



First Presbyterian Church

Watertown, NY + www.watertownfirstpres.org

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The Tempest, Ivan Aivazovsky, 1886

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)

There is no Sunday School during July and August. Sunday School will resume in September.

Gathering Music

“Lobe den Herren”

“When, in Our Music, God Is Glorified”

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

“It is Well with My Soul”

Carl Bingle, FPC Organist

Johann Gottfried Walther

Anna Laura Page

Diane Bish

Janet Linker



Gathering



Pastor's Greeting *and* Words of Welcome

Prelude

“Air for Trumpet”

Telemann, arr. N. Kile

*Call to Worship *from Genesis 37 & Matthew 14*

God lifts us from death to life

and preserves us for God's purposes.

**Through the compassion of Jesus Christ our Lord
and the guidance of the Holy Spirit
we come today to sing, pray, and reflect.**

With thanksgiving, let us praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord!

Let us worship God together!

*Opening Hymn #82

“Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him”

*Prayer of the Day

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

Our God is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. With confident and humble hearts, let us confess our sins to the Lord of all, who is generous to all who call upon the Lord.

Lord Jesus, we call upon you. Save us! We are intimidated by our circumstances, distracted from your purposes, drowning in

doubts and fears. We are presumptuous about your will, belittling others and magnifying ourselves. We envy the blessings of others, secretly despising their dreams. We have hardened our hearts to the suffering of our neighbors, feeding ourselves in the face of the injustice that holds them captive.

Lord Jesus, who searches our hearts, lift us from sin and help us to walk with you in faith, humility, and love.

a time of silence is kept

Amen.

Our God sees all, knows all, forgives all,
Restores all through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**No one who believes in him will be put to shame,
for everyone who calls on the name
of the Lord shall be saved.**

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



Prayer for Illumination

Anthem

“When the Saints Go Marching In”

Traditional arr. R. Hays

First Scripture Lesson

Psalm 105:1-6

O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.

**Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wonderful works.**

Refrain



C G B F A F^{M7} A F^{m6} A^b F^m A^b G^{7sus} G⁷ C

Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry to the Lamb. Glo - ry,

G B Am⁷ G Dm⁷ G⁷ F G C Em⁷ F^{M7} G F

glo - ry, glo - ry to the Lamb. For He is glo - ri - ous and

Em⁷ Am⁷ Dm⁷ G G⁷ B^b C C⁷ B^b C⁷ C⁷ F^{M7}

wor - thy to be praised, the Lamb up - on the throne; And un - to

G F Em⁷ Am⁷ Dm⁷ G⁴ G F G C^{sus} C

Him we lift our voice in praise, the Lamb up - on the throne.

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his presence continually.

**Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wonderful works.**

[Refrain]

Remember the wonderful works he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,
O offspring of his servant Abraham,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

**Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wonderful works.**

[Refrain]

The Second Scripture Lesson

Matthew 14:22-33

The Sermon

A Nap and a Snack

***Hymn #705**

“It Is Well With 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.

Offering



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

Offertory

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

Martin Luther

*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.

God of favor and purpose, you have clothed us with a robe of righteousness. You have directed us to our destiny. You are with us in our deepest pain, fear, and bewilderment. You hear our cry when others turn a deaf ear and a cold heart. You lift us from the depths of discouragement and walk with us over the troubled waters of life. We come to you now with confidence on behalf of the church, the world, and all in need.

Save us, O Lord, **we come to you.**

For the family of God, neighbors near and far, who belong to you throughout the world.

Save us, O Lord, **we come to you.**

For your church to fulfill its mission in the world, showing mercy, proclaiming your good news.

Save us, O Lord, **we come to you.**

For peace and order to permeate your creation, responding to your commands.

Save us, O Lord, **we come to you.**

For reconciliation among families, factions, and nations living in envy and conflict.

Save us, O Lord, **we come to you.**

For those betrayed, beaten, thrown down, or abandoned, those in bondage, fear, or distress.

Save us, O Lord, **we come to you.**

For the special needs of those whose names we remember now in the silence of our hearts...

Save us, O Lord, **we come to you.**

For those who have crossed before us to the other side of life's lake.

Save us, O Lord, **we come to you.**

Clothe us with your favor and love; inspire us with dreams from you. Hold us up when we falter in the storm, and bring us safely to your promised place of rest and release.

Save us, O Lord, **we come to you.**

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 #598**

"Wherever He Leads I'll Go"

***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

"Shenandoah"

Traditional

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