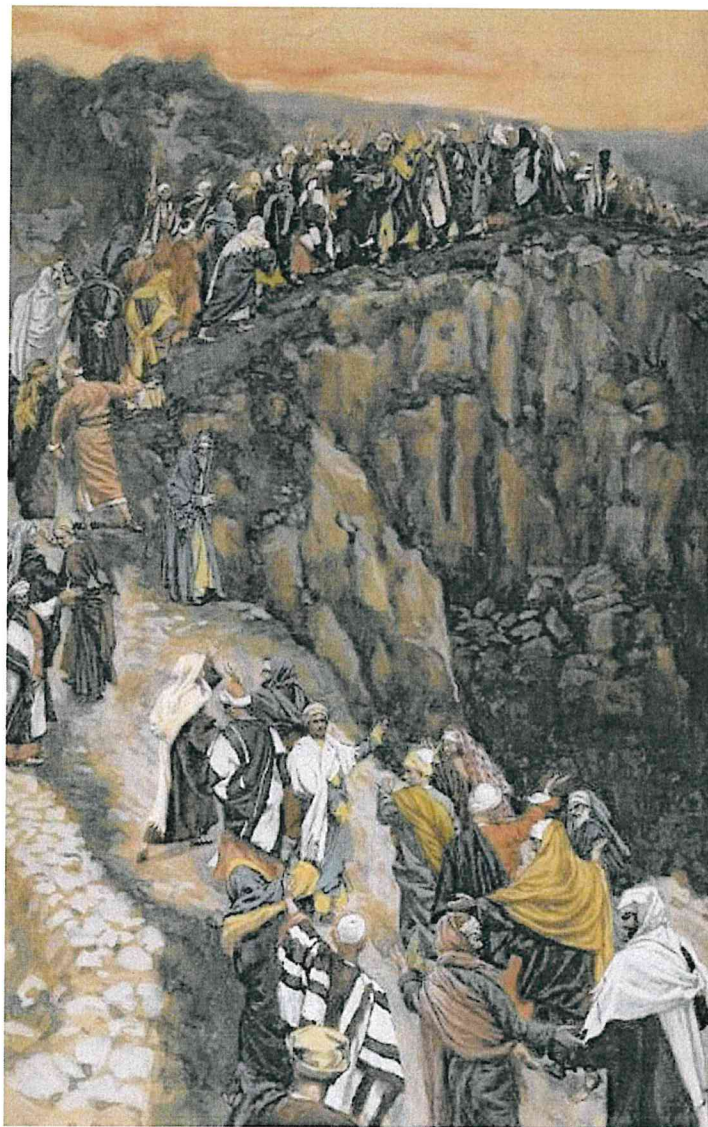


***FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH***

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10:00 a.m.**



Today's bulletin cover artwork, *Brow of the Hill Near Nazareth* by James Tissot, depicts a dramatic moment in today's gospel lesson. After hearing Jesus teach and preach, the crowds went from amazed to enraged, trying finally to push Jesus over the edge of a cliff in Nazareth. This painting is one of 350 by the artist, depicting nearly every major event in the Gospels. Tissot, known for his urban landscape scenes of Paris and London, shocked the art world in 1896 when these works were first displayed.

Tissot spent nearly five years in and around the Holy Land researching for this collection of paintings. While there, Tissot noted an 'aura' around the physical places described in the Gospels, and he noted in his journal having mystical experiences standing in the places where Jesus may have once walked. Works such as Tissot's are a potent reminder of the many and varied ways in which we encounter the presence of God in our lives. Today's Scripture lessons help us to consider who can experience the presence of God: is it just some people or all people?

## GATHERING

### Gathering Music

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

*You Are My All in All*

Carl Bingle, FPC Organist

Dan Forrest

Mary MacDonald

John Carter

### Pastor's Greeting and Words of Welcome

#### Prelude

*Fantasia in C: un peu lent*

César Franck

#### \*Call to Worship (from Psalm 71)

Leader: In you, O Lord, I take refuge;  
let me never be put to shame.

**People: In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;  
incline your ear to me and save me.**

Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress,  
to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

**Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,  
From the grasp of the unjust and cruel.**

For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust,  
O Lord, from my youth.

**Upon you I have leaned from my birth;  
it was you who took me from my mother's womb.**

**My praise is continually of you.**

O God, do not be far from me;

**O my God, make haste to help me!**

**Let us worship God together!**

**\*Opening Hymn #583**

*You Are My All in All*

**\*Prayer of the Day**

**Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon**

The Word of God assures us that when we come before God with humble and contrite hearts, confessing our sins, God is merciful and just and forgives all of our sins.

Confident in this assurance, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

**God, our Deliverer, we confess that we are too reluctant to speak and to live according to your truth. We grow comfortable with the way things are, passively condoning injustice. We see ourselves as “insiders,” excluding those we consider “outsiders.” We find it easier to pluck up and pull down, to destroy and overthrow, than to build and to plant.**

**Forgive us, O God, for being timid disciples. Empty us of fear and shame, and fill us with love that is humble and patient and kind. We pray this in the name of the One who humbled himself, Jesus the Christ.**

*a time of silence is kept*

God's love is from everlasting to everlasting,  
and as far as the east is from the west,  
so far as God removed our sins from us.

