



First Presbyterian Church

Watertown, NY + www.watertownfirstpres.org

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Black and white mosaic dedicated to John Lennon in Central Park

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 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)

There is no Sunday School during July and August. Sunday School will resume in September.

Gathering Music

“We Cannot Measure How You Heal”

Scottish Melody

“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”

Wilbur Held

“God Shed His Grace on Thee”

Samuel Ward, arr. Hughes

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

Melita, arr. Callahan



Gathering



Pastor's Greeting *and* Words of Welcome

Prelude

“Ash Grove/Planxty Fanny Power”

traditional, arr. Hosmer

Trillium String Trio

*Call to Worship *from Psalm 105*

O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.

**Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wonderful works.**

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those
who seek the Lord rejoice.

**Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his presence continually.**

Remember the wonderful works he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,
O offspring of his servant Abraham,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

**He is the Lord our God;
his judgments are in all the earth.**

Let us worship God together!

*Opening Hymn #215

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

*Prayer of the Day

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

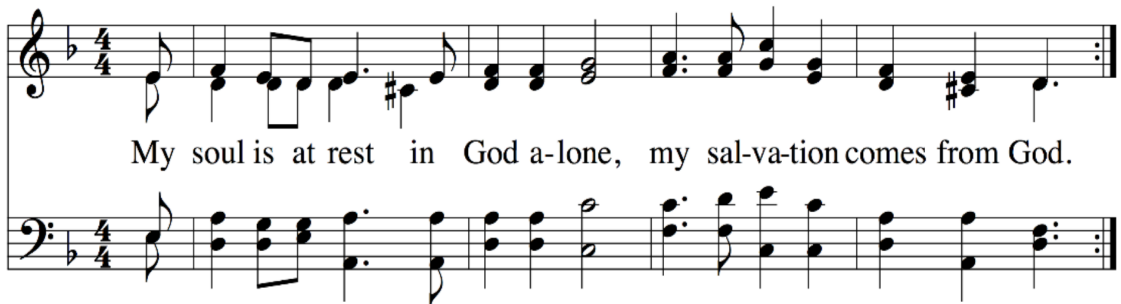
Friends in Christ, God never forgets God's promises; God's covenant endures in each new generation. We are free to speak the truth about our lives because God's faithfulness embraces us as we examine our hearts. Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

God of mystery, God of life, we imagine that we are capable judges of power and wisdom and goodness. We trust our own standards; we separate and categorize; we mark the performance of others. We fail to trust your power, hidden in all things. We fail to watch for you, working out your purposes.

Gracious God, hidden and manifest, transform our withered imaginations until we yield the judgments we trust to a love we cannot control. Amen.

Sung Meditation

“My Soul is at Rest”



My soul is at rest in God a-lone, my sal-va-tion comes from God.

The image shows a musical score for the song "My Soul is at Rest". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is written in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Assurance of Pardon

What then are we to say about these things?
If God is for us, who is against us?
Friends, nothing we have done,
nothing we will ever do,
is enough to separate us from the love of God
made known in Jesus Christ.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! 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



We Listen For God



Prayer for Illumination

Anthem

“Imagine”

John Lennon

The Scripture Lesson

Romans 8:26-39

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all day long; we

are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.” No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Sermon

Imagine

***Hymn #508**

“Love Lifted Me”

***Affirmation of Faith** from *The Confession of 1967*

Let us say something about what we believe:

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church’s mission. His life as man involves the church in the common life of humanity. His service to humanity commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all the sufferings of humankind so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of people in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God’s judgment on humankind’s inhumanity to one another and the awful consequences of its own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God’s renewal of humankind’s life in society and of God’s victory over all wrong. 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

“Ashokan Farewell”

J. Unger, arr. Hosmer

*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.**

A Prayer for Washing Hands *from Psalm 26*

I wash my hands in innocence,
and go around your altar, O Lord,
**singing aloud a song of thanksgiving,
and telling all your wondrous deeds.**

The Sacrament of The Lord’s Supper

Invitation To The Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving *and* The Lord’s Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest
joy to praise you, O God,
creator of the universe.

In your wisdom, you made all things .
and sustain them by your power.

You formed us in your image to love
and serve you and to live in peace with your creation.

