



First Presbyterian Church

Watertown, NY + 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)

Sunday School for pre-school through grade 6 will resume in September.

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

“Bless the Lord, O My Soul”

Matt Redman

***Call to Worship** (*adapted from Psalm 136*)

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures for ever.

O give thanks to the God of gods,
for his steadfast love endures for ever.

O give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for his steadfast love endures for ever;

who alone does great wonders,
for his steadfast love endures for ever;

who by understanding made the heavens,
for his steadfast love endures for ever;

who spread out the earth on the waters,
for his steadfast love endures for ever;

who made the great lights,
for his steadfast love endures for ever;

the sun to rule over the day,
for his steadfast love endures for ever;

the moon and stars to rule over the night,
for his steadfast love endures for ever;

who struck Egypt through their firstborn,
for his steadfast love endures for ever;

and brought Israel out from among them,
for his steadfast love endures for ever;

with a strong hand and an outstretched arm,
for his steadfast love endures for ever;

who divided the Red Sea in two,
for his steadfast love endures for ever;

and made Israel pass through the midst of it,
for his steadfast love endures for ever;
but overthrew Pharaoh and his army in the Red Sea,
for his steadfast love endures for ever;
who led his people through the wilderness,
for his steadfast love endures for ever;
who struck down great kings,
for his steadfast love endures for ever;
and killed famous kings,
for his steadfast love endures for ever;
Sihon, king of the Amorites,
for his steadfast love endures for ever;
and Og, king of Bashan,
for his steadfast love endures for ever;
and gave their land as a heritage,
for his steadfast love endures for ever;
a heritage to his servant Israel,
for his steadfast love endures for ever.

Let us worship God together!

***Opening Hymn #308**

“There Is a Redeemer”

***Prayer of The Day**

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

All of us have fallen short of the glory of God. In things we have done and said and in things we have failed to do or say, we have not honored the love of God in our lives or extended that love to others. Let us with confidence in God’s grace confess our sins.

Holy God, from the beginning of time you have called us to be your people, created in love and called to love. We confess to you and one another that we have always lived in love or done the hard work that love demands. We have not always taken care of the least among us; we have not always extended the hand of

fellowship to the lonely; we have celebrated war when we should have been working for peace.

Forgive us, God, and make us new. Show your love to us once again that we might be messengers of that same love in the world. Open our eyes and hearts to the great needs of this world and show us how we can be your hands and feet for the transformation of all things.

a time of silence is kept

The saying is sure and worthy of our acceptance:
Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.
By his life, death, and resurrection,
we have been forgiven! Thanks to be God!

***Response**

600 Amen

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) in 2/2 time. The first system contains the lyrics "A - men, a - men." and the second system contains "A - men, a - men, a - men." The music features a mix of chords and melodic lines with some ties.

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

Deuteronomy 34

The Sermon

“Strengthening Faith, Part 7: Legacy”

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



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The Offertory

“Go, Down, Moses”

African-American Spiritual

*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 #90

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

*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

“The Blessing”

Kari Jobe and Cody Carnes

Leading in Worship Today:

The Rev. Dr. Andrew Philip Long, preaching
Bill Barden, Liturgist
Shirley & John McFadden, musicians