



# 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**

Today in worship we meditate on the story of a man possessed by demons, and consider this Half Truth: *God helps those who help themselves*. Mark tells us that the demon-possessed man was so strong and dangerous to the community that he was made to live in the tombs because chains and shackles could not hold him. Met with such a diabolical presence, we watch as Jesus meets the man where he is, heals him of the demons, and restores him to his rightful place in the community.

This story, and others in the Bible, challenge us to think about God's presence in our lives when we are in need and when we are not. Does God expect us to meet God 'half-way' when we have an issue that needs to be resolved. Does God reward those who 'pull themselves up by the bootstraps'? What happens to those who simply don't have boots to begin with? These questions, and more, shape our worship today.

 **Gathering** 

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

**Singing In**

**Prelude**

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

arr. Jason Payne

**\*Call to Worship** Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills -  
From where will my help come?

**My help comes from the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.**

He will not let your foot be moved;  
He who keeps you will not slumber.

**He who keeps Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.**

The Lord is your keeper;  
The Lord is your shade at your right hand.

**The sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.**

The Lord will keep you from all evil;  
He will keep your life.

**The Lord will keep  
your going out and your coming in  
from this time on and for evermore.**

**Let us worship God together!**

**\*Opening Hymn #400**

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

**\*Prayer of The Day**

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

We come before God not as despised sinners, but as beloved children. With the confidence of children of God, let us humbly confess our sin.

**O Lord our God, you call us to work for a world where all will be fed and have dignity, but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires. You call us to seek justice and peace, but we are satisfied with injustice and discord. You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed, but we do not insist on freedom for all. Forgive us, O Lord. Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit, so that all may know your justice and peace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.**

*a time of silence is kept*

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,  
that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

**He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross,  
that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good.**

I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you 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** *and Anthem*

“In Jesus’ Name (God of Possible)”

Nichole, Pardo, Hulse, Spencer

*Sara Gleason, soloist; Andrew Long, piano;*

*Lucy Hiotis, American Sign Language*

I speak the name of Jesus over you

In your hurting, in your sorrow I will ask my God to move

I speak the name 'cause it's all that I can do

In desperation, I'll seek Heaven and pray this for you

**Chorus:**

I pray for your healing that circumstances would change

I pray that the fear inside would flee in Jesus name

I pray that a breakthrough would happen today

I pray miracles over your life in Jesus name, in Jesus name

I speak the name of all authority

Declaring blessings, every promise He is faithful to keep

I speak the name no grave could ever hold

He is greater, He is stronger, He's the God of possible

**Chorus**

In Jesus name

Come believe it

Come receive it

Oh, the power of His Spirit is now forever yours

Come believe it

Come receive it

In the mighty name of Jesus, all things are possible

I pray for your healing that circumstances will change

I pray that the fear inside will flee in Jesus name

I pray that a breakthrough would happen today

I pray miracles over your life in Jesus name

I pray for revival for restoration of faith

I pray that the dead will come alive in Jesus name

In Jesus name



## We Listen for God



### Prayer For Illumination

**The Scripture Lesson** Mark 5:1-20

**The Sermon** *Half Truths, Part 2*  
*God Helps Those Who Help Themselves*

**\*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

“Yes, My Jesus Loves Me”

Mary McDonald

## **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 #597** "Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated"

**\*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**

The King's Trumpet Tune

Michel deLalande

On this Father's Day, the **Radio Broadcast** is a gift in loving tribute  
from Jean and Robert Sturtz honoring their fathers,

**Charles G. Stewart and Roy L. Sturtz.**

**The red geraniums** on the Chancel are in memory of Mike Gillette.  
Plants will be placed in the planters by the Christian Education Bldg.

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

For friends and family on the passing of Mike Gillette, 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.