



# First Presbyterian Church

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

July 23, 2023 + 10:00 a.m.



*Jacob's Dream, Marc Chagall, 1966*

# 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

Praise Him! Praise Him! (hymn 12)  
Fairest Lord Jesus (hymn 87)  
Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! (hymn 377)  
To God Be the Glory (hymn 56)

## Carl Bingle, FPC Organist

Allen/ Crosby, arr. Turner  
Crusader's Hymn, arr. Smith  
Welsh hymn, arr. Sewell  
Doane/Crosby, arr. Macchia

## Gathering

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

### Prelude

“Glorious Victory”

Medley by Lani Smith

This piece was last heard on our 1904 Steinway before shipment to the Steinway workshop, on July 17, 2022. It has traveled to NYC and Iowa and back to us on July 17, 2023.

Today it is the very first worship music played on our rebuilt and refurbished Steinway grand piano. Truly a Resurrection!

### \*Call to Worship *Psalm 8*

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is  
your name in all the earth!

**You have set your glory above the heavens.**

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars that you have established;  
**what are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
mortals that you care for them?**

Yet you have made them a little lower than God  
and crowned them with glory and honor.

**Let us worship God together!**

### \*Opening Hymn #1

“Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven”

### \*Prayer of the Day

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

Beloved of God, all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. We did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but we have received a spirit of adoption. Let us then confess our sin with the freedom of children who know how deeply they are loved.

**Merciful God, your creatures cry - creation groans - but we turn away; we surround ourselves with noise. We are quick to excuse ourselves from responsibility: we are young; we are old; we are tired; we are busy. It is hard to imagine that we might make a difference.**

**Life-giving God, wash us clean. Restore our imaginations and our hearts. Let your courage and compassion flow through our veins until we love with abandon and our hands reach out in blessing, for the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God.**

*a time of silence is kept*

**Amen.**

Hear the word of the Lord:

In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus,

God says unequivocally, irrevocably:

you are my own; you are forgiven;

and I need you to be about my business in the world.

**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**



**We Listen For God**



**Prayer for Illumination**

## Anthem

“Kumbayah”

Spiritual

William Gleason, euphonium

## The First Scripture Lesson

Psalm 86:11-17

Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth;  
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

**I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,  
and I will glorify your name forever.**

D D F# G D F# A E A D D F# G D F# A E A

1. We will glo - ri - fy the King of kings; We will glo - ri - fy the

D G D F# G D F# A E C# Bm D F# G GM7 D A A7 D

Lamb. We will glo - ri - fy the Lord of lords, Who is the great I AM.

For great is your steadfast love toward me;  
you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.  
O God, the insolent rise up against me; a band of ruffians  
seeks my life, and they do not set you before them.  
**I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,  
and I will glorify your name forever.**

## Refrain

But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger  
and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your  
servant; save the child of your serving girl.

**I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,  
and I will glorify your name forever.**

## Refrain

Show me a sign of your favor,  
so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame,  
because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.  
**I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,  
and I will glorify your name forever.**

**Refrain**

## **The Second Scripture Lesson**

Genesis 28:1-19

## **The Sermon**

*Surely The Lord Is In This Place*

## **\*Hymn #528**

“My Faith Has Found a Resting Place”

## **\*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

“You Say”

Lauren Daigle

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  
Ooh-oh

### **Refrain:**

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 (I)  
Oh, I believe (I)  
What You say of me (I)  
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  
Ooh-oh

### **Refrain**

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

### **Refrain**

Yes, I believe (I)  
What You say of me (I)  
I believe

## \*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**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Gracious Creator, Sower of life, you know the complicated histories that have carried us to this moment. You know the names of all our generations, for you are there in each story of falling away and turning home. We have had long years of wandering and shining moments when we recognize your presence and find the grace to worship you. Hear us as we bring our prayers to you this day.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Incarnate One, you are no stranger to the striving or the listlessness of humanity. Creation is groaning, and so we dare to ask that you would come to us; be born again in this place. In the midst of our boredom, our self-congratulation, our closeted vision, startle us with the tearing, the cry, the first breath of life that will not be restrained.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Spirit of Wisdom, strengthen in us the fruits of your Spirit, and teach us to pray. We pray for all who flee from pasts by which they are haunted. We lift up all who feel abandoned by a future for which they had hoped. We plead for all who do not know that they are loved and chosen. We intercede for our own divided souls. Help us to trust that you are at work in every mingled heart, every conflicted community.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Giver of All Good Things, nourish the life you plant within us, that we might keep seeding the world with your truth and your grace.



Keep us grateful for the many blessings of this life, and give us wisdom and courage to stand for truth and freedom among all people, which are your greatest gifts to us.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hear us now as we pray to you in the name of Jesus Christ, as he taught us:

**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 #414**

“O Word of God Incarnate”

**\*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.

**Postlude**

“We Will Glorify”

Twila Paris, arr. Fred Bock

Today’s **Radio Broadcast** is dedicated to those who join our congregation by way of radio station WATN 1240AM.

