First Presbyterian Church Watertown, NY April 14, 2024 + Easter 3



The Resurrection of Christ, Juan Correa de Vivar, 1540/45

Gathering Music

This Joyful Eastertide Ye Sons and Daughters of the King The Mighty Power of God When Morning Gilds the Skies Michael Burkhardt François Dandrieu Michael Burkhardt Dale Wood

+Gathering+

Pastor's Greeting and Words of Welcome

 Prelude
 Procession, Chorale, and Ornamented Chorale on "Rejoice, The Lord Is King"
 arr. Charles Callahan

*Call to Worship

Peace be with you. And also with you!

The Bread of Life opens our eyes. **The Word of Life opens our ears.** The Risen One shows us God's own brokenness, **and by those wounds we are healed.**

Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Let us worship God together!

*Opening Hymn #368 "He Lives!"

***Opening Prayer**

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

The One who calls us to repentance and new life, hears us. The One who hears us, forgives all of our sins. The One who forgives our sins lead us into new life. In trust that our Creator knows us through and through, let us open our hearts to the healing of God's forgiveness.

Good and gracious God, we are creatures of dust, ignorant of your revelation, misunderstanding your life, death, and resurrection among us, needing forgiveness. We repent of our failure to give as you have given to us. We beg your mercy for our fallen world. We seek your Word, that we may live with the faith of Jesus.

Be our solace in this life and always. Forgive our sins and lead us on a much better way. We ask this as your own children, holy and incomplete.

a time of silence is kept

And together we say: Amen.

As God's holy ones, beloved and cherished, clothe yourselves with compassion and love. For though your sins were as scarlet, God has washed you through and through. **Thanks be to God!**

*Response Gloria Patri Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen!

+We Listen for God+

Prayer for Illumination

The First Scripture Lesson 1 John 3:1-7

The Second Scripture Lesson Luke 24:36-49

Anthem	Ring Praises
	FPC Bell Choir

Bill Ingram

A Time With Young Disciples

The SermonA Resurrection Mindset

Hymn #611 "He Hideth My Soul"

*Affirmation of Faith Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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 OffertoryHow Deep the Father's Love for Usarr. Shackley

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure that he should give his only son to make a wretch his treasure. How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns his face away as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory. How high, how wide, how deep the Father's love for us.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon his shoulders. Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers. It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished; his dying breath has brought me life, I know it is finished. How pure, how strong, how deep the Father's love for us.

I will not boast of anything; no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom. But I will boast in Jesus Christ: his death and resurrection. Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer. But this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ransom. How high, how wide, how pure, how strong. How deep the Father's love for us.

*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.

Holy One, as the risen Christ opened the minds of the disciples to understand the Scriptures and gave them power through the Holy Spirit to walk boldly in this world, open your people today to the healing, wisdom, and faith given in your Word;

hear us, O God, your mercy is great.

Prince of Peace, as Christ Jesus showed his wounded hands and feet to the terrified apostles, reveal to your church, and to people of prayer in every faith, the wounds of our neighbors, the fears of individuals and families, and the avenues toward healing;

hear us, O God, your mercy is great.

Author of life, we beg for peace among nations, peace throughout communities, peace within families. Guide leaders and voters, legislatures and parliaments, judges and juries. Teach diplomacy and let our ways be formed so that all creatures, plants, and people may have plenty;

hear us, O God, your mercy is great.

Light in our darkness, let your brightness burn in places shrouded in violence. Reveal the pains that are hidden in secret. Unveil the needs of our own hearts so that we may know the power of vulnerability. Your Son was raised to life even from the grave. Show us again that life comes from death;

hear us, O God, your mercy is great.

Healer of our every ill, we pray for all who are in need, for refugees of war and all who are displaced by storms, for rescue workers and medical teams, for those whose bones are weary, for those who show us the power of community to give hope to the frightened, and for all who have asked for our prayers;

hear us, O God, your mercy is great.

You command us to bring to you our deepest desires, O God, and we pray now for those persons and concerns that dwell in hearts. . . .

hear us, O God, your mercy is great.

Hear us now as we pray to you in the name of Jesus Christ, as he 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 #357 "Christ Arose"

*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 "Rejoice, The Lord Is King"*

arr. Charles Callahan

Leading Worship Today: Pastor Andrew, preaching Bunny Gorman, liturgist Sara Gleason, Director of Music Jenny Whitenack, Bell Choir Director Carl Bingle, organist FPC Chancel Choir FPC Bell Choir **We pray for healing for:** Ken, Pastor Andrew, The Tousants, Deanne, Gerda, 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, Louise, Katie.

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.



John Stirling—1 Bob Gorman—3 Bettina Rutigliano—3 Deanna Nelson—4 Peter Thomas—5 Mo Gorman—6 Donna Dayger—8 Charlie Kimball—10 Scott Green—11 Michael Green—13 Bunny Gorman—14 Ana Valik—18 Emily Sprague—21 David Hodge—21 Lynn Pyke—23 John Tinsley—24 Betty Vollrath—24 Ted White—25 Meredith Bonisteel—25 Melissa Elmer—27 Peter Salmon—27 Frost Haviland—29 Christine Simpson—29 Bob Sturtz—30



"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 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

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

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

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, 4/14 Morning Worship, 10am Christ's Faith Christian Project, 12pm

Monday, 4/15 Special Religious Education, 4-6pm

Tuesday, 4/16 Spare Closet, 10am-2pm Staff Meeting, 12pm Listening Session, 6-7:30 Al-Anon, 7:30pm

Thursday, 4/18 Spare Closet, 10am-2pm Session, 5pm

Friday, 4/19 Communion @ Ives Hill Retirement Community, 10am

Saturday, 4/20 Memorial Service for Christopher Tousant and Jennifer Stahl, 11am AA, 8pm

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