



First Presbyterian Church

Watertown, NY + www.watertownfirstpres.org

February 5, 2023 + 10:00 a.m.



Pour Yourself Out, The "Full Eyes" Collective, 2015

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)

NO Sunday School today. Sunday School for pre-school through grade 6, will meet next Sunday after “Young Disciples Time.”

Gathering Music

“The God of Abraham Praise”
“Jesus Calls Us”
“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Gordon Young
Lani Smith
Anna Laura Page

Gathering

Pastor’s Greeting and Words of Welcome

Prelude

“His Goodness Faileth Never”

Chapin, arr. M. Burkhardt

*Call to Worship from Psalm 112

Praise the Lord!

Happy are those who fear the Lord,
who greatly delight in his commandments.

**Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

Wealth and riches are in their houses,
and their righteousness endures forever.

**They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

It is well with those who deal generously and lend,
who conduct their affairs with justice.

**For the righteous will never be moved;
they will be remembered forever.**

Let us worship God together!

***Opening Hymn #23**

“The God of Abraham Praise”

***Prayer of the Day**

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

Jesus comes to us not with law but with gospel, the good news that those who turn from sin and earnestly repent will be forgiven and brought to new life.

Confident in God’s grace, let us confess our sins.

Almighty God, we have asked for your righteous judgment against others, but we have not acknowledged the sin in our own lives. We have worshiped you with our lips, but have dishonored you with our actions. We have prayed for you to end the suffering in our world, yet we have not practiced compassion and generosity toward others. Our religion has become the source of quarreling rather than a testimony to your grace.

Forgive our self-righteousness and give us integrity of heart, that we may shine forth the light of your salvation, through Christ our Lord.

a time of silence is kept

In mercy God forgives us our sin
and grants us genuine repentance
through the grace and power of the Holy Spirit.

We can walk in newness of life!

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

Isaiah 58:1-9a

Anthem

“Hiding in the Shadow of God”

Heather Sorenson

There’s a safety in this journey, there are wings to break my fall.
And when there’s harm, I’m folded in gods arms. I am held
before I fall.

There is shelter from the evil, there’s still light on days of gray.
And in the storm God’s presence keeps me warm. I am safe,
so I can say,

Refrain:

Send the rain, let the wind blow, I am covered by the mighty
wings of love. I will not fear, I’ve stopped running. I’m hiding in
the shadow of God.

Walk before me in the darkness and hold me up when others fall.
Give me the grace to seek, and know your face and to recognize
your call.

Refrain

The Second Scripture Lesson

Matthew 5:13-20

The Sermon

A Fast Pleasing to God

*Hymn #592

“Jesus Calls Us”

*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

“I Can Only Imagine” (originally performed by Mercy Me)

The ensemble would like to dedicate this song to the
Walker and Van Slyke Families

I can only imagine
What it will be like
When I walk by Your side
I can only imagine
What my eyes would see
When Your face is before me
I can only imagine

Surrounded by Your glory
What will my heart feel?
Will I dance for You Jesus
Or in awe of You be still?
Will I stand in Your presence
Or to my knees, will I fall?
Will I sing hallelujah?
Will I be able to speak at all?
I can only imagine

I can only imagine
When that day comes
And I find myself
Standing in the Son
I can only imagine
When all I will do
Is forever, forever worship You
I can only imagine

***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

***Communion Hymn #461**

“In Remembrance of Me”

The Sacrament of The Lord’s Supper

Invitation To The Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving *and The Lord’s Prayer*

God is with you.

And also with you.

Let us open our hearts.

We open them up to our God.

Let us give thanks to the God of Light.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Bright shining God, inner light of all faithful souls,
we celebrate your gifts of love, creation, and art.

We rejoice that you have made us in your image
and call us to live in your limitless love.

You bring peoples and leaders to the dawn of your rising.

You sent your only child, our morning star,
to light a way in our night
and lead us to justice and peace.

Your Holy Spirit shines good news into our lives.
Each daybreak you call us to feed the hungry,
bring recovery of sight, liberate the oppressed,
heal the brokenhearted and bind up their wounds,
and keep watch for the dawn of your
commonwealth on earth.

For all of this we give you thanks.

And we praise you,

joining our voices with all life on earth
and the company of heaven,

who forever sing their hymns to proclaim
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, our Lord.
Born in humility, he came to rule over all.
Helpless as an infant, he showed the power of your love.
Poor in things of the world, he brought the
wealth of your grace.
Rejected by many, he welcomed all who sought him.

In his dying and rising, you gave birth to your church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

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

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

By your Spirit bless this bread and this cup
that they may become for us the
presence of Christ among us.

Shine your light and your love on
the offering of our lives.

Enlighten us that we may be your people,
the body of the risen Christ,

the light of the world,
set apart to serve this earth that you have made.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
we praise you now and forever, O Eternal Light.
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, for-
ever. Amen.**

**Words of Institution
Communion of The People
Prayer After Communion**

***Closing Hymn #237**

“Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing”

***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

“Sing Praise to God”

Neil Harmon

This morning's **Radio Broadcast** is a gift in loving memory and to the Glory of God for the life of **George Blakeman** from his wife, Janet, and their children.

We Pray For...

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.

Leading in Worship Today:

The Rev. Dr. Andrew Philip Long, preaching

Russ McCullough, Liturgist

Carl Bingle, Organist

Sara Gleason, Director of Music

Chancel Choir

Sara Gleason, David Elmer, Jenny Whitenack,

Peter Van Eenenaam, vocalists

Lucy Hiotis, American Sign Language

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

February 5 Joe Slabchuck

February 8 Louise Jeffries

February 9 Harold Johnson II

February 9 Kurt Riordan

February 10 Paul W. Brown

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRES.

TODAY, February 5 - Outreach Committee Meeting, 11:30 a.m.
- "Going Deeper" Large Group #3, 12 noon
- **Orchestra of NNY Concert, 3:00 p.m., Sanctuary**

Tuesday, February 7 - Staff Meeting, 12 Noon, Room 6

Wednesday, February 8 - Facilities Meeting, 8:30 a.m., Room 6

Next Sunday, February 12 - Worship , 10:00 a.m.
Annual Church Meeting, at end of worship in the sanctuary

Connecting to Our Community and the World

First Presbyterian is blessed to provide space for several community-based ministries and programs. All are open to members of the church and community and meet on the following days:

Al-Anon, 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays, Fellowship Hall

Alcoholics Anonymous - First Watertown Group, 8:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

The Spare Closet, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays and the 1st Saturday of each month, Basement.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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