



First Presbyterian Church

Watertown, NY + www.watertownfirstpres.org

Easter Sunday

April 9, 2023 + 10:00 a.m.



detail from The Resurrection Chapel, Washington National Cathedral

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." **There is No Sunday School today. Happy Easter!**

Gathering

Gathering Music

Molto Brass

Final Prelude

“Easter Carillon”

R. J. Powell

Chiming the Hour of Worship

Greeting

The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*Litany for Easter

This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

This is the good news we have received,
in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

That Christ died for our sins, and was buried,
and rose again on the third day.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

He appeared to Peter, and to the twelve,
and to many faithful witnesses.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

At last he came to us, that we might come to
believe and proclaim this good news to the world.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

a brief silence is kept

O God, you gave your only son,
to suffer death on the cross for our redemption,
and by his glorious resurrection you delivered
us from the power of death.

Grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may live with him in the joy of his resurrection;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

***Processional Hymn #367** “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made.

Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

a time of silence is kept.

Hear the good news of God’s promise:

I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

Flowering the Cross

In response to the good news of our forgiveness and salvation, you are invited to step forward and place flowers on the cross on the chancel. If you did not bring flowers of your own, flowers will be provided.

Anthem

Joy in the Morning

Natalie Sleeth

There'll be joy in the morning on that day, for the daylight will dawn when the darkness is gone, there'll be joy in the morning on that day. There'll be peace and contentment evermore, every heart, every voice will that one day rejoice, there'll be peace and contentment evermore.

And the glory of the Lord will shine among us.

And the glory of the Lord will bring the truth Divine.

There'll be love and forgiveness everywhere,

and the way of the Lord will that day be restored,
there'll be love and forgiveness everywhere.

A Time With Young Disciples

*Hymn #365

“Alleluia! Alleluia!”



We Listen For God



Prayer For Illumination

The First Lesson

Jeremiah 31:1-6

Psalm 118 (see back page)

“The Lord Is Risen”

The Second Lesson

John 20:1-18

The Sermon

Earlier this week...

*Hymn #368

“He Lives”



We Respond To God



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

“The Trumpet Shall Sound”

Dave Elmer, solo

G. F. Handel

*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.

Gracious and loving God, at the beginning of time your Spirit moved over the watery chaos and brought order out of nothing. Once again your Spirit has moved in creation to order the chaos brought on by sin and death. Through Christ’s resurrection, you have given new life to all things and you have brought hope to us that nothing in life or in death will ever be able to separate us from your love. Help us to once again accept the gift of your love.

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

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the first-born from the dead, the head of the Church, and the Savior of all creation: we worship you today in the splendor of your risen glory. Instill in us a new sense of awe and wonder that not even death could hold you down and that love

always triumphs in God's Kingdom. Send us from this place today ready to proclaim that love in all ways to all people.

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

Holy Spirit, wild and wonderful, move among us again as we seek to follow the Risen Lord. Give us courage to speak the truth. Give us strength to stand up for the oppressed and down-trodden. Give us peace to confront the violence of our times, and accompany us with God's grace all of our days.

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

Triune God of all eternity, help us to humbly bow before your presence and then boldly rise as those who know that the tombs of everyday life have been opened and emptied. Help us to be present with those are sick or suffering in any way, and keep us so aware of our many blessings that we might respond to any need to see.

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 (see insert)**

"O God, Beyond All Praising"

arr. Proulx

***Blessing and Benediction**

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

This Easter morning, as we celebrate the Glory of the Risen Lord, the **Radio Broadcast** is a gift in loving memory of **Judith N. George**, from her family.

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Latin O _____ Sur - re - xit Chris - tus, al - le - lu - ia!
English O _____ The Lord is ris - en, al - le - lu - ia!

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O _____ Can - ta - te Do - mi - no, al - le - lu - ia!
 Sing out and praise the Lord, al - le - lu - ia!