



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 *I Sought the Lord*

Dennis Eliot

*Call to Worship

Jesus said: If any want to become my followers,
let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

For those who want to save their life will lose it,
and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

In Jesus Christ we have received
grace upon grace!
Thanks to be God!

Let us worship God together!

***Opening Hymn #598 “Wherever He Leads I’ll Go”**

***Opening Prayer**

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

We have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. With humility, and confidence in God’s grace, let us confess our sins together.

God the Father in heaven, God the Son, Redeemer of the world, God the Holy Spirit: **have mercy upon us and be gracious unto us.**

For having other gods before you, for putting our trust in ourselves, for our love of possessions, which is often greater than our love for Christ,

forgive us, O Lord.

For the cursing that comes out of our mouths or swearing falsely, for honoring you with our lips, but not with our hearts,

forgive us, O Lord.

For ignoring your gifts and your rest, for not being steadfast in our prayers, for hearing your Word and not doing it,

forgive us, O Lord.

**All sing: This is my Father’s world, and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings, the music of the spheres.**

**This is my Father’s world, I rest me in the thought.
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas—his hand the wonders wrought.**

For not honoring those who are in authority over us, for our lack of concern for our parents, for our disobedience to civic laws,

forgive us, O Lord.

For our low regard for human life, for the desire to avenge ourselves when we have been wronged, for anger with our brother or sister and hatred toward our neighbor,

forgive us, O Lord.

For all impurities in our lives; for the thoughts that darken our minds, for the lust that creeps into our hearts,

forgive us, O Lord.

**All sing: This is my Father’s world, the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white declare their maker’s praise.**

This is my Father’s world, he shines in all that’s fair;

in the rustling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me everywhere.

For our willingness to gain wealth by any means, for our lack of concern for our neighbors' needs, for the poor stewardship we have made of our time, talent and treasure,

forgive us, O Lord.

For our sinful desires, for our covetous natures, for our hunger for things at the expense of our souls,

forgive us, O Lord.

**All sing: This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world, the battle is not done;
Jesus, who died, shall by satisfied, and earth and heav'n be one.**

Since you have confessed your sin
hear again the promise of the Gospel:
your sins are completely and permanently forgiven
Thanks be to God!

+We Listen for God+

Prayer for Illumination

The First Scripture Lesson Acts 16:6-10, 13-15

The Second Scripture Lesson Luke 24:44-49

Anthem *The Kerry Dances* trad., arr. Frank Gallagher
Michele Bariteau, flute

A Time With Young Disciples

The Sermon *God's Will and My Response*
Hymn #604 "I Then Shall Live"

***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 *Christ Be in My Waking* arr. Larry Shackley

Christ be in my waking, As the sun is rising,
In my day of working, With me every hour.
Christ be in my resting, As the day is ending,
Calming and refreshing, Watching through the night.

Christ be in my thinking, And my understanding,
Guarding me from evil, Walking in the light.
Christ be in my speaking, Every word a blessing,
Pure and not deceiving, Grace to all who hear.

Jesus, this is my devotion: All my life to know You,
Every day to walk with You. Saviour, You're my deepest longing,
You're the One I live for, Teach me, Lord, to walk with You.

Christ be in my gladness For the joy of living,
Thankful for the goodness Of the Father's hand.
Christ be in my sorrow, In my day of darkness,
Knowing that I follow In the steps He trod.

Christ when hope has faded, Nothing left to cling to,
Every pleasure jaded, Every well is dry.
Christ the loving Shepherd Draws me with His kindness,
Leads me from the desert To the streams of life.

***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.

We pray for all leaders and people in every land and nation,
that by the power of your cross
you would drive out all violence, domination,
and injustice in our world
as you draw us to your Christ.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our war-ravaged world,
that you would teach us to walk together
in your way of righteousness and peace.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the vocation of the church,
that our prayers would bear the fruit of action
as we hear the cries of pain and suffering of those in need.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the poor, the terrified, and the oppressed,
and those who are alone,
that they may find a home in you as we serve them
in your name.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As your son anticipated his death on the cross
in light of your steadfast love,
may all who have died or who are dying be at rest
in your eternal care.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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** “I Bind Unto Myself Today” (insert)

***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 *A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing*

Michael Burkhardt

Leading Worship Today:
Pastor Andrew, preaching
Beth Linderman, liturgist
Sara Gleason, Director of Music
Carl Bingle, organist
Michele Bariteau, flute
FPC Chancel Choir

We thank God for the life of Pat Macklin, who passed from this life on February 28. A service in her honor will be held at 11am on Saturday, March 23 at Calarco Funeral Home.

We pray for healing for: The Tousants, Deanne, Gerda, 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!

“Christ Be In My Waking”
arr. Larry Shackley
to be used in worship on March 17
Dedication price: \$102

“The Morning Trumpet”
arr. Lloyd Larson
to be used in worship on Easter Sunday
Dedication price: \$90

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!

Good Friday

3/29/24

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

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.

“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.

Please RSVP by 3/20 to:

(315) 782-1750

andrew.long1085@gmail.com

Easter

3/31/24

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

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.



*“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 Sessions! These informal, unscripted discussions 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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This Week

Sunday, 3/17

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

Monday, 3/18

Special Religious Education,
 4-6pm

Tuesday, 3/19

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

Wednesday, 3/20

*Newsletter & Easter flower
 deadline*
 Personnel Committee, 10:30

Thursday, 3/21

Spare Closet, 10am-2pm
 Steeple Fundraising Committee,
 1:15pm
 Session, 5pm
 Bell Choir, 6:30pm
 Chancel Choir, 7:30pm

Friday, 3/22

Communion @ Ives Hill
 Retirement Community, 10am

Saturday, 3/23

AA, 8pm

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