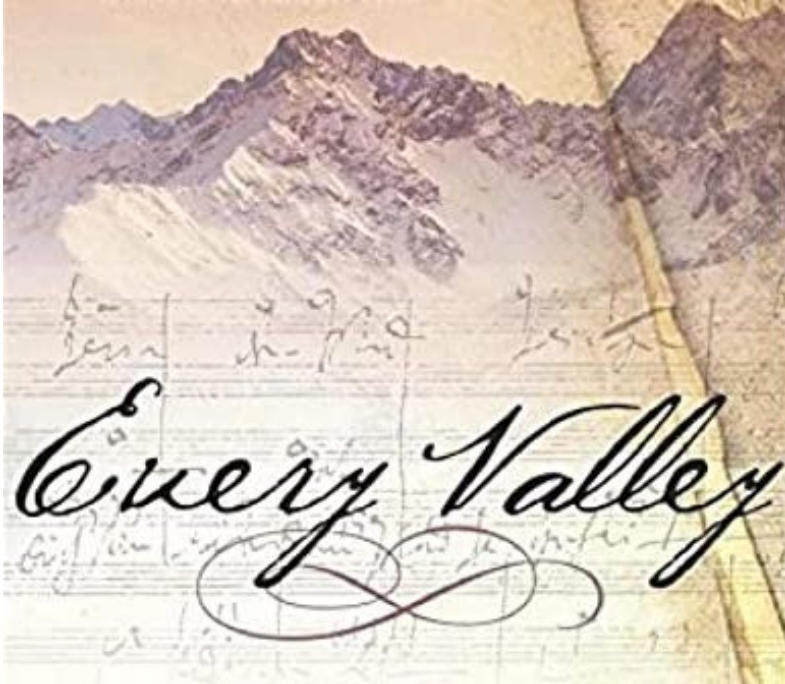




First Presbyterian Church

Watertown, NY + www.watertownfirstpres.org

December 18, 2022 + 10:00 a.m.



*He shall feed his flock like a shepherd,
and He shall gather the lambs with His arm,
and carry them in His bosom,
and gently lead those that are with young.*

*Come unto Him, all ye that labour,
come unto Him, ye that are heavy laden,
and he will give you rest.*

*Take his yoke upon you, and learn of Him,
for He is gentle and lowly of heart,
and ye shall find rest unto your souls.*

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!

Pastor Andrew
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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)

NO Sunday School Today. Enjoy the Christmas Pageant!

Gathering Music

“Un flambeau, Jeannette, Isabelle”

“Une vierge pucelle”

“Gabriel’s Oboe” (Luke 1:21,37)

arr D. Cherwien
Louis Claude Daquin
E. Morricone

Pastor’s Greeting and Words of Welcome



We Approach God In Worship



Advent Gathering Song

ADVENT GATHERING SONG

James J. Chepponis

Gently *mp*

Come, come Em - man - u - el.

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Call to Worship *from Luke 1, Isaiah 61, and Philippians 4*

My soul magnifies the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
God sends good news to the oppressed.

Rejoice in the Lord; again, rejoice!
Be gentle to all: the Lord is near.

*Opening Hymn (see insert)

“Savior of the Nations, Come”

Prayer of the Day

Confession of Sin by Allan Boesak

We are called to proclaim the truth, and let us believe:
It is not true that this world and its people
are doomed to die and to be lost.

**This is true: I come that they may have life
in all its abundance.**

It is not true that we must accept inhumanity and
discrimination, hunger and poverty, death and destruction:

**This is true: the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life,
the poor are hearing the good news.**

It is not true that violence and hatred should have the last
word, that war and destruction have come to stay forever.

**This is true: death shall be no more, neither shall there
be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore.**

It is not true that we are simply victims of the powers of
evil who seek to rule the world.

**This is true: the Lord whom we seek will suddenly
come to the temple; and the Lord is like a refiner's fire.**

It is not true that our dreams of liberation, of human dignity,
are not meant for this earth and for this history.

**This is true: it is already time for us to wake from sleep.
For the night far done, the day is at hand.**

Gently *mp* James J. Chepponis

Come, come Emmanuel

Come, Emmanuel

Assurance of Pardon

Hear this good news:
In Jesus Christ, God is reconciling
the world to himself.

**We have been forgiven and freed to live
in newness of life. Thanks be to God!**

Act of Reconciliation

Having been reconciled to God,
let us be reconciled to one another as we say:
The peace of Christ be with you!
And also with you!