Hear the good news:

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

**\*Response - Hymn #813 – *Glory Be to the Father***

**A Time With Young Disciples**

Hymn: *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.***

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**Prayer For Illumination**

**First Scripture Lesson**

Jeremiah 1:4-10 (Old Testament, page 698 in pew Bibles)

## **Anthem**

*Still, Small Voice*

Douglas Nolan

FPC Choir; Sara Gleason, director; Carl Bingle, organ

Be still, my soul, and listen.

Be still, my heart, and hear.

Be patient in the silence, and know that God is near.

Be still, my soul, and listen, a way with earthly noise.

Be still, my soul, and listen, and wait for the still, small voice.

Softly speaking, sweetly singing, gentle, it falls from heaven above.

Softly speaking, sweetly singing, the music of the voice of Love.

Be still, my soul, and listen.

Be still, my heart, and hear.

The whispers of the Spirit fall softly on my ear.

In quiet contemplation, I find a peaceful joy.

For breaking through the silence, I hear that still, small voice.

## **Second Scripture Lesson**

Luke 4:21-30 (New Testament, pages 61-62 in pew Bibles)

## **Sermon**

"Insiders and Outsiders"

Rev. Dr. Andrew Philip Long

## **\*HYMN #348**

*My Savior's Love*

## **\*Affirmation of Faith - Apostles' Creed**

Let us affirm what we believe:

**We 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.*

#### **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**

*You Say* (Originally performed by Lauren Daigle)

Sara Gleason, David Elmer, vocalists; Carl Bingle, piano

I keep fighting voices in my mind that say I'm not enough  
Every single lie that tells me I will never measure up  
Am I more than just the sum of every high and every low  
Remind me once again just who I am because I need to know

#### **Chorus:**

You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing  
You say I am strong when I think I am weak  
And you say I am held when I am falling short  
And when I don't belong, oh You say I am Yours  
And I believe  
Oh, I believe  
What You say of me  
I believe

The only thing that matters now is everything You think of me  
In You I find my worth, in You I find my identity

#### **Chorus**

Taking all I have, and now I'm laying it at Your feet  
You have every failure, God, You have every victory

#### **Chorus**

**\*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 #429**

*They'll Know We Are Christians*

**\*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.

*During this time of public concern over health and wellness, please be respectful of those who may want to avoid physical contact while share The Peace; flashing the 'peace sign' is a perfectly appropriate way to share Christ's peace. 'Fist bumps,' 'elbow bumps,' or slick dance moves can also extend Christ's peace to your neighbors.*

**Postlude**

*Allegro Maestoso (Water Music)*

G. F. Handel, arr. Perks

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

**THIS WEEK**

**Staff Meeting** - Tuesday, February 1st, 12 noon

**Men's Breakfast** - Wednesday, February 2nd, 7:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

**Deacons' Meeting** - Thursday, February 3rd, 5:00 p.m., Room 6

**Adult Handbell Rehearsals** - Thursday, February 3rd, 6:30 p.m.

**Chancel Choir Rehearsal** - Thursday, February 3rd, 7:30 p.m.

**Deadline for next newsletter:** Friday, February 18th.

Please email articles and pictures to Sue ([wfpsec@gmail.com](mailto:wfpsec@gmail.com))

**ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING:**

**Sunday, February 13th, after worship, In Fellowship Hall.**

## Happy Birthday to:

January 27 Peter Schmitt  
January 31 Tom Walker  
January 31 Laurel Pike  
February 1 Nalanie Simpson  
February 2 Robert J. Brown  
February 2 Janneane Gerot  
February 2 Lauren Sinclair  
February 3 Barbara White Butts  
February 5 Joe Slabchuck

## We Pray for...

Tyler, The Bariteau Family, Grace & Sam, Brad & Carol, Waring, Mary Lynn, Josh L., Deanne, Mary, Gini, Tom, Linda & Ken, Shane, Gerda, Ed, Robert, Jamie, Barbara, Annie, Midwest Tornado Victims & Communities, Hammond Presbyterian Church, NNY Presbytery, Synod of the Northeast, the sick, all essential workers, students & teachers, medical professionals, all serving in the military, peace & justice, all people in positions of power & leadership.

## “The Chosen” coming to Watertown First Pres. Church in February

What was it like to encounter Jesus face-to-face? How would He have made you feel; changed your way of thinking about God? Would he have turned your world upside down? Journey to Galilee in the first century. See the difference He made in the lives of those he called to follow him and how they were forever transformed. Experience the life and power of the perfect Son of God as never before - through the eyes of everyday people just like you.

We are pleased to offer “The Chosen in a series of 45 minute film episodes on the big screen in Fellowship Hall at 11:45 a.m. on Sundays after church services. Episode 1 will be shown on February 20 and continue with subsequent episodes for 7 weeks. We will follow up with a Bible Study Discussion group on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Interactive Bible Study Guide. Participating in this shared experience of the Bible coming alive, will provide us with a wonderful “discipleship” opportunity! Please join us.

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**"I set you apart."**

JEREMIAH 1:5, NIV