

First Presbyterian Church
Watertown, NY
March, 24, 2024 + Palm Sunday



Betty LaDuke, *Guatemala: Procession*, 1978

From the artist: Before Christmas, at the Mayan village of Chichicastenango in Guatemala, statues of Christ, the Virgin Mary, and the saints are . . . carried aloft in an annual procession. In my painting Guatemala: Procession, Christ appears on a donkey surrounded by the masks worn by the Mayans who dance to honor and celebrate their indigenous roots. They also dance a re-enactment of the brutal Spanish invasion, with satirical masks representing conquistadores. Inside the church many candles are lit and prayers are offered.

—from Imaging The Word, vol. 3, pg 181

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

Pastor’s Greeting *and* Words of Welcome

A Musical Fanfare By Our Young Disciples

+Palms+

Reading

Matthew 21:1-11

read by a choir member

*Processional Hymn

The Palms (see bulletin insert)

*Opening Prayer

Special Music

Oh, How He Loves You And Me
FPC Bell Choir

arr. Kevin McChesney

O how He loves you and me,

O how He loves you and me;

He gave His life--what more could He give?

O how He loves you;

O how He loves me:

O how He loves you and me!

+A New Commandment+

Reading

John 13:1-5, 31b-35

read by a Session Elder

*Hymn

#309 “I Will Sing of My Redeemer”

Prayer

Let us pray... **O Lord Jesus Christ, you are enthroned in the majesty of heaven, yet you gave up that heavenly perfection to become a servant. We adore you for laying aside your glory and clothing yourself in complete humility as one of us. We praise you for the example of washing your disciples’**

feet. Teach us to do as you have done. Deliver us from pride, jealousy, and ambition, and make us ready to serve one another in lowliness for your sake, O Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

+The Last Supper+

Reading Mark 14:12-16, 22-26 *read by a Deacon*

Special Music *“Largo” from Concerto in D minor* J.S. Bach
Trillium Strings and Organ

Prayer

Let us pray...

We bless you, God our Father, that on that night your Son, Jesus, humbled himself to wash his disciples' feet and modeled the servant way of your kingdom for our life.

We bless you, Lord Christ, that on that night you set before us a table of the finest wheat and abundant wine, that we may taste your goodness all the days of our life.

We bless you, Spirit of God, that you help us to pray, “Not ours, but your will be done,” in all the public and private places of our life.

We bless you, triune God, now and forever! Amen!

+Abandonment+

Reading Mark 14: 26, 32-42 *read by a member of the church*

Solo *All Ye People Who Travel on the Highway* Théodore Dubois
Clancy Cox, soloist

*All ye people who travel upon the highway, hearken to me, and behold me:
was e'er sorrow like unto my sorrow?*

For the Lord Almighty hath dealt bitterly with me.

Call me now no more Naomi, from to-day call me Mara.

Litany *from Mark 14 & Matthew 26*

My Father, if it is possible,

let this cup pass from me.

The spirit indeed is willing,

but the flesh is weak.

My soul is very sorrowful, even to death;
remain here, and watch with me.

**Now you will see the crowd surrounding me.
You will flee, and I will go to be offered up for you.**

Behold, the hour is at hand,
and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.
You will flee, and I will go to be offered up for you.

+Betrayal and Arrest+

Reading Luke 22:47-53 *read by a Session Elder*

Anthem “He Was Despised” & “Surely He Hath Borne Our Grievs” G.F. Handel
from Messiah
Julia Wright, soloist

*He was despised, and rejected, rejected of men;
a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief.*

*Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows!
He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities;
The Chastisement of our peace was upon Him.*

+Passion+

Reading Matthew 26: 57, 27:1-2, 11-14 *read by a choir member*

a time of silence is kept

Reading Matthew 27:24-26 *read by a choir member*

a time of silence is kept

Reading John 19:16-22 *read by a choir member*

a time of silence is kept

Reading John 19:23-30 *read by a choir member*

a time of silence is kept

Special Music *Theme from “Schindler’s List”* John Williams
 Perry Morgan, violin

a time of silence is kept

+Honor to The Lamb+

Reading Colossians 1:15-20 & Revelation 7:9-17 *read by the Pastor*

The Offertory *How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place* Johannes Brahms

The Prayers of The People and The Lord’s Prayer

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Son of David, you entered Jerusalem with a triumphal procession that left you alone and in humiliation on the cross.

Be near to us today as we offer our prayers and our very lives to your service.

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

We thank and praise you for your selfless sacrifice . . . for the redemption of creation . . .

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

for those who offer their lives in Christlike service around the world . . . for your work as it continues in our community . . .

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

for the sacrificial love of those who serve us in your name . . . for our redemption . . .

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

The cries of “Hosanna!” soon turned into cries of “Crucify him!” Today too there are those who refuse to recognize you as King. The effects of sin continue to be felt in all of life.

So we pray for creation . . .
for the nations of the world . . .
for our nation and its leaders . . .
for this community and those who are in authority . . .
for the church universal as it works on your behalf . . .
for this local church in its ministry . . .
for persons with particular needs . . .

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 #128 “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”**

+Holy Week Begins+

Benediction

Musical Reflection

Toccata from Suite Gothique

Léon Boëllmann

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.

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, Betty, Alice,

We pray for our mission partners: Tyler, Rochelle, and Mphatso, Grace, Sam, and Ruth, Rodwell, 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.

March Birthdays



Carl Bingle—24
Sarah Deem—26
Bill O'Connor—28
Matt Willaman—29
Michele Bariteau—31
Gail Fluno—31
Pam Knowlton—31



Calling All Kids!



The Discipleship and Community Presence Committee would like to remind everyone of the Annual Easter Egg Hunt following worship next Sunday March 31. As we did last year, we'd like children to donate the coins found inside their eggs to one of 4 causes: MELT, the SPCA, the Zoo or Children's Miracle Network. We invite the adults to donate their pocket change to their favorite of these four great causes as well. Our committee will match the donations, so double your impact! Never fear, each child will also receive a goodie bag. Join in the fun!



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*



*“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, 3/24

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

Monday, 3/25

Special Religious Education,
4-6pm

Tuesday, 3/26

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

Wednesday, 3/27

Resurrection Garden Brunch,
9am

Thursday, 3/28

Spare Closet, 10am-2pm
Choir Rehearsal, 6pm
Maundy Thursday Worship,
7pm

Friday, 3/29

Good Friday Worship, 12pm
"Seven Last Words of Christ"
piano recital, 6pm

Saturday, 3/30

AA, 8pm

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