



ARISE AND SHINE

*Eternal
Light*

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 introduce yourself to our pastor or worship leader.

Hearing help is available during all worship services - hearing aids are available in the narthex.

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

Sunday School for pre-school through grade 6 meets after "Young Disciples Time." No Sunday School Today.

*The Christmas trees in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of **Norman R. Ahlheim** by Cindy & her family.*

The wreath on the front doors of the church is given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. John B. Johnson, Jr.

Chiming The Hour of Worship



Pastor's Greeting and Words of Welcome

Prelude

"A Christmas Gloria"

arr. Jerry Van Der Poe

***Call to Worship**

Arise, shine, for your light has come!
the glory of the Lord has risen upon you!

The wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above,
**and those who turn many to righteousness,
like the stars forever and ever.**

And so we pray:
Come, Lord Jesus!

Let us worship God together!

***Opening Hymn #240**

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

***Prayer of the Day**

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

Christ is coming soon. With faith and confidence in God's promises of grace, let us confess our sins together and so be ready to receive Christ when he comes.

God of salvation, in Christ you have done great things - our hearts are filled with joy. By your power you lifted us out of the wasteland of sin and brought us with joy and laughter into your kingdom. Salvation is your gift to us. But we confess that often we try to replace your

gift with our own efforts. We try to complete what is already perfect; we try to add to what is already full; we try to earn what we already have.

Forgive us for our foolishness. Help us to focus on your grace. Help us to live grateful lives in return. For Jesus' sake alone.

a time of silence is kept

And together we say: **Amen.**

Comfort, comfort my people,
says your God.

Your sins are pardoned.

The penalty is paid.

Thanks be to God!

***Response** *from "Angels We Have Heard On High"*
Gloria, in excelsis deo!
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A Time With Young Disciples

Lighting the Fourth Advent Candle



We Listen For God



Prayer for Illumination

Anthem

“An Advent Acclamation”

Stacey Nordmeyer

Look to the light, prepare the way.

Turn from night, embrace the day.

Let all creation praise with singing;

Set every bell in heaven ringing,

Refrain:

Raise every candle, shine the news;

Christ the Light, is coming soon.

Look to the dawn, prepare your heart.

Waken your song, let worship start.

This is the day of celebration;
Join in the music of jubilation.

Refrain

Look to the star that gilds the East.
Golden of heart and burning with peace.
See now the torch is rising yonder,
Lifting our hearts with glorious wonder.

Refrain

The First Scripture Lesson

Philippians 4:4-9

The Second Scripture Lesson

Luke 1:46-56

The Sermon

Eternal Light

***Hymn #259**

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

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.

Song of Offering #186

“Lord, Be Glorified”



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Musical Offering

“Advent Hymn”

Christy Nockels

Christ whose glory fills the skies
Christ the Everlasting Light
Son of Righteousness arise
And triumph o'er
These shades of night
Come Thou long awaited one
In the fullness of Your Love
And loose this heart
Bound up by shame
And I will never be the same

Chorus

So here I wait in hope of You
Oh my soul's longing
Through and through
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

Chorus

The Prayers of The People and The Lord's Prayer

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Rejoicing in the hope of our Savior's appearing, O God, let us pray together for peace on earth, peace within our homes, and peace within the church. May the hope of our eternal salvation in you inspire us today to create heaven on earth.

And so we pray:

Come, Lord Jesus!

We pray for the Church, as we wait with eager expectation for your revealing, you who have written our names in your book of life. Give us courage in unity, strength in faith, and hope in persecution.

And so we pray:

Come, Lord Jesus!

We pray for our mission, that the transformative power of the gospel might reach even to the ends of the earth. Make us agents of healing to many people through our work produced by faith, our labor prompted by love, and our endurance inspired by hope.

And so we pray:

Come, Lord Jesus!

We pray for people everywhere, Lord Jesus, who cry out in their time of need, especially all who have asked for our prayers. Loving Savior, be their joy in sorrow and their life in death.

And so we pray:

Come, Lord Jesus!

We give thanks for all of the faithful in heaven, saved by your grace, who await the day of the resurrection, when we will join them in asking that the day may come quickly.

And so we pray:

Come, Lord Jesus!

Hear us now as we pray to you in the name of Jesus Christ,
as he taught us:

**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 #286**

“Once in Royal David’s City”

***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

“Quand Jésus naquit à Noël

Claude Balbastre

(“When Jesus was born at Christmas”)



Christmas Luminaries

In Memory of:

Harry & Genevieve Bingle
Barbara Bingle Flynn
Ted & Jeanette Greene
June & Charles Haugen
Eleanor C. Greene
Kathryn Barney
Chris "Kit" Fearon
Roger & MaryEtta White
Shirley & Dana Fearon
Ward B. Gorman
Carol S. Gorman
Jennifer Lynn Young
Ruth A. Peck Salmon & David C. Salmon
Louise C. Nantz and John D. Nantz
Lebon Haverstock
Elouise Nantz Salmon
William Smith
John Deneen
Alverta Deneen
Milton Deneen
James Deneen
Caundell Word
Glenn Deneen
Alfred Deneen
Henry & Audrey Kieff
Grace M. Kieff
Jack & Louise Dillenback
Robert W. & Hazel B. Purcell
David & Jessie Kimball Otis
Victor & Helen Wilder
Ella Rienbeck
Norman R. Ahlheim
John and Grace Ahlheim
Norman L. and Mary Ahlheim
Dr. Bart Van Slyke
Elaine Morenus
Robert Weltzer
Judith N. George
Dr. Wendell D. George
Frances S. George
Thomas N. Nagle
Sallie M. Nagle