## **Leading in Worship Today:**

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

### **We pray for those undergoing health difficulties:**

Mary, Barbra, 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

### **We pray for those who are unable to join us in-person:**

Linda, Shane, Ed, Millie, Gerda, Annie

### **We pray for our mission partners:**

Tyler, Rochelle, and Mphatso, Grace, Sam, and Ruth, The Women of Grace, NNY Presbytery, Synod of The Northeast, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

### **We pray for our local and national leaders:**

Watertown's Mayor and City Council, The U.S. President and Congress

## **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

July 23 Ken Rucki  
July 25 Heather White  
July 25 Matthew Bell  
July 26 Sarah Wright  
July 29 Duff Kitto  
July 29 Rev. Julia Wright

## **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 23rd - Fellowship, after worship, Fellowship Hall**

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

**Wednesday, July 26th - Vacation Bible School, 9:30 a.m.-12 noon**

**Next Sunday, July 30th**

- **Hero Hotline Celebration, 9:45 a.m.**

- Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

- Fellowship, after worship in Fellowship Hall

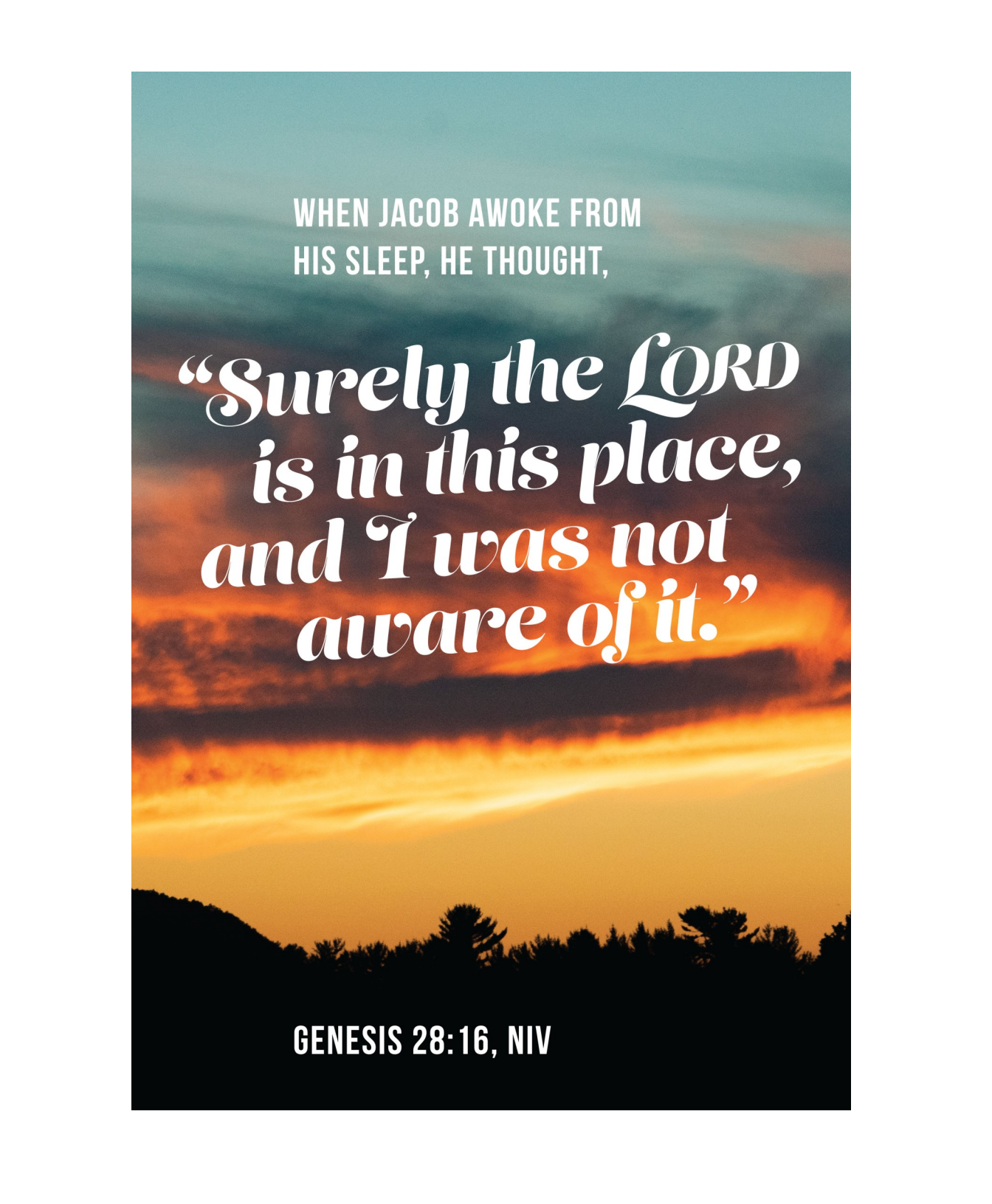
- **Open Table: July 30th, 5:00 p.m.**

**Menu:** Homemade chicken salad on a croissant, chips, fruit and a cookie.

The *Spare Closet* is not **receiving** donations at this time.

They are still open for giving out donated items on Tuesdays, Thursdays and the 1st Saturday of the month from 10-2.

They hope to start receiving donations again beginning August 1st.



WHEN JACOB AWOKE FROM  
HIS SLEEP, HE THOUGHT,

*“Surely the LORD  
is in this place,  
and I was not  
aware of it.”*

**GENESIS 28:16, NIV**