



First Presbyterian Church

Watertown, NY + www.watertownfirstpres.org

April 23, 2023 + 10:00 a.m.



Welcome to First Presbyterian Church!

This is the day the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it! Whether you are visiting First Presbyterian Church for the first time, or are a longtime member or friend, your presence today is a blessing to our community!

Three very important commitments guide our lives together at First Presbyterian Church: *worship, mission* and *discipleship*. In worship we commune with God and with one another, sing and pray, and through mission, both local and international, we live out Jesus' call to 'feed my sheep' and serve the least.' In study, prayer, and community, we develop as life-long disciples of Jesus, working for a more peaceful and just world.

Following worship, please stick around for fellowship time. Enjoy a cup of coffee. Spend time in the sanctuary in prayer. Introduce yourself to me and your fellow worshippers. We're glad you're here!

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If you are new here, please fill out the card in the pew and place it in the offering plate, so that we can get to know you better.

Hearing help is available during all worship services - please see an usher for assistance.

Nursery Care is available for children to age 4 during all worship Services. You can find the nursery in the education wing of the building. A restroom and quiet room can be found in the narthex.

If you are in need of prayer, please see our Pastor before or after worship, or write your prayer requests in the green book at the front of the sanctuary (by the flags)

Sunday School for pre-school through grade 6 meets after "Young Disciples Time." **Bunny Gorman is the teacher today.**



Gathering



Gathering Music

Four Eastertide Hymns

Michael Burkhardt

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

“This Joyful Eastertide”

“O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing”

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!”

Pastor’s Greeting *and* Words of Welcome

Prelude

“May Jesus Christ Be Praised”

Dale Wood

*Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 116)

I love the Lord, because he has heard
my voice and my supplications.

Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

The snares of death encompassed me;

the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;

I suffered distress and anguish.

Then I called on the name of the Lord:

‘O Lord, I pray, save my life!’

What shall I return to the Lord
for all his bounty to me?

**I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord,**

**I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people.**

Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his faithful ones.

O Lord, I am your servant;

I am your servant, the child of your serving-maid.

You have loosed my bonds.

I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice
and call on the name of the Lord.

**I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.**

Praise the Lord!

Let us worship God together!

***Opening Hymn #361**

“Worship Christ, the Risen King”

***Prayer of the Day**

Confession of Sin *and* Assurance of Pardon

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Our old selves were crucified with him, so that we might be slaves to sin no more, and that we might rise with him in glory.

Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.

In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Sung Meditation

Confitemini Domino / Come and Fill

Ostinato Refrain

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The treble staff features a melody with eighth and quarter notes, while the bass staff provides a steady accompaniment of chords. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no, Al - le - lu - ia!
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al - le - lu - ia!

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. It concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Text: Psalm 137, *Give thanks to the Lord for he is good*; Taizé Community, 1982
Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994
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Assurance of Pardon

If we have died with Christ,
we believe that we will also live with him.
Therefore, consider yourselves dead to sin
and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

*Response *Gloria Patri*

*Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

A Time With Young Disciples



We Listen For God



Scripture Introduction *and* Prayer for Illumination

The First Scripture Lesson

I Peter 1:17-23

Anthem

“Wade in the Water”

arr. Moses Hogan

Wade in the water, children.
God’s gonna trouble the water.
See that host all dressed in white.
The leader looks like an Israelite.

Wade in the water, children.
God’s gonna trouble the water.
See that band all dressed in red.
Well it looked like the band that Moses led.

The Second Scripture Lesson

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

The Sermon

Repent and Be Baptized

***Hymn #602**

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

Reaffirmation of The Baptismal Covenant Sentences from Scripture

Profession of Faith

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God,
do you turn from the ways of sin and
renounce evil and its power in the world? I do.

Who is your Lord and Savior?
Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple,
obeying his word and showing his love?
I will, with God's help.

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Thanksgiving for the Waters of Baptism

Touching the Waters of Baptism



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.

Offering



Donations can be made by either scanning the QR code from the Venmo app or by searching for **@First_Pres_of_Watertown**.

The Offertory

“Down to the River to Pray”

arr. Sheldon Curry

As I went down to the river to pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the starry crown
Good Lord show me the way

Oh *sisters let's go down
Let's go down come on down
Oh *sisters let's go down
Down to the river to pray
*brothers, fathers, mothers, sinners

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise God all creatures here below;
praise God above ye heavenly host!
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Prayers of The People *and* The Lord's Prayer

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Holy One, we bow before you today in praise for your goodness and truth in our lives. We are still basking in the glow of the empty tomb and we ask that you continue to open our eyes and hearts to the risen Christ among us. May his life become for us the pattern for our own lives so that everything we say and do might be pleasing and acceptable to you.