Given By:

Carl & Janna Bingle
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Heather & Jonathan White
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Maureen P. Gorman
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Peter & Shirley Salmon
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Cindy Smith
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Kevin Kieff
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Kevin Kieff
Kevin Kieff
Gretchen Ahlheim Fields
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Gretchen Ahlheim Fields
Ann Van Slyke
Ann Van Slyke
Ann Van Slyke
The Family
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In Memory of:

Daniel C. Petrus
Ted and Betty Fibison
Samuel Watson
Fred and Janice Haggett
Pat and Cy Lynaugh
Frances G. Gibson
William C. Gibson
Elizabeth G. Gibson
Donald J. Gorman
James T. Gorman
Douglas and Jean Elwood
Kim Oun Duck & Kim Kylon Sur
Ray and Barbara Elwood
David Elwood
Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Pfaff
Virginia Fox Moeller
Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Pfaff, Sr.
George Blakeman
Abigail Young
Kall Family Members
John P. McCreary
Judith N. George
John F. Wright
Linda Kast
Paul Linderman
Donna Linderman
Keith & Lillian Kimball
John F. Wright
Linda Kast
Darcy Wong
George McCullough
Ellen McCullogh
Anne and Sam Demion
Leroy and Helen Fluno
Charles and Shirley Fluno
Patricia A. Fluno
Pat Phillips
Shari A. Harwood
Roger D. Harwood
Nancy J. Roshia
Ted and Vivian Burgoon
Phil and Edith Smith
Kay and Don Long
Alice Pratt
Jane and William Stirling
Kenneth and Frances Barden

Given By:

The Family
Deanne Scanlon
Deanne Scanlon
Stacey Bristow
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Bob and Bunny Gorman
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John R. Elwood and Kim Murray
Young Soon Kim Murray
John R. Elwood and Kim Murray
John R. Elwood and Kim Murray
Rebecca and William Brown
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Janet Blakeman & Marcia Bulger
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Nancy Kall
Jenny Whitenack
Her Grandchildren
John J., Julia, John P. & James Wright
The Wright Family
Beth Linderman & Family
Beth Linderman & Family
Robert Kimball & Family
John J., Julia, John P. and James Wright
The Wright Family
Rick Papin and John Wrape
Russ & Linda McCullough
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Gail Fluno, Sarah Thomas & Family
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Pastor Andrew, Katie and Theo Long
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Christine Stirling
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The Barden Family

In Memory of:

Thomas Brydges
Frank Beadel
Lawrence Durgin
Nancy Durgin Parker
Edward and Lucia Beadel
William E. Dunbar
Ernest and Laura Dunbar
James and Connie Bealer
Kettrick Family
Bailey Family
Gerald and Letty Shirley
George and Eileen Osborne
Howard H. Bariteau
Miriam H. Bariteau
Emma and Carlton Hall
Clara and Henry Bariteau
Anthony and Angeline Marra-
cent
Ralph A. Green
Marion Bretsch
Norman R. Ahlheim
Norman L. and Mary G. Ahlheim
John G. Grace R. Ahlheim
Edgar Wallace
Shirley Wallace
Anthony Rodic
Franklin Milgrim
Nancy Wallace
Dale Zabik
Myrte Delosh
Charles and Alene Weisenbach
Chet and Marylynn Kamalsky
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Mr. and Mrs. John A. Tinsley, Sr.
Mr. and Mrs. Samuel C. Calendar
Mary S. Calendar
James S. Calendar
Chris and Kiveli Calendar
Chris and Helen Thomas
Kathleen Svencer Rancourt
Reginald J. Schweitzer, Sr.
Margaret and Richard Svencer
Marsh Stratton
Suzie Stratton
Pat Stratton
James & Lillian Tousant
Andrew & Blanche Miles

Given By:

The Barden Family
Wink, Samantha & Reid Beadel
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Marcia and Jim Kettrick
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Carolyn Osborne
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Michele Bariteau
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Frederick & Christine Simpson & Vin-
cent
Lu Green
Lu Green
Cindy Ahlheim & Family
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Linda Rodic
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Linda Rodic
Linda Rodic
Ron Delosh
Bill and Chris Kamalsky
Bill and Chris Kamalsky
Their Children
Their Grandchildren
Their Grandchildren
Tinsley and Hiotis Families
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Elizabeth Svencer Bonisteel
Elizabeth Svencer Bonisteel
Elizabeth Svencer Bonisteel
Mike Stratton
Mike Stratton
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Merle & JoAnn Tousant
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In Memory of:

Don and Nori Grout
Rachel and Donald Sprague
Donald F. Sprague
Randy Gadbaw
Elaine Marcellus
Sarah Sprague
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas A. Walker
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Brooks
Mr. & Mrs. T. Urling Walker
Wendy Walker
Constance Walker Monroe
Carl & Mary Pike
John Pike
John Bell
Jean and Rick Howe
Dot and Jack Bell
Peter Howe
James & Ruth Fish

Given By:

Philip and Emily Sprague
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Peter and Laurie Pike
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Linya Bell
Linya Bell
Linya Bell
Linya Bell
Daniel N. Fish

In Honor of:

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Ellen McCullough
Don and Wendy Long
Radio and Video Volunteers
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Sunday School Teachers
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Deanne Scanlon
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