When we rebelled against you,
you did not abandon us,
but sent prophets to call us back to your way.
Then in the fullness of time, you sent your
only Son to redeem us and heal our brokenness.
Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with choirs of angels
and with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory;
hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the One who comes in the name
of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

Holy God, we thank you for
Jesus Christ, your Son.
In Jesus, born of Mary, your Word
became flesh and dwelt among us,
full of grace and truth.
He lived as one of us, knowing joy and sorrow.
He healed the sick, fed the hungry,
welcomed sinners, and proclaimed
good news to the poor.

Dying on the cross, he gave himself
for the life of the world.
Rising from the grave, he won for us
victory over death.
Seated at your right hand, he reigns with
you in glory and will come again to make all things new.

Remembering the risen Christ,
we take from your creation
this bread and wine as we live

for the day of his coming.
With thanksgiving we offer you now
the sacrifice of our lives,
that we might proclaim the One
who was crucified but is now risen.

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again!

Gracious God, pour out your
Holy Spirit upon us and upon
these your gifts of bread and wine,
that the bread we break and the cup
we bless may be the communion of
the body and blood of Christ.

By your Spirit make us one with
Christ and with all who share this feast,
united in ministry in every place.
As this bread is Christ's body for us,
send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

In union with your Church in heaven
and on earth, we pray, O God,
that you will fulfill your eternal purpose
in us and in all the world.

Keep us faithful in your service until
Christ comes in final victory,
and we shall feast with all your saints
in the joy of your eternal realm.
Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,
now and forever. **Amen.**

And now as Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray
**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.**

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

“The Gift of Love”

traditional, arr. Hosmer

Prayer After Communion

***Celebrating God’s Freedom Among the Nations**

#807 “My Country, ‘Tis of Thee”

#804 “Battle Hymn of the Republic” sts. 1 & 3

“America The Beautiful” arr. Darwin Wolford

#809 “God of Our Father” sts. 1 & 4

***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 neighbors.

Today’s **Radio Broadcast** is a gift from the congregation, in honor of
the men and women of the 10th Mountain Division and their families.

A **congregational meeting** as been called for **Sunday, July 16**, for the
purpose of reviewing and voting on proposed revisions to the church’s by-laws.
Copies of the proposed by-laws are available at the church or electronically by
reaching out to Pastor Andrew: andrew.long1085@gmail.com.

Leading in Worship Today:

The Rev. Dr. Andrew Philip Long, preaching
Don Klug, Liturgist
Sara Gleason, Director of Music
Carl Bingle, Organist
Trillium String Trio:
 Agnes McCarthy, violin
 Perry Morgan, violin
 Chris Hosmer, cello

We Pray For...

Barbara, Mary, Calvin's Family, Wink, Frank, Sam and Reid, Alicia, Jennifer, Elise, John, Alice, Dorothy, Pat, Bob, Sue, Barbara, Sherrie, Amy, Jamie, William, Fred M., Josh L., Sister Diane, Shirley, Tyler, Rochelle, and Mphatso, Grace, Sam, and Ruth, Mary, Suzanne, Linda, 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 and teachers, medical professionals, all serving in the military, for peace and justice, all people in positions of leadership and power.



July 3 Kelly Thomas
July 3 Elise Green
July 4 Peter Quimby
July 7 Mitch Farney
July 8 Rev. Gail Parsons
July 9 Pat Guldenpfennig

Connecting to Our Community and the World

First Presbyterian is blessed to provide space for several community-based ministries and programs. All are open to members of the church and community and meet on the following days:

Al-Anon, 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays, Fellowship Hall

**Alcoholics Anonymous - First Watertown Group, 8:00 p.m.,
Fellowship Hall**

**The Spare Closet, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays
and the 1st Saturday of each month, Basement.**

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRES.

TODAY, Sunday, July 2nd - Fellowship, after worship,
Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, July 4th - Church Offices Closed - Holiday

Wednesday, July 5th - **Vacation Bible School**, 9:30 a.m.-12 noon

Thursday, July 6th - Deacons' Meeting, 5:00 p.m.

Next Sunday, July 9th - Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

- Fellowship, after worship in Fellowship Hall

- "Going Deeper" Large Group, Session 6, 11:30 a.m.