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

Precious Lord, in these precarious and complex times, we ask that you once again take us by the hand and lead us in pathways of peace and nourishment. When the way is unclear, give us courage to move forward. When we encounter obstacles along the way, show us how to creatively and lovingly solve problems together. As we get weary, give us strength to persevere in your name.

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

Holy Spirit, giver of all life, move among us not only in this place but in every place we go. Animate us with joy to proclaim Christ's resurrection in all we say and do. Keep us agile and flexible as Christ calls us to new things in the world, and be with us in those times when we are confused, perplexed, or simply unwilling to follow him.

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

Holy Trinity, creator of all creation, create us in clean hearts once again. Open our mouths to sing your praises. Use our hands and feet to serve the world. Soften our hearts. Active our minds. Use us to be resurrection light to a weary world so that all things might be transformed by your grace.

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

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 #415**

“We Are Called to Be God's People”

***Blessing and Benediction**

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Please safely share some sign of
Christ's peace with your neighbors.

Postlude

“Resurrexi: I Arose, and Am Still with Thee, Alleluia” Paul Benoît

This morning's **Radio Broadcast** is a gift from First Presbyterian Church.

Today's flowers are shared by the Brown Family to the Sunday congregation, in loving memory of **Dr. Robert B. Brown**, beloved member of his family, his church and his community. His life touched so many!

Leading in Worship Today:

The Rev. Dr. Andrew Philip Long, preaching
Bill Barden, Liturgist
Carl Bingle, Organist
Sara Gleason, Director of Music
Chancel Choir

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

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| April 23 | Lynn Pyke | April 27 | Melissa Elmer |
| April 24 | Betty Ann Volrath | April 28 | Mariana Hiotis |
| April 24 | John Tinsley | April 29 | Frost Haviland |
| April 25 | Roger W. White, Jr. | April 29 | Elsa Gleason |
| April 25 | Meredith Bonisteel | April 29 | Ezra Gleason |
| April 27 | Peter Salmon | April 30 | Bob Sturtz |

We Pray For...

Family of Robert B. Brown, Wink, Frank, Reid, Sam, Alicia, Jennifer, Elise, John D., Alice, Dorothy, Pat, Bob, Sue, Barbara, Sherrie, Amy, Jamie, William, Fred M., Josh L., Sister Diane, Shirley, Tyler, Rochelle & Mphatso, Grace, Sam & Ruth, Mary, Suzanne, Linda, Shane, Ed, Millie, Gerda, Annie, FPC Watertown, NNY Presbytery, Synod of The Northeast, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the people of Ukraine, the sick, all essential workers, students & teachers, medical professionals, all serving in the military, for peace & justice, all people in positions of leadership & power.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRES.

Tuesday, April 25th - Staff Meeting, 12 Noon, Room 6

Wednesday, April 26th - Women of Grace Take out Dinner,
Fellowship Hall (See below)

Thursday, April 27th - Presbyterian Women Meeting and Lunch,
11:00 a.m., FH

Friday, April 28th - Tree Planting Ceremony (honoring Tom Walker),
12 Noon, First Presbyterian Church Front Lawn

Saturday, April 29th - Sew-cial, 1:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Next Sunday, April 30th - Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary,
Orchestra of Northern New York concert - *Brahms Symphony #1*
(honoring Tom Walker), 3:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Sewing Social (Sew-cial)

April 29th from 1-4pm in Fellowship Hall we will be gathering to do some sewing and socializing for Panti-Plus. This is open to all ages, those who sew and those who don't. There will be sewing of plastic pouches, and flannel liners. If you sew please bring your machine, we have electric strips and cords, plus ironing boards and irons. If you don't sew but would like to help, we have a project for you! We will be putting the whole kit together to be packed for Malawi. Hope to see you there.

COME ONE, COME ALL!!

The Women of Grace: Widows Fund is having a takeout only Chicken BBQ fundraiser on Wednesday, April 26th from 4pm - 6pm. The dinner costs \$13 each and will include: BBQ chicken, baked beans, macaroni salad, a roll, and a slice of cake for dessert.

For any questions or preorders please see Angela Elmer after church.

**Do you have any costume jewelry or pretty scarves
that are taking up space in your house?**

Here's a way to gift your unwanted treasures:

On each Malawi trip, the Women of Grace: Widows Fund crew take each widow a small personal gift, something she will love, but never be able to afford. Necklaces, bracelets, and scarves are always highly valued. (And they are light, unbreakable, and easy to pack for us.)

If you have any items you are willing to donate, please bring them in and place them in the labeled box in Fellowship Hall by May 14th.

If you have any questions, please see Angela Elmer or Margot McGorman.



YOUNG DISCIPLES TIME ON EASTER SUNDAY!