We Listen for God's Word



Prayer for Illumination

The 2022 Christmas Pageant A Capital

C-H-R-I-S-T-M-A-S

by Gail Gaymer Martin

adapted by Michele Elmer and Katie Burgoon Long

The Leader: William Gerot

Puppets and People:

The Letter C: Ezra Gleason

The Letter H: Bowan Wright

The Letter R: Aaron Collins

The Letter I: Jack Wright

The Letter S: William Gleason

The Letter T: Theo Burgoon Long

The Letter M: Elsa Gleason

The Letter A: Audrey Schweitzer

The Letter S: Jane Schweitzer

“Sing We Now of Christmas” #275

Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel!
Sing we now of Christmas, sing we all Noel!

Shepherds on the hillside heard the angels sing:
Glory, honor, praises to the infant King.
Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel!
Sing we now of Christmas, sing we all Noel!

In the town they found Him; Son of Mary mild.
Sleeping in a manger was the Holy Child.
Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel!
Sing we now of Christmas, sing we all Noel!

Wise Men sought and found Him, treasures did they bring;
Bowing down they worshiped Christ, the King of King.
Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel!
Sing we now of Christmas, sing we all Noel!

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” #250

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark street shineth the everlasting light;
the hopes and dreams of all the years are met in thee tonight.

“While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks” #272

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down,
and glory shone around, and glory shone around.

“Away in a Manger” #262

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down on where he lay;
The little Lord Jesus asleep in the hay.

“What Child Is This?”#281

What Child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ, the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

Why lies He in such mean estate,
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.
This, this is Christ, the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,
Come, peasant, king to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
This, this is Christ, the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

“Joy To The World” #270

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,

repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations
prove the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

The First Lesson in Song

“He Shall Feed His Flock” from G. F. Handel’s Messiah

The Second Lesson

Matthew 1:18-25

Sermon

“Name The Child Emmanuel”

***Hymn #279**

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

***Affirmation of Faith** *from Philippians 2*

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
**who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death -
even death on a cross.**

**Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**



We Take God's Word Into The World



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.

The 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

“Advent Hymn” as performed by Christy Nockels

Christ whose glory fills the skies, Christ the everlasting light.
The sun of righteousness arise, and triumph o'er these shades of night.

And come thou long awaited one, in the fullness of your love.
And lose this heat bound up by shame, and I will never be the same.

So here I wait in hope of you, all my soul's longing through and through.
And dayspring from on high be near, and daystar in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn, until your love in me is born.
And joyless is the evening sun, until Emmanuel has come.

***The Doxology** to the tune of “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”
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.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

The Prayers of The People *and* **The Lord’s Prayer**
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 #249**
“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

***Blessing and Benediction**

Christmas Caroling
#256 “Love Has Come”
#267 “I Heard The Bells On Christmas Day”

Leading in Worship Today:

The Rev. Dr. Andrew Philip Long, preaching
Don Klug, Liturgist
Carl Bingle, Organist
Sara Gleason, Director of Music
Chancel Choir

Today's **Radio Broadcast** is given in loving memory of Judith N. George, from her family.

We Pray For...

The Family of Eleanor Fralick, The Family of Nora Bajjaly, Jenny, John D., Alice, Dorothy, Pat, Bob, Sue, Barbara, Sherrie, Amy, Jamie, William, Fred M., Josh L., Sister Diane, Shirley, Tyler, Rochelle & Mphatso, Grace, Sam & Ruth, Mary, Tom, Suzanne, Linda & Ken, Shane, Ed, Millie, Gerda, Annie, PC, 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, for peace & justice, all people in positions of leadership & power.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRES.

TODAY - Orchestra of NNY Concert, 3:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Tuesday, Dec. 20 - Staff Meeting, 12 Noon, Room 6

Wednesday, Dec. 21 - NO Advent Pot Luck and Study, 5:00 p.m., FH

Thursday, Dec. 22 - NO Handbell or Chancel Choir Rehearsals until January.

Friday, December 23 - Church Offices Closed - MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve:

Children and Families Service, 4:30 p.m.

You are encouraged to wear your Christmas pj's or your most unique Christmas Sweater.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion, 7:30 p.m.

Next Sunday, Dec. 25, Christmas Day, 10:00 a.m., "Hope Has Come,"

Join Pastor Andrew on Christmas Day for a special service. Through story and song, encounter the story of Christmas in a special way. Stick around after for hot chocolate and cookies! Dress is casual and comfortable!

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday thru Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



DUE IN CHURCH OFFICE
Tuesday, December 20th



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