



First Presbyterian Church