



First Presbyterian Church

Watertown, NY + www.watertownfirstpres.org

January 15, 2023 + 10:00 a.m.



Ecce Agnus Dei (Behold The Lamb of God), Francis Hoyland (b. 1930)

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 for pre-school through grade 6, meets after “Young Disciples Time” teaching today will be Brie Thomas.

Gathering Music

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

arr. Hustad

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

Mason, arr. McDonald

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

Kendrick, arr. Carter



Pastor's Greeting and Words of Welcome

Prelude

“Lamb of God”

Twila Paris arr. Leatherman

***Call to Worship** from Psalm 40

I waited patiently for the Lord;
he inclined to me and heard my cry.

**He drew me up from the desolate pit,
out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock,
making my steps secure.**

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

**Happy are those who make the Lord their trust,
who do not turn to the proud,
to those who go astray after false gods.**

Do not, O Lord, withhold your mercy from me;
let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever.

Let us worship God together!

***Opening Hymn (see insert)**

“Sing of God Made Manifest”

***Prayer of The Day**

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

Like the stained glass windows of this sanctuary, light comes in to illuminate the darkness inside, and light shines back to illuminate the darkness outside. Sin clouds the glass of our lives, making it so that the light of God neither reaches the deepest places of our hearts or the world around us. With confidence and humility, let us confess the ways we have fallen short of God’s glory.

Merciful God, we confess before you and one another that we have not always been the people you call us to be. Where you have called us to love, we have acted in judgment. Where you have called us to share our resources, we have hoarded what we have been given. Where you ask us to consider the struggle and needs of others, we have acted in conceit, concerned only about ourselves.

Forgive us, Loving God, and heal us. Make us to shine with the brightness of your light. Fill us once again with your Holy Spirit that your light might touch our hearts and then radiate out of us with the brightness of the sun. Amen.

a time of silence is kept

“Arise, shine,” the prophet Isaiah has said:

Your light has come.

And your sins have been forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

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 49:1-7

Anthem

“In His Hands”

Adult Handbells

arr. Kevin McChesney

The Second Scripture Lesson

John 1:29-42

The Sermon

Come and See

***Hymn #437**

“Send the Light”

***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



The Offertory

“Precious Lord Take My Hand”

arr. Mark Hayes

In Memory of Eleanor Fralick, a faithful chorister & beautiful soul

Precious Lord, take my hand

Lead me on, let me stand

I'm tired, I'm weak, I'm lone

Through the storm, through the night

Lead me on to the light

Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

When my way grows drear precious Lord linger near

When my light is almost gone

Hear my cry, hear my call

Hold my hand lest I fall

Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

I need Thee every hour

Most gracious Lord

No tender voice like Thine
Can peace afford
I need Thee, O I need Thee
Every hour I need Thee
O bless me now, my Savior
I come to Thee

***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.**

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 #431**

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

***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

“The Power of Jesus' Name”

Ellor, arr. Wagner

Today's **Radio Broadcast** is a “thank you” to radio station WATN 1240AM from the congregation of First Presbyterian Church, for many years of broadcasting our Sunday worship service.

We Pray For...

The Family of W. Barton Van Slyke, who passed on Jan. 12, 2023,
The Family of T. Urling Walker, 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
Marcia Kettrick, Liturgist
Carl Bingle, Organist
Sara Gleason, Director of Music
Chancel Choir
Jenny Whitenack, Handbell Choir Director
Adult Handbell Choir