



# First Presbyterian Church

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

February 19, 2023 + 10:00 a.m.



*In this unsigned icon, the Greek letters on either side of Jesus read, 'ha metamorphosis,' or "The Transfiguration."*

# 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.” Lucy Hiotis 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



## Pastor’s Greeting and Words of Welcome

### Prelude

“Look, O Look, the Sight Is Glorious” Welsh Hymn, arr. John Innes

### \*Litany for Transfiguration of the Lord

Blessed is the Lord our God,  
who revealed the law to Moses.

**The Lord our God is holy!**

Blessed is the Lord our God,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

**The Lord our God is holy!**

Blessed is the Lord our God,  
who came to us in Jesus Christ.

**The Lord our God is holy!**

The one who spoke and called light  
out of darkness now shines in our hearts.

**The Lord our God is holy!**

The one who comes and does not keep  
silence now speaks in our midst.

**The Lord our God is holy!**

Now we have seen the glory of God  
in the face of Jesus Christ.

**The Lord our God is holy!**

*a time of silence is kept*

Great God of dazzling beauty  
and overshadowing majesty,  
in Jesus Christ, your beloved,  
we glimpse the image of your glory.  
Teach us to listen to him so that we may  
hear your voice and follow your holy way;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you in the  
unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and forever. Amen.

**Let us worship God together!**

**\*Opening Hymn #82**

“Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him!”

**Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant  
Sentences from Scripture  
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 do.**

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 For The Waters of Baptism Touching The Waters of Baptism**

### **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**

Exodus 24:12-18

## **Anthem**

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

John Carter

I have decided to follow Jesus;  
No turning back, no turning back.

Tho' none go with me, I still will follow,  
No turning back, no turning back.

My cross I'll carry, till I see Jesus;  
No turning back, No turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me,  
No turning back, no turning back.

## **The Second Scripture Lesson**

Matthew 17:1-9

## **The Sermon**

*We, Like Peter*

## **\*Hymn**

“We Have Come at Christ’s Own Bidding”

*to the tune of Hyfrydol, words by Carl P. Daw, Jr.*

**We have come at Christ’s own bidding to this high and holy place,  
where we wait with hope and longing for some token of God’s grace.  
Here we pray for new assurance that our faith is not in vain,  
searching like those first disciples for a sign both clear and plain.**

**Light breaks through our clouds and shadows; splendor bathes the  
flesh-joined Word;**

**Moses and Elijah marvel as the heavenly voice is heard.**

**Eyes and hearts behold with wonder how the law and prophets meet:  
Christ, with garments drenched in brightness, stands transfigured  
and complete.**

**Strengthened by this glimpse of glory, fearful lest our faith decline,  
we, like Peter find it tempting to remain and build a shrine.**

**But true worship gives us courage to proclaim what we profess,  
that our daily lives may prove us people of the God we bless.**



## 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

“Draw Near, All Ye People”

Mendelssohn

Draw near, all ye people, come to me! Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel; this day let it be known that Thou art God, And I am thy servant! Lord God of Abraham! O shew to all This people that I have done these things according to Thy word! O hear me, Lord, and answer me, O hear me, Lord, and answer me! O Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel; O hear me and answer me; and show this people that Thou art Lord God; and let their hearts again be turned;

### \*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 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.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, Eternal God.

You set the sun to brighten the day and the moon and stars to illumine the night.

You lead us by the light of your truth into the way of righteousness and peace.

Therefore, joining our voices with the celestial choirs in every time and place, we sing 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!**

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son.

In his face, we glimpse your glory.

In his life, we see your love.

In his rising from the grave we behold the promise of eternal light.

Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from your creation this bread and wine and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising as we await the day of his coming.

With thanksgiving we offer ourselves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.

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,  
that we may be one 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.

Illumine our lives, O God,  
with the radiance of Christ's love,  
that we may live for you and love as he loved.  
Give us strength to serve you faithfully  
until the promised day of resurrection,  
when with the redeemed of all the ages  
we will feast with you at your table in glory.

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 #682**

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

**\*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**

“O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair”  
Agincourt Hymn

arr Michael Burkhardt

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

Bob Kimball, Liturgist

Carl Bingle, Organist

Sara Gleason, Director of Music

Chancel Choir

David Elmer, Soloist

## **We Pray For...**

Merle, Jennifer, Elise, 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, Suzanne, Linda & Ken, Shane, Ed, Millie, Gerda, Annie, FPC 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.

## **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

February 19 Cherie Danforth

February 23 Jeremy Gerot

February 23 Eliza Schweitzer



Panti-Plus could use our help in making pads for the kits which will be shipped in May to Malawi. We can use sewers and non-sewers for this event, so it is open to everyone! Join Michele and Angela Elmer on **Monday Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 from 10-2**, with soup/bread provided. Come and be “Sewcial” for whole or part of the day.

## **THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRES.**

**TODAY, February 19** - Exploration Class, 11:30 a.m., Room 6  
- Flute Choir, 12:30-2:00 p.m., Room 21

**Monday, February 20** - Sewing Social, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.,  
Fellowship Hall

**Tuesday, February 21** - Staff Meeting, 12 Noon, Room 6

**Wednesday, February 22** - Ash Wednesday Service, 7:00 p.m.,  
Sanctuary

**Next Sunday, February 26** - Worship , 10:00 a.m.

- Exploration Class, 11:30 a.m., Room 6
- Flute Choir, 12:30-2:00 p.m., Room 21
- Open Table, 5:00 p.m., FH

**Menu:** mild beef enchiladas, tortilla chips, salsa and sour cream, fruit. Enchiladas are made with rice, beef, black beans, corn, cheese and enchilada sauce rolled into a flour tortilla and baked with more enchilada sauce and cheese.

### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

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

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