



# First Presbyterian Church

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

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*Clementine Hunter (1886/87-1988) was a self-taught Black folk artist from the Cane River region of Louisiana, who lived and worked on Melrose Plantation.*

*“The Annunciation and The Adoration of the Wise Men” is one of her most famous paintings as it depicts both the biblical story and the realities of southern plantation life.*

# 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 Lucy Hiotis.

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### **Gathering Music**

“How Brightly Shines the Morning Star”

Marcel Dupré

“Hark, the Glad Sound”

Edward Broughton

“What Child Is This?”

“Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning”

John Rasley



### **Pastor’s Greeting and Words of Welcome**

#### **Prelude**

“Les Trois Mages”

French Noël

arr. Olive Nelson Russell

#### **\*Call to Worship**

Arise, shine; for your light has come!

The glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

**Jesus Christ is the light of the world.**

Nations will come to his light,  
and rulers will seek his radiance.

**Jesus Christ is the light of the world.**

He will judge the people with righteousness  
and defend the cause of the poor.

**Jesus Christ is the light of the world.**

The mystery of the ages is revealed;  
the eternal plan of God is known to all.

**Jesus Christ is the light of the world.**

Let us kneel down before him  
to give him honor, glory, and praise.

**Jesus Christ is the light of the world.**

Let us offer him all the treasures of our hearts and our lives.

**Jesus Christ is the light of the world!**

**\*Opening Hymn #290**

“As With Gladness Men of Old”

**\*Prayer of The Day**

**Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon**

God judges the nations with righteousness, and answers the poor  
with justice. Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.

**God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the  
world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our  
sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away  
from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for  
peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and pour out the  
gifts of your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show  
forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ.**

*a time of silence is kept*

The mercy of the Lord is like rain,  
like showers that water the earth.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are 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 60:1-3, 19-22

### **Anthem**

“Arise, Shine, for Thy Light Is Come”

Healey Willan

Arise, shine, for thy Light is come,  
and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.  
Alleluia!

Oh, praise the Lord, all ye nations,  
and laud Him, all ye people!  
For his merciful kindness is great toward us,  
and the truth of the Lord endureth forever.

Alleluia!

## The Second Scripture Lesson

Matthew 2:1-12

## The Sermon

*Your Guiding Star*

### \*Hymn #259

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

### \*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



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## **The Offertory**

“He”

Tammy Wynette

He can turn the tides and calm the angry sea;  
He alone decides who writes a symphony;  
He lights every star that makes the darkness bright;  
He keeps watch all through each long and lonely night;  
He still finds the time to hear a child's first prayer;  
Saint or sinner calls and always finds him there  
Though it makes him sad to see the way we live  
He'll always say, "I forgive."  
He can grant a wish or make a dream come true;  
He can paint the clouds and turn to gray the blue;  
He alone is there to find a rainbow's end;  
He alone can see what lies beyond the bend;  
He can touch a tree and turn the leaves to gold;  
He knows every lie that you and I have told  
Though it makes him sad to see the way we live  
He'll always say, "I forgive."

## **\*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 #562**  
“Be Thou My Vision”

**\*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 March of the Three Kings”

Georges Bizet

Today’s **Radio Broadcast** is a gift of appreciation for the dedication shown each day by the staff of First Presbyterian Church.

**Leading in Worship Today:**

The Rev. Dr. Andrew Philip Long, preaching  
Beth Linderman, Liturgist  
Carl Bingle, Organist  
Sara Gleason, Director of Music  
Chancel Choir