



# First Presbyterian Church

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

August 6, 2023 + 10:00 a.m.



# 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

Méditation/”Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” Massenet, arr. Varner

### \*Call to Worship *from Psalm 17*

Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to my cry;  
give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.

From you let my vindication come; let your eyes see the right.

**If you try my heart, if you visit me by night, if you test me,  
you will find no wickedness in me; my mouth does not transgress.**

Wondrously show your steadfast love,  
O savior of those who seek refuge from their  
adversaries at your right hand.

**Guard me as the apple of the eye;  
hide me in the shadow of your wings,  
from the wicked who despoil me,  
my deadly enemies who surround me.**

As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness;  
**when I awake I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.**

**Let us worship God together!**

### \*Opening Hymn #416

“We’re Marching to Zion”

## **\*Prayer of the Day**

### **Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon**

Jesus calls us to enter the Kingdom of God through the narrow gate that leads to life. Let us confidently confess together the ways we have strayed for this way, opening ourselves to the abundant grace of God.

**God of compassion, we are sick. And we are tired. We have wrestled all night with worry instead of resting in you. We have asserted our own goodness instead of awakening to yours. We have turned away those hungry for your help instead of trusting you and feeding them from your limitless supply of blessings.**

**Forgive us, heal us, and help us to hold on to you. We call upon you, for you will answer us, O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*a time of silence is kept*

**Amen.**

The steadfast love of God is our refuge.  
In Christ we, who are broken  
are healed, forgiven, and transformed.  
**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**

“Give Me Jesus”

arr. Grant Wall

In the morning when I rise,  
give me Jesus.

### **Refrain:**

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.  
You may have all this world, give me Jesus.

Dark midnight was my cry,  
give me Jesus. [Refrain]

I heard the mourner say,  
give me Jesus. [Refrain]

Oh, when I come to die,  
give me Jesus. [Refrain]

## **First Scripture Lesson**

Genesis 32:22-31

## **The Second Scripture Lesson**

Matthew 14:13-21

## **The Sermon**

*A Nap and a Snack*

## **\*Hymn #688**

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

## **\*Affirmation of Faith**     *Nicene Creed*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from  
Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being**

**with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.**

**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**.

### **Communion Hymn #461**

**“In Remembrance of Me”**

## **\*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.**

## **A Prayer for Washing Hands**

I wash my hands in innocence,  
and go around your altar, O Lord,  
**singing aloud a song of thanksgiving,  
and telling all your wondrous deeds.**

## **The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper**

### **Invitation to The Table**

### **Great Prayer of Thanksgiving *and* The Lord's Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest  
joy to praise you, O God,  
creator of the universe.

In your wisdom, you made all things .  
and sustain them by your power.

You formed us in your image to love  
and serve you and to live in peace  
with your creation.

When we rebelled against you,  
you did not abandon us,  
but sent prophets to call us back to your way.  
Then in the fullness of time, you sent your  
only Son to redeem us and heal our brokenness.

Therefore we praise you,  
joining our voices with choirs of angels  
and with all the faithful of every time and place,  
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory;  
hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is the One who comes in the name  
of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest!**

Holy God, we thank you for  
Jesus Christ, your Son.

In Jesus, born of Mary, your Word  
became flesh and dwelt among us,  
full of grace and truth.

He lived as one of us, knowing joy and sorrow.  
He healed the sick, fed the hungry,  
welcomed sinners, and proclaimed  
good news to the poor.

Dying on the cross, he gave himself  
for the life of the world.

Rising from the grave, he won for us  
victory over death.

Seated at your right hand, he reigns with  
you in glory and will come again to make all things new.

Remembering the risen Christ,  
we take from your creation  
this bread and wine as we live  
for the day of his coming.

With thanksgiving we offer you now  
the sacrifice of our lives,  
that we might proclaim the One  
who was crucified but is now risen.



Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died;**

**Christ is risen;**

**Christ will come again!**

Gracious God, pour out your  
Holy Spirit upon us and upon  
these your gifts of bread and wine,  
that the bread we break and the cup  
we bless may be the communion of  
the body and blood of Christ.

By your Spirit make us one with  
Christ and with all who share this feast,  
united in ministry in every place.  
As this bread is Christ's body for us,  
send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

In union with your Church in heaven  
and on earth, we pray, O God,  
that you will fulfill your eternal purpose  
in us and in all the world.  
Keep us faithful in your service until  
Christ comes in final victory,  
and we shall feast with all your saints  
in the joy of your eternal realm.  
Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,  
now and forever. **Amen.**

And now as Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray  
**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.**

**Words of Institution  
Communion of The People  
Prayer After Communion**

**\*Closing Hymn #554**

**“Give Me Jesus”**

**\*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**

**“We’re Marching to Zion”**

Lowry/arr. Varner

Today’s **Radio Broadcast** is given in loving memory of Jeanne and David Stanley, by the radio committee. David and Jeanne were instrumental in establishing the radio ministry at First Presbyterian Church, and were devoted advocates for many years.

