



# First Presbyterian Church

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# 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 Bunny Gorman.

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### 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

“Sing a New Song”

Mary McDonald

#### \*Call to Worship from Psalm 15

O Lord, who may abide in your tent?  
Who may dwell on your holy hill?

**Those who walk blamelessly,  
and do what is right,  
and speak the truth from their heart;  
who do not slander with their tongue,  
and do no evil to their friends,  
nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;  
in whose eyes the wicked are despised,  
but who honor those who fear the Lord;  
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;  
who do not lend money at interest,  
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.**

Those who do these things shall never be moved.

**Let us worship God together!**

### **\*Opening Hymn #3**

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

### **\*Prayer of The Day**

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

The truth is this: we do the things we know we should not do, and we don't do the things we know we should do. We earnestly desire to live in the full presence of God, but we do not walk blamelessly in the sight of God. But God is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Confident in God's mercy, let us confess our sins together.

**God, we have not done what is blameless and right, nor spoken truth from the heart with love. We do not keep your Word, and when we participate in gossip, our words and deeds cause pain. We are skeptical to give, questioning the motives and needs of others, and when we do give we have expected something in return.**

**Forgive us by the power of your Holy Spirit, that we might stand in the goodness of Christ and walk in the light of his love.**

*a time of silence is kept*

People of God,  
Your sins are forgiven by the faith of Christ,  
who chose love over hatred and forgiveness over blame.  
Rejoice and be glad, for God's mercy is great;  
**Jesus brings healing, justice, and peace**  
**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**

Micah 6:1-8

### **Anthem**

“Offertory”

John Ness Beck

With what shall I come before the Lord,  
And bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings,  
Shall I come before Him with yearling calves?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,  
With ten thousand rivers of oil?  
Shall I give my first-born for my transgressions,  
The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

He has shown you, O man,  
He has shown you what is good.  
And what does the Lord require of you  
But to do justice and to love kindness,  
And to walk humbly with your God?

### **The Second Scripture Lesson**

Matthew 5:1-12

## The Sermon

*And What Does The Lord Require?*

### \*Hymn #443

“O Zion, Haste”

### \*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)

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.**

## 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 #450

“Lift High the Cross”

### \*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

“Hymn to Joy”

Albert Travis

Today's **Radio Broadcast** is a gift from the congregation of First Presbyterian Church.

**Today's Flowers** are given by the Presbyterian Women of Jefferson County in loving memory of the women who passed to the Glory of God in 2022.

### Leading in Worship Today:

The Rev. Dr. Andrew Philip Long, preaching

Russ McCullough, Liturgist

Carl Bingle, Organist

Sara Gleason, Director of Music

Chancel Choir