



# 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.

**Sunday School** is available for children through middle school during worship, except on the first Sunday of the month.

**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).

## **A Word About Today's Service**

Making clear lines between who or what is 'in' and who or what is 'out' is deeply embedded in who we are as the human family. We believe we do it for safety, for the well-being of our families and communities, and for protection. But the result has been, and always will be, divisions within the human family that are not in accordance with God's will. In the least harmful situations it keeps us unaware and uninterested in who our neighbors are. In the most harmful situations it causes us to wage war against one another.

In a deeply complex world, do we have a place when it comes to judging the lives and choices of others? Our final half-truth is: *love the sinner, hate the sin*. Is this a permission we are given by God? Are there any instances in the Bible where God allows us to hate anything or anyone? What effects does this mentality have on our communities and on the world, and what is a better alternative according to Jesus Christ? These questions, and more, shape our worship today.



## Gathering



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

#### Singing In

#### Prelude

“What God Does Is Well Done”

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

#### \*Call to Worship from Psalm 11

In the Lord I take refuge; how can you say to me,  
‘Flee like a bird to the mountains;  
for look, the wicked bend the bow,  
they have fitted their arrow to the string,  
to shoot in the dark at the upright in heart.

**If the foundations are destroyed,  
what can the righteous do?’**

The Lord is in his holy temple;  
the Lord's throne is in heaven.  
His eyes behold, his gaze examines humankind.

**The Lord tests the righteous and the wicked,  
and his soul hates the lover of violence.**

On the wicked he will rain coals of fire and sulphur;  
a scorching wind shall be the portion of their cup.

**For the Lord is righteous;  
he loves righteous deeds;  
the upright shall behold his face.**

**Let us worship God together!**

#### \*Opening Hymn #11

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

#### \*Prayer of The Day

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

When we pass through deep waters or go through times of fiery trial, the Lord our God is with us. With confidence in God, our creator and redeemer, let us confess our sin.

**Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.**

*a time of silence is kept*

As people born of water and the Spirit  
we have died to the old life, and a new life has begun.  
God's grace is poured out upon us day by day.

Come to the water and remember your baptism.  
Be thankful, and live as one who has been raised to new life!  
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**  
**Thanks be to God.**

**\*Response** *from "Blessed Assurance"*

**Perfect submission—all is at rest,  
I in my Savior am happy and blest;  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with his goodness, lost in his love.**

**This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long!**

## 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**



## Prayer for Illumination

**The Scripture Lesson** Matthew 7:1-12

## Anthem

“Arise, My Soul, Arise”

Dan Forrest

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off thy guilty fears:

the bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears:

before the Throne my Surety stands, before the Throne my Surety  
stands.

My name is written on His hands, my name is written on His hands.

Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary,

they pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me:

“Forgive him, O, forgive,” the cry, “Forgive him, O, forgive,” they  
cry,

“nor let that ransomed sinner die, nor let that Ransomed sinner die.”

My God is reconciled; His pardoning voice I hear;

He owns me for His child, I can no longer fear;

with confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh,

and “Father Abba, Father,” cry, “Father,” cry.

Arise, my soul, arise! And “Father, Abba, Father,” cry.

Arise, my soul, arise.

**The Sermon**     *Half Truths, Part 5*  
*Love the Sinner, Hate The Sin*

**\*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.*

**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**

Psalm 57:8: "Awake, My Glory!"

G. Puccini

## **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 #56**

“To God Be the Glory”

### **\*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**

“Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals”

Karg-Elert

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in memory of

**John W. Bell** by Linya.

## **We Pray For...**

Amy, Josh L., Janine, Bill, Suzanne, Linya, Kathy, Jamie, William, Fred, Bob, Morse Family, John, Marilyn, Sue, Sister Diane, Shirley, Tyler & Rochelle, Grace, Sam & Ruth, Mary, Tom, Linda & Ken, Shane, Ed, Millie, Gerda, Annie, First Presbyterian, 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, peace & justice, all people in positions of power and leadership.