***Pastor Andrew and his family will be  
on vacation from August 7-13.  
In case of a pastoral emergency, please call  
the church office and someone will assist you.***

## **Leading in Worship Today:**

The Rev. Dr. Andrew Philip Long, preaching  
Russ McCullough, Liturgist  
Carl Bingle, Organist  
Clancy Cox, Vocalist

### **We pray for those undergoing health difficulties:**

Mary, Barbra, Wink, Frank, Sam, and Reid, Alicia, Jennifer, Elise, John, Alice, Dorothy, Pat, Bob, Sue, Barbara, Sherrie, Amy, Jamie, William, Fred M., Josh L., Sister Diane, Shirley

### **We pray for those who are unable to join us in-person:**

Linda, Shane, Ed, Millie, Gerda, Annie

### **We pray for our mission partners:**

Tyler, Rochelle, and Mphatso, Grace, Sam, and Ruth, The Women of Grace, NNY Presbytery, Synod of The Northeast, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

### **We pray for our local and national leaders:**

Watertown's Mayor and City Council, The U.S. President and Congress

### **We pray for those serving our nation:**

The Wright Family, those in conflict in Ukraine, MELT

## **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

August 6	Jason Klug
August 6	Angela Elmer
August 7	Nikolai Garry
August 8	Bill Barden
August 8	Annie Hollenbeck
August 8	Katie Burgoon Long
August 13	Mark Waterbury

# **THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRES.**

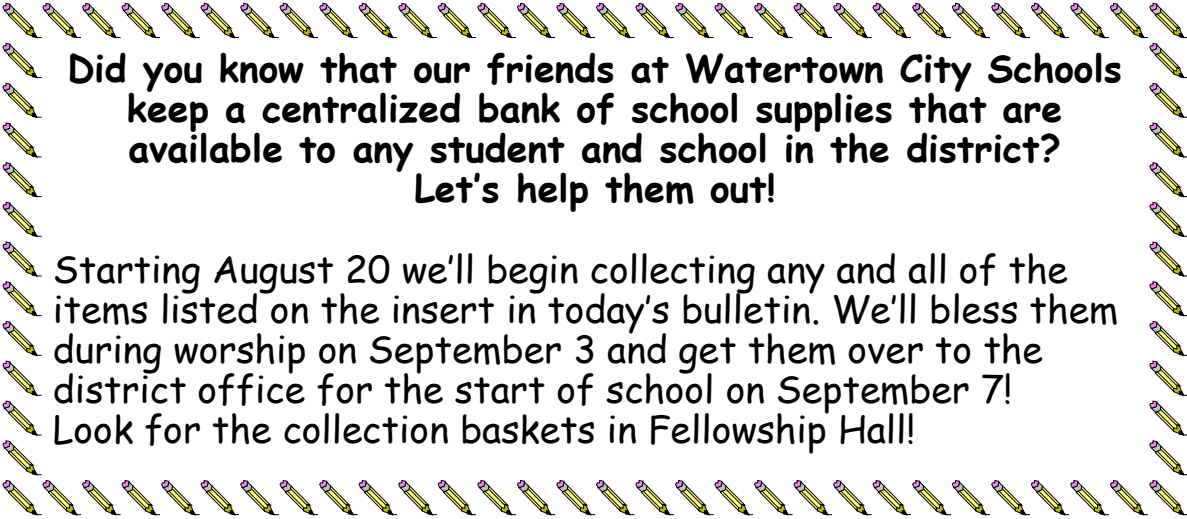
**TODAY, Sunday, August 6th - Fellowship, after worship, Fellowship Hall**

**Tuesday, August 8th - Staff Meeting, 12 noon, Room 6**

**Wednesday, August 9th, 8:30 a.m., - Facilities Committee Meeting, Room 6**

**Thursday, August 10th - Worship & Music Committee Meeting, 5:00 p.m.,  
Fellowship Hall**

**Next Sunday, August 13th, 10:00 a.m. - Worship, Rev. Julia Wright preaching  
- Fellowship after Worship in Fellowship Hall.**



**Did you know that our friends at Watertown City Schools  
keep a centralized bank of school supplies that are  
available to any student and school in the district?  
Let's help them out!**

**Starting August 20 we'll begin collecting any and all of the  
items listed on the insert in today's bulletin. We'll bless them  
during worship on September 3 and get them over to the  
district office for the start of school on September 7!  
Look for the collection baskets in Fellowship Hall!**