



# First Presbyterian Church

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

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Be who God  
meant you to be  
and you will set  
the world on fire.  
— St. Catherine of Siena



# 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

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine”

Dale Wood

### \*Call to Worship *Psalm 138*

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I sing your praise;

**I bow down toward your holy temple and  
give thanks to your name for your steadfast  
love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted  
your name and your word above everything.**

On the day I called, you answered me,  
you increased my strength of soul.

**All the kings of the earth shall praise you,  
O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth.**

They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,  
for great is the glory of the Lord.

**For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly;  
but the haughty he perceives from far away.**

Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;  
you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

**The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me;  
your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.  
Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

**Let us worship God together!**

## \*Opening Hymn #788

“Now Thank We All Our God”

## \*Prayer of the Day

### Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Confident in this ever-gracious, never-failing help, let us come before the Lord, confessing our sin and seeking forgiveness.

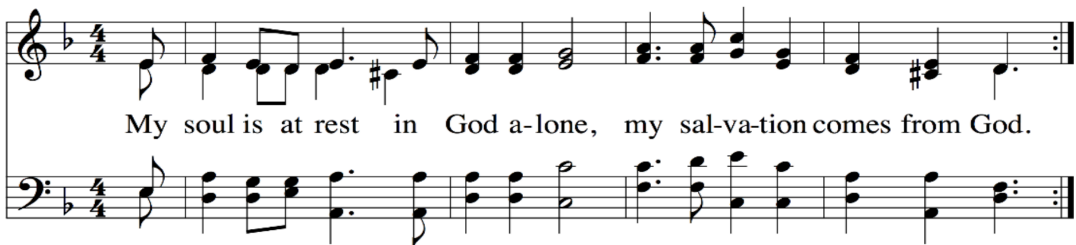
**Forgiving God, we confess that we are conformed to this world. We conform to this world’s frantic pace, too hectic to notice all the blessings you provide. We conform to this world’s reckless waste, exploiting what you entrust to our care. We conform to this world’s shallow values, oblivious to the giftedness of people different from us. We conform to this world’s impatient attitudes, preferring the latest instead of the lasting.**

**Forgive our conformity and transform us, O God. Open our eyes both to the destruction and healing we can bring. Teach us once again to be good stewards both of your creation and your love.**

**We pray in Jesus’ name. 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 a song. 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 accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The music ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

### Assurance of Pardon

If it had not been the Lord who was on our side,  
we would now be lost in sin.

But it is the Lord who is on our side.

And so we are forgiven.

**Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made  
heaven and earth. 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**

“How Can I Keep from Singing”

arr. DeFord and Loynes

My life flows on in endless song  
Above earth's lamentations,  
I hear the sweet, though far-off hymn  
That hails a new creation.

Through all the tumult and the strife  
I hear its music ringing,  
It sounds an echo in my soul.  
How can I keep from singing?

What though my joys and comforts die?  
The Lord my Savior liveth,  
What though the darkness gather round?  
Songs in the night He giveth.

No storm can shake my inmost calm,  
While to that Refuge clinging.  
Since love is lord of heaven and earth  
How can I keep from singing?

I lift mine eyes, the cloud grows thin,  
I see the blue above it,  
And day by day the pathway smoothes,  
Since first I learned to love it.

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,  
A fountain ever springing.  
All things are mine since I am His,  
How can I keep from singing?

## **The Scripture Lesson**

Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God - what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

## **The Sermon**

*To Set The World On Fire*

### **\*Hymn #624**

“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”

### **\*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**

#### **\*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.

God of all, thank you for hearing these prayers:

For the human family with whom we share this world -  
those closest to us and those whose names we will never know -  
we give you thanks and ask your help in living into  
our identity as your children.

We pray especially for . . .

[names of community members in need and of  
faraway concerns related to humankind].

For the world we share with all creation -  
the plants and animals we see each day and  
the wilderness we have never seen -  
we give you thanks and ask your help in living  
into our identity as stewards of your earth.

We pray especially for . . .

[names of local and faraway concerns related  
to the natural world].

For local, national, and international leaders,  
those whose policies we appreciate and those  
with whom we struggle -  
we give you thanks and ask that you be at their side,  
guiding them to act in justice and mercy.  
We pray especially for...

[names of local and faraway concerns related  
to public policy].

For joys and concerns that occupy our thoughts today -  
those we have spoken aloud and those we ponder inwardly -  
we give you thanks and ask that you be at our side,  
guiding us to recognize that our help is in the name of the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.  
Hear the prayers we lift in silence. . . .

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 #572**

“Blessed Assurance”

**\*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**

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Albert Travis

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