



# First Presbyterian Church

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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** "This Is My Father's World"  
Michele Bariteau, Lindsey Davis, flutes

arr. Douglas Smith

#### **\*Call to Worship** *from Isaiah 55*

Ho, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and you that have no money,  
come, buy and eat!

**Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.**

**Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?**

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me;

listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.

**See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.**

**See, you shall call nations that you do not know,  
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,  
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.**

**Let us worship God together!**

**\*Opening Hymn #737**

“Like a River Glorious”

**\*Prayer of The Day**

**The Sacrament of Baptism**

**Presentation**

On behalf of the Session, I present **Prince and Kayla** to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Putting your whole trust in the grace and love of Jesus Christ, do you desire Kayla and Prince to be baptized? **We do.**

Relying on God’s grace, do you promise to live the Christian faith, and to teach that faith to your children? **We do.**

To the Godparents: Will you pray for and nurture Prince and Kayla in the Christian faith, and will you support their parents through your prayers and presence? **We will.**

To the children of the congregation: Will you show love to Prince and Kayla as they grow into the people God created them to be? **We will.**

Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture these children by word and deed, with love and prayer? **We do.**

Will you encourage them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of his church? **We will.**

### **Profession of Faith**

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

**I renounce them.**

Who is your Lord and Savior?

**Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love? **I will, with God's help.**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Thanksgiving Over The Water**

#### **The Baptism**

#### **Welcome**

Let us welcome the newly baptized:

Prince and Kayla,

For you Jesus Christ came into the world:

for you he lived and showed God's love;

for you he suffered the darkness of Calvary

and cried at the last, 'It is accomplished';

for you he triumphed over death

and rose in newness of life;  
for you he ascended to reign at God's right hand.  
All this he did for you, Prince and Kayla,  
though you do not know it yet. And so the word  
of Scripture is fulfilled:  
"We love because God loved us first."

## **We Listen for God**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

### **The Scripture Lesson**

Matthew 25:31-46

### **The Sermon**

"Strengthening Faith, Part 4: Evil and the Justice of God"

### **Anthem**

Communion Medley:

"Let Us Break Bread Together," "For God So Loved the World,"  
"Blest Be the Tie that Binds" arr. Simpson

Michele Bariteau, Lindsey Davis, flutes

## **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 #462**

"Come, Share the Lord"

# 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 to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Praise to you, O God, for all your works.

You created the world and called it good  
and made us in your image to live together in love.

You made a covenant with us, and even when we  
turned from you, you remained ever faithful.

Therefore with all creation we sing your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Thank you, O God, for sending us your Son.

He lived among us and told your story.

He healed the sick and welcomed sinners.

He shared our pain and died our death, then rose  
to new life that we might live, and all creation be restored.

Remembering your boundless love revealed to us in Jesus  
Christ, we break bread and share the cup, giving ourselves  
to you to live for him in joy and praise.

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 they may  
be for us the body and blood of Christ and that we may  
be his body for the world.

By your Spirit unite us with Christ and one another until we feast with him and with all your saints in your eternal realm of justice and peace.

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.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:  
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn #169**

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

**\*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**

“Archangel Michael Slays the Dragon”

Carson Cooman

*And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world - he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. - Revelation 12:7-9*