



First Presbyterian Church

Watertown, NY + www.watertownfirstpres.org

Second Sunday of Easter

April 24, 2022 + 10:00 a.m.



"Go on, St. Thomas," Jack Baumgartner, 2006

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 measure our lives according to God's Word. 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.

Sunday School is available for children through middle school during worship, except on the first Sunday of the month.

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.

A Word About Today's Service *and* Bulletin Artwork

Thomas is usually the focus of scorn in these first weeks after the resurrection of Jesus. How could he be so doubtful? This painting by Jack Baumgartner takes a different tone, showing how even those who doubt have a place in the life of Jesus. Waving a white ribbon, which signals the continuity of God's covenant through the resurrection, Jesus embraces Thomas outside of the empty tomb amidst the new growth of white flowers. A hand pulls back a curtain as to show us a scene that could feature Jesus and any one of his followers, in any time or place. Thomas is clothed in green, the traditional color for constancy and endurance, which he indeed embodies even with his doubts.

When did doubt, questions, and skepticism become an enemy of faith? In today's service we will meditate on Thomas' great gift of skepticism and we'll think about ways to practice skepticism as the virtue that it truly is.



Gathering Music

The Day of Resurrection
In the Cross of Christ I Glory
Crown Him with Many Crowns

Michael Burkhardt
Mary McDonald
Jason Payne

Greeting *and* Welcome

The Lord is risen! Alleluia!
The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Prelude *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* Welsh hymn, arr. L. Smith

***Call to Worship - Psalm 50**

Praise God in his sanctuary;

praise him in his mighty firmament!

Praise him for his mighty deeds;

praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

Praise him with trumpet sound;

praise him with lute and harp!

Praise him with tambourine and dance;

praise him with strings and pipe!

Praise him with clanging cymbals;

praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord!

***Opening Hymn #360** “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today!”

***Prayer of the Day**

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

(from Hebrews 4 & Romans 6)

Remember that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weakness. Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

a time of silence is kept.

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 #813 *Glory Be to the Father*

A Time With Young Disciples

“Bless These Children, Lord, We Pray”

(to the tune of “Seek Ye First”, words by Andrew Long)

**Bless these children, Lord, we pray;
And walk with them every day.
Teach us to hear them and cherish what they say:
Children will show us the way.**



We Listen For God



Prayer For Illumination

The First Lesson Acts 5:27-32

Anthem *Jesus, Name of Wondrous Love*

Everett Titcomb

Jesus! Name of wondrous love!
Name all other names above!
Unto which must every knee
Bow in deep humility.

Jesus! Name of priceless worth
To the fallen sons of earth,
For the promise that it gave -
Jesus shall His people save.

Jesus! Name decreed of old,
To the maiden mother told -
Kneeling in her lowly cell -
By the angel Gabriel.

Jesus! Name of mercy mild,
Given to the holy Child,
When the cup of human woe
First He tasted here below.

Jesus! Only name that's given
Under all the mighty heaven,
Whereby man, to sin enslaved,
Bursts his fetters, and is saved.

Jesus! Name of wondrous love,
Human name of God above!
Pleading only this, we flee,
Helpless, O our God, to Thee.

The Second Lesson John 19:20-31

The Sermon “Thomas’ Gift”

***Hymn #563** “Open My Eyes That I May See”

***Easter Affirmation of Faith**

Let us affirm what we believe:

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. 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.

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 *Open My Eyes, Spirit Divine* James Koerts

Open my eyes that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!
Open my ears that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear,
and while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev'rything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!
Open my mouth and let me bear gladly the warm truth ev'rywhere.
Open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my mouth, illumine me, Spirit divine!

*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

*Closing Hymn #365 "Alleluia! Alleluia!"

*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 neighbor.

Postlude *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*

1816 American hymn, arr. D. Paxton

Community and Congregational Care

We Pray For...

Our church family, a close family friend, Shirley, Tyler & Rochelle, Grace, Sam & Ruth, Mary, Tom, Linda & Ken, Shane, Ed, Millie, Gerda, Annie, Tupper Lake United Community Church, 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, peace & justice, all people in positions of power and leadership.

Happy Birthday to...

4/24	Betty Ann Vollrath	4/27	Ella Walton
4/24	David Little	4/28	Mariana Hiotis
4/24	John Tinsley	4/29	Frost Haviland
4/25	Roger W. White, Jr.	4/29	Elsa Gleason
4/25	Meredith Bonisteel	4/29	Ezra Gleason
4/27	Peter Salmon	4/30	Jean Sturtz
4/27	Melissa Elmer		

First Presbyterian is blessed to provide space for several community-based ministries and programs. All are open to members of the church and community and meet on the following days:

Al-Anon, 6:30 p.m., Tuesdays, Fellowship Hall
Special Religious Education, 6:30 p.m., Tuesdays, Chapel
Alcoholics Anonymous - First Watertown Group, 8:00 p.m.,
Fellowship Hall

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

Leading in Worship Today:

Pastor Andrew, preaching
Russ McCullough, liturgist
Sara Gleason, choir director
Carl Bingle, organist
The Choir of First Presbyterian Church

Calendar of Events

Sunday, April 24

10 a.m. - Morning Worship, sanctuary

10-11 a.m. - Charismatic Church, chapel

12:15 p.m. - Watertown Multi-Ethnic Community, chapel

Open Table Meal rescheduled to Next Sunday

Monday, April 25

9 a.m.-4:00 p.m. - Office Open

Tuesday, April 26

9 a.m.-4:00 p.m. - Office Open

12 noon - Staff Meeting, Room 6

6:30 p.m. - Al-Anon, Fellowship Hall

6:30 p.m. - Last Special Religious Education until Fall, Chapel

Wednesday, April 27

9 a.m.-4:00 p.m. - Office Open

4:30 p.m. - Christian Education Committee Meeting, via Zoom

Thursday, April 28

9 a.m.-4 p.m. - Office Open

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. - Friends of the Park, Fellowship Hall

5:00 p.m. - Session Meeting, Fellowship Hall

6:30 p.m. - Handbell Rehearsal

7:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 29

9 a.m.-2 p.m. - Office Open

Saturday, April 30

8 p.m. - A.A. - First Watertown Group, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, May 1

5:00-6:00 p.m. - *Open Table Meal (Take out only)* - No Cost,
Fellowship Hall