



# First Presbyterian Church

Watertown, NY + [www.watertownfirstpres.org](http://www.watertownfirstpres.org)

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**STRENGTHENING**

*faith*

# 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.

**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).

## **A Word About The Current Sermon Series**

For the remainder of the summer we'll be taking a closer look at specific questions and topics that you, the community at FPC, have submitted to Pastor Andrew for Sunday sermons. Some of these questions and topics are about the Bible, how it was formed and how it came to be what we read today; some are about forgiveness, heaven and hell, and calling. This sermon series is designed to help strengthen our faith in an increasingly complex world by reminding us of the basics of our faith, the tools we possess as Christians to bring light to a weary world, and to help us answer with confidence and joy why we follow Jesus Christ. You may leave each Sunday service with the answers you are seeking, or you may leave with more questions.

Remember the words of our Lord:

*“Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you” (Matthew 7:7).*

 **Gathering** 

**Pastor's Greeting *and* Words of Welcome**

**Singing In**

**Prelude**

“How Can I Keep From Singing?”

Robert Lowry

**\*Call to Worship** *adapted from Psalm 13*

Tests, temptations, and trials happen to us all.

**God, we honor you.**

We trust in your unfailing love.

**Creator, we honor you.**

Our hearts rejoice in your salvation.

**Spirit, we honor you.**

We sing to you, Lord, for you have been good to us.

**Let us worship God together!**

**\*Opening Hymn #143**

“This Is My Father's World”

**\*Prayer of The Day**

**Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon**

God of compassion, you created the world through your communion of love, but we prefer to be lonely gods, living for ourselves. Our sin has misshapen the life you intend for us. We damage creation. We hurt one another. We ignore the ache of others. We beg you: free us from sin's grip with your prevailing love, that we might be your witnesses, testifying to your eternal love in all we do. God of justice and mercy, forgive us, and accept the silent confessions of our hearts.

**Assurance**

Why do we confess our sins?

Because God commands and calls us to be honest with ourselves and with each other.

Because we need a reminder that we are all in the same boat.  
Because confession helps us to recognize our brokenness.  
But here is the great news that we all need to be reminded of.  
We mess up: God loves us anyway.  
We ignore our faith: Jesus invites us into relationship.  
We confess: and through Christ, we are forgiven. Amen!  
*a time of silence is kept*

## \*Response #244

**“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”**

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Amen

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in 3/2 time and B-flat major. The first system shows the vocal lines with lyrics 'A - men, a - men.' and the piano accompaniment. The second system continues the vocal lines with lyrics 'A - men, a - men, a - men.' and the piano accompaniment. The score concludes with a double bar line.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text  
MUSIC: African American; arr. Nelsie T. Johnson, 1988

AMEN

## 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 Scripture Lesson

Genesis 3

### The Sermon

“Strengthening Faith, Part 5”

### \*Affirmation of Faith



## 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

“Jesus, Strong and Kind”

Colin Buchanan

### \*The 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 #343**

“Amazing Grace”

### **\*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**

“Is He Worthy?”

Andrew Peterson

### **Leading in Worship Today:**

The Rev. Julia Wright, preaching

Marcia Kettrick, Liturgist

Shirley and John McFadden, Musicians

### **We Pray For...**

MELT trip to Malawi, Julie & Mike, Barbara, Sherrie, Amy, Jamie, William, Fred M., Josh L., Sister Diane, Shirley, Tyler & Rochelle, Grace, Sam & Ruth, Mary, Tom, Suzanne, Linda & Ken, Shane, Ed, Millie, Gerda, Annie, First Presbyterian, 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, peace & justice, all people in positions of power & leadership.

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