



# First Presbyterian Church

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*Gullah Baptism II, John W. Jones, undated*

# 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)

**Today is the last day of Sunday School until September.**  
**Pete Thomas is teaching today.**



# Gathering



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

### Prelude

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Sebastian Temple, arr. Mark Hayes

Philip Marra, piano

### \*Call to Worship *from Psalm 86*

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.**

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.**

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.

**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.**

**Let us worship God together!**

### \*Opening Hymn #101

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

### \*Prayer of the Day

## **Reaffirmation of The Baptismal Covenant**

### **Sentences from Scripture**

### **Profession of Faith**

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God,  
do you turn from the ways of sin and  
renounce evil and its power in the world? **I do.**

Who is your Lord and Savior?  
**Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple,  
obeying his word and showing his love?  
**I will, with God's help.**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,**

**the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Thanksgiving For The Waters of Baptism**

## **Touching The Waters of Baptism**

## **A Time With Young Disciples**



## We Listen For God



### **Prayer for Illumination**

#### **Anthem**

“I Cannot Tell”

Fred Weatherly

Clancy Cox, soprano

I cannot tell why He the king of heaven should leave the peace of all eternity.

Why God himself should lay aside a splendor to leave the father's side and come to me.

But this I know our silence filled with singing and all our darkness fled from heaven's light,

When Christ the Lord so human yet so holy in love was born a child for me that holy night.

I cannot tell why He the Joy of heaven should give Himself to suffer for my sins.

Why holy God should love me in my shamefulness,

Why He should die to draw my soul to him.

But this I know that Christ the Lord is risen,

And praise His name He's risen now in me

Because He lives I'll rise to life eternal.

He took my guilty heart and I'm forever free.

I cannot tell when He will rule the nations

how He will claim His loved ones as His own,

And who can tell the holy jubilation when all His children gather around His throne.

But this I know all flesh will see His glory and skies will burst as all creation sings.

The sun will rise up one eternal morning when Christ the savior of the world is Lord and King.

#### **The Scripture Lesson**

Romans 6:1-11

What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go

on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

## **The Sermon**

*Newness of Life*

## **\*Hymn #465**

“Baptized in Water”



## **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**

“How Deep the Father’s Love For Us”

Stuart Towend, arr. Mark Hayes

## **\*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 our ancestors, you are the God of our future. You showed mercy to Hagar and Ishmael in the desert, just as you answered Sarah’s laughter with Isaac’s birth. We pray that you heal the deathly divisions between all peoples of the earth today. We pray that the church of Jesus Christ will be so filled with the Holy Spirit, so committed to the head of the church that we will have Christ’s mind among us.

**Lord, listen to your children praying.**

Gracious God, may the sword of the Word pierce our hearts and give us compassion for a suffering world. We pray for world leaders and diplomats who seek to make peace among nations. May their success be measured in generations who live free from fear of war. We pray for medical professionals committed to healing, especially those in areas of poverty or violence. May they be guided and guarded by the Spirit who lifts up the brokenhearted and even raises the dead.

**Lord, listen to your children praying.**

Holy God, we pray for teachers, school staff and administrators, and students, especially those in high-risk communities. May they find strength in you to reach beyond themselves and so embrace the future with the hope that you are holding for them.

**Lord, listen to your children praying.**

Loving God, we pray for your promised kingdom to come, when all wars will cease, and there will be no disease; when courageous faith, hope, and love cast out hatred and poverty. Give us courage today to pray for our needs and give thanks for our many blessings, and the wisdom to live in such a way to help bring about a new day through your power.

Lord, **listen to your children praying.**

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 #437**

“Send the Light”

**\*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**

“Come Thou Fount”

arr. Philip Wesley

Congratulations to our high school and college graduates from the  
**Radio Ministry.**