



# First Presbyterian Church

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

February 12, 2023 + 10:00 a.m.



*Sermon on The Mount*, Theodore Hill (b. 1926), 1986

*Theodore Hill worked for many years as a custodian for the City of Atlanta's Department of Sanitation, and spent his off-hours as a caddy at the golf course of a local country club. A man of strong religious convictions, Hill has always decorated his living quarters with his own icon-like assemblages. These works, usually focusing on the life of Christ, combine painted cardboard with a variety of materials ranging from rocks, broken glass and mirror, marbles, fabric scraps, and discarded bits of metal and wood, to pecans and peanuts.*

# 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 today** for pre-school through grade 6 meets after “Young Disciples Time.” Bunny Gorman is the teacher today.

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### **Gathering Music**

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

Crusaders’ Hymn, arr. L. Smith

“Amazing Grace”

arr. David Cherwien

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

Anna Laura Page

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” Lowell Mason, arr. D. Forrest

### **Gathering**

#### **Pastor’s Greeting and Words of Welcome**

#### **Prelude**

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

Messiter, arr. D. Wagner

#### **\*Call to Worship** from Psalm 119

Happy are those whose way is blameless,  
who walk in the law of the Lord.

**Happy are those who keep his decrees,  
who seek him with their whole heart,  
who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways.**

You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently.  
O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!

**Then I shall not be put to shame,  
having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.**

**I will praise you with an upright heart,  
when I learn your righteous ordinances.**

**I will observe your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.**

**Let us worship God together!**

## **\*Opening Hymn #63**

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

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

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

God loves us, all of us. On this is built the entirety of our faith and it is the hope of our life. In love, God reaches out to us in kindness to heal our hurts and forgive our sins. With confidence, let us confess our sins together.

**Holy God, we confess that we bow down before other gods: power, money, influence, notoriety. We have turned our hearts away from you, and hardened our hearts to one another. Our worship of work and devotion to consumerism disorders our love of you and dishonors our neighbors.**

**Forgive us, God, and mend what is broken, that we may be one with you. Open our eyes and hearts to the new life that Christ makes possible for us all, and lead us on the narrow path that leads to that life.**

*a time of silence is kept*

People of God,

By the mercy of Christ, our sins are forgiven!

Sing praises with an upright heart

As we learn the ways of God!

**Thanks be to God! Amen!**

## **\*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**

“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**



## **Scripture Introduction and Prayer for Illumination**

### **The First Scripture Lesson**

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

### **Anthem**

“Love Unmeasured, Love of God”

Lloyd Larson

From the edge of the horizon, farther than the eye has seen,  
from the mountains to the valley flows an ever growing stream.

Living water for the thirsty, river flowing deep and broad,  
springing from the throne of heaven, love unmeasured, love of  
God.

Oh, how blessed the one who trusts in God. Firmly planted, he  
shall stand like a tree beside the river, drinking deeply from  
God’s hand.

### **The Second Scripture Lesson**

Matthew 5:21-37

### **The Sermon**

*What Happens When Laws Are Wrong?*

### **\*Hymn #87**

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

**\*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.*

**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**

“Ich liebe Dich” (“I love Thee”)

Edvard Grieg

Clancy Cox

Translation:

Thou my thought, my being and becoming, Thou my heart's first blessing! I love Thee like nothing on this earth - I love Thee for all time and eternity!

**\*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 #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**

Toccata on “All Creatures of Our God & King” Charles Callahan

Today's **Radio Broadcast** is a gift in loving memory of Patricia McWayne from her husband Frederick, daughter Shane, son Shawn and daughter-in-law, Kathy

**Leading in Worship Today:**

The Rev. Dr. Andrew Philip Long, preaching

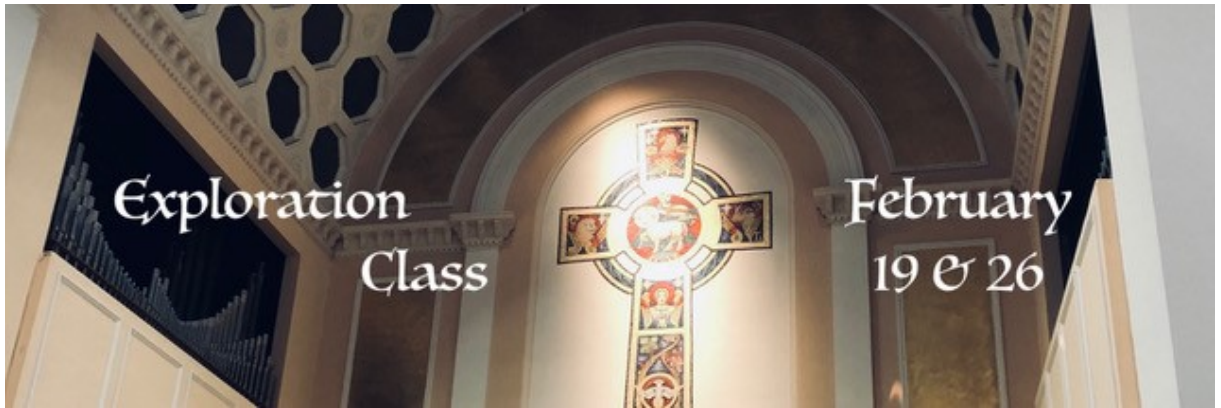
Bunny Gorman, Liturgist

Carl Bingle, Organist

Sara Gleason, Director of Music

Chancel Choir

Clancy Cox, Soloist



***Are you new to the community of faith at FPC Watertown?  
Do you want a refresher on what it means to be a Presbyterian?  
Can't remember when and why the Apostles' Creed was written?***

*Exploration Class* is for you! On February 19 and 26 at 11:30am, join Pastor Andrew for a deep dive into what it means to be a Presbyterian and a member of our faith community! We'll touch on topics such as Reformed theology, Presbyterian worship, sacraments, and governance, and the duties and expectations of members of the church. These classes are designed for new and 'seasoned' members alike-all are welcome!

February 19: Reformed theology, Presbyterian worship and sacraments  
February 26: Presbyterian governance and membership

***\*lunch will be provided\****

***\*childcare available\****

***\*Martin Luther Approved\****

***Please RSVP to Pastor Andrew by February 15!***