



Gathering Music

Your Master Proclaim

I Then Shall Live

I Bind unto Myself Today

“St. Patrick’s Breastplate”

Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?

Michael Burkhardt
David Cherwien

Anna Laura Page

+Gathering+

Pastor’s Greeting *and* Words of Welcome

Prelude *Christian, Dost Thou See Them?*

Gilbert Martin

*Call to Worship

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
**so that everyone who believes in him
may not perish but may have eternal life.**

Open our eyes Lord:
**to the world you have created in love,
to the church you have called together,
and to one another, bearers of your sacred image.**

Let us worship God together!

***Opening Hymn** #38 “Ye Servants of God”

***Opening Prayer**

Confession of Sin *and* Assurance of Pardon

We know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. Therefore, no one will be declared righteous in God’s sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin. In a spirit of humility and honesty, let us confess our sins before God.

We know that the law is spiritual;
but I am unspiritual, sold as a slave to sin.
I do not understand what I do.
For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do.
So I find this law at work:
Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me.

**All sing: Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found; was blind but now I see.**

I see another law at work in me,
waging war against the law of my mind and
making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me.
What a wretched person I am!
Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death?

**All sing: The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.**

At just the right time, when we were still powerless,
Christ died for the ungodly.
Therefore, there is now no condemnation for
those who are in Christ Jesus,
**because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit
who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.**

**All sing: Thro' many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come.
'Tis grace that bro't me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.**

For what the law was powerless to do because
it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending
his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering.

Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

***All sing, standing: When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining
as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun.**

We Listen for God

Prayer for Illumination

The First Scripture Lesson Acts 7:54-58, 8:1-3

The Second Scripture Lesson Acts 9:1-9

Anthem *The Power of the Cross*

Molly Ijames

O to see the dawn of the darkest day;
Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then
Nailed to a cross of wood.

Refrain: This the Power of the Cross:
Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath;
We stand together at the cross.

Now the daylight flees;
Now the ground beneath quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life,
"Finished!" the victory cry.

Refrain

A Time With Young Disciples

The Sermon *God's Will and My Worldview*

***Hymn** #563 "Open My Eyes That I May See"

***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 *Blind Beggar Bartimaeus*
Dave Elmer, soloist

Diane Tutofu

***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.

O Lord, thank you for giving us the example of St. Paul, whose worldview was transformed in a way that brought the message of the Gospel to light in dramatic fashion.

Awaken in us a sense of awe and wonder at how the cross of Christ changes everything.

O Christ, who came to save the world,
let us see the world through your eyes.

Sometimes, O Savior, our worldview can get blurry and out of focus.

For that, we are truly sorry.

Through the study of your Word, time in worship and a deeper prayer life, help us return to you with a bolder commitment to your will and your way.

O Christ, who came to save the world,
let us see the world through your eyes.

Work in the hearts of those who have turned away from you and those who seek to do your followers harm.

Bring messengers of your Gospel to them, like Ananias, and warm their hearts that they may turn toward you.

May we be beacons of hope and sources of saving news to all.

O Christ, who came to save the world,
let us see the world through your eyes.

Be with those who are sick and injured, hospitalized or homebound.

Give them an extra measure of your grace, and fill them with the confidence that no matter what happens,

you are with them and you will be their rock of refuge.

O Christ, who came to save the world,
let us see the world through your eyes.

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** “He’s Got The Whole World In His Hands”

**He’s got the whole world in His hands,
He’s got the whole wide world in His hands,
He’s got the whole world in His hands,
He’s got the whole world in His hands!**

**He’s got you an’ me, sister in His hands,
He’s got you an’ me, brother, in His Hands,
He’s got you an’ me, sister in His hands,
He’s got the whole world in His hands!**

**He’s got the little tiny baby in His hands.
He’s got the little tiny baby in His hands.
He’s got the little tiny baby in His hands,
he’s got the whole world in His hands!**

**He’s got all of us here in His hands.
He’s got all of us here His hands,
He’s got all of us here, in His hands.
He’s got the whole world in His hands!**

***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 "Ye Servants of God"

Michael Burkhardt

Leading Worship Today:

Pastor Andrew, preaching

Kevin Kieff, liturgist

Sara Gleason, Director of Music

Carl Bingle, organist

David Elmer, 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 restored 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*

Listening Sessions



*“For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them”
Matthew 18:20*

Join Pastor Andrew, Session elders, and fellow church members and friends for a series of Listening Session! These informal, unscripted discussion are a chance to celebrate the wonderful things happening at First Pres and honestly discuss concerns and challenges we face as a faith community.

*What is God calling us as a church to do in 2024?
Where do we see God at work in our church and community?
How can we love God and our neighbors even more in this time and place?*

These questions and more will guide our sessions! Sign up for a Listening Session by scanning the QR below or by using the sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, April 3
1-2:30pm
Fellowship Hall

Saturday, May 4
10-11:30am
Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, April 16
6-7:30pm
home of Liz Bonisteel

Tuesday, May 14
6-7:30pm
home of Bob and Bunny Gorman





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The Rev. Dr. Andrew Philip Long, pastor

This Week

Sunday, 3/10

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

Monday, 3/11

Special Religious Education,
 4-6pm

Tuesday, 3/12

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

Wednesday, 3/13

Facilities Committee, 9am
 Discipleship Committee,
 5:30pm

Thursday, 3/14

Spare Closet, 10am-2pm
 Worship Committee, 5pm
 Fellowship Committee, 5:30pm
 Bell Choir, 6:30pm
 Chancel Choir, 7:30pm

Friday, 3/15

Communion @ Ives Hill
 Retirement Community, 10am

Saturday, 3/16

AA, 8pm

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