resurrection gardens are small, tabletop recreation of the empty tomb.

*Please RSVP by 3/20 to:
(315) 782-1750
andrew.long1085@gmail.com*

Maundy Thursday Tenebrae

3/28/24, 7pm

A worship service of light and dark, commemorating the institution of the Lord’s Supper and remembering Christ’s betrayal.

Good Friday

3/29/24

Annual Cross Walk (starting at St. Patrick’s), 9am-11am
Solemn Sanctuary Worship, 12pm

“The Seven Last Words of Christ”

3/29/24, 6pm

An intimate, candlelight piano recital of Haydn’s “The Seven Last Words of Christ,” presented by Pastor Andrew on the church’s newly reported Steinway piano. The program will be narrated by church members; a light reception to follow.

Easter

3/31/24

Morning Prayer, 8am
continental brunch served from
8:30-9:45am
Traditional Worship, 10am
kids egg hunt following worship



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This Week

Sunday, 3/3

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

Monday, 3/4

Red Cross Blood Drive,
 8:30-12:30
 Special Religious Education,
 4-6pm

Tuesday, 3/5

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

Thursday, 3/7

Spare Closet, 10am-2pm
 Bell Choir, 6:30pm

Saturday, 3/9

AA, 8pm

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

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