



First Presbyterian Church

Watertown, NY + www.watertownfirstpres.org

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MY
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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 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

“Lobe den Herren”

“When, in Our Music, God Is Glorified”

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

“It is Well with My Soul”

Carl Bingle, FPC Organist

Johann Gottfried Walther

Anna Laura Page

Diane Bish

Janet Linker



Gathering



Pastor's Greeting *and* Words of Welcome

Prelude

“Nocturne No. 20 in c-sharp minor”

Frédéric Chopin

Chopin's nocturne No. 20 in c-sharp minor was dedicated to his sister, Ludwika, and went unpublished until 21 years after the composer's death. It was largely unknown until it was played live by Władysław Szpilman on the last broadcast of Polish radio on September 23, 1939. This piece, and Szpilman's recording, were the subject of Roman Polanski's 2002 film “The Pianist.”

***Call to Worship** *from John Wesley's Select Hymns, 1761*

Sing all.

See that you join with the congregation as frequently as you can.

Let not a slight degree of weakness or weariness hinder you.

If it is a cross to you, take it up and you will find a blessing.

Sing lustily and with good courage.

Beware of singing as if you were half dead, or half asleep;

but lift up your voice with strength.

Sing modestly.

Do not bawl, so as to be heard above or distinct from the rest of the congregation, that you may not destroy the harmony;

but strive to unite your voices together,

so as to make one clear melodious sound.

Sing in Time.

**Whatever time is sung, be sure to keep with it.
Do not run before nor stay behind it;
but attend closely to the leading voices,
and move therewith as exactly as you can.
And take care you sing not too slow.**

Above all sing spiritually.

Have an eye to God in every word you sing.

Aim at pleasing God more than yourself, or any other creature.
In order to this attend strictly to the sense of what you sing,
and see that your Heart is not carried away with the sound,
but offered to God continually;
**so shall your singing be such as God will approve of here,
and reward you when God cometh in the clouds of heaven.**

***Opening Hymn #45**

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

***Prayer of the Day**

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

We have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. At times it has been intentional; at other times we have simply forgotten to follow the way of Jesus. God’s mercy is from everlasting to everlasting and we come before God with our confession confident in God’s love and grace. Let us confess our sins together.

**All sing: Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart
to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for
songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above; praise the mount! I’m fixed
upon it, mount of God’s unchanging love!**

**O to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart
to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the
God I love; here’s my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for
thy courts above.**

a time of silence is kept

Amen.

We are prone to wander,
But God draws us back.
Christ died for us,
Christ rose for us,
And Christ reigns in power over us.
Thanks be to God!

***Response**

**All sing: Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.**

A Time With Young Disciples

A celebration of "Hero Hotline" Vacation Bible School

We Listen For God

Hymn

"What A Friend We Have in Jesus"

arr. Dan Musselman

Hymn #347

"And Can It Be?"

Hymn #808

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

Hymn

"The Old Rugged Cross"

arr. HD Piano

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 #596

“I Surrender All”

*Doxology

**All sing: Oh Lord, my God when I, in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds Thy hands have made:
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder;
thy power throughout the universe displayed.**

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee,
how great Thou art, how great Thou art.**

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The Prayers of The People *and* The Lord’s Prayer

Holy God, we do not know how to pray, but Jesus invites us into the life he shares with you, and so we keep coming - because we want to live. Receive us now in our frailty, our complacency, our desire.

**All sing: Kumbaya, my Lord, kumbaya.
Kumbaya, my Lord, kumbaya.
Kumbaya, my Lord, kumbaya.
O Lord, kumbaya.**

We pray for your church all over the world, that we would be seed and yeast where life has grown barren and heavy. May the life we discover in you bind us to each other and to the world you love, for no need is beyond the strength of your call, and no child of yours is expendable.

**All sing: Someone’s crying, Lord, kumbaya.
Someone’s crying, Lord, kumbaya.
Someone’s crying, Lord, kumbaya.
O Lord, kumbaya.**

Merciful God, give us wisdom and courage beyond our imagining. We pray for friends and strangers in the grip of addiction. Make us able companions for each other, and bless us with hope that bears fruit.

**All sing: Someone's praying, Lord, kumbaya.
Someone's praying, Lord, kumbaya.
Someone's praying, Lord, kumbaya.
O Lord, kumbaya.**

We pray for unsettled economies and those whose needs are overlooked in the choices of the powerful. May we, who know so much privilege, bear our responsibilities with open hearts and open hands.

**All sing: Someone's singing, Lord, kumbaya.
Someone's singing, Lord, kumbaya.
Someone's singing, Lord, kumbaya.
O Lord, kumbaya.**

We pray for all who stand at the thresholds of life: for your children who are soon to be born and your children who are soon to go home. We give thanks for new faces to love, ideas to ponder, work to do - and we marvel at the sturdy friendships and persistent memories that sustain us when the way is hard. May each be a reminder of your love and your provision.

**All sing: Kumbaya, my Lord, kumbaya.
Kumbaya, my Lord, kumbaya.
Kumbaya, my Lord, kumbaya.
O Lord, kumbaya.**

We thank you for the gift of song - for notes that speak when words fail and choirs that practice at the end of long days. Give strength to leaders who call forth the best from us and invite us to breathe together. Holy One, keep calling us into the world - your world - as seed and yeast and treasure. Equip each of us for the challenges we will face until we learn to worship in the most unlikely places, for you are the source of our song.

**All sing: Kumbaya, my Lord, kumbaya.
Kumbaya, my Lord, kumbaya.
Kumbaya, my Lord, kumbaya.
O Lord, kumbaya.**

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 #408**

“How Firm A Foundation”

***Blessing and Benediction**

Postlude

“Waterfall”

John Schmidt

*John Schmidt and Steven Sharp Nelson are “The Piano Guys.”
Started in 2011 as a way to share their love of music, The Piano Guys’
YouTube page of original and cover songs for piano and cello has
received over 2 billion views as of 2020. Schmidt and Nelson also
produced a Christmas-themed video that won a Guinness World
Record for the most performers on one sound stage at over 2,000!*

***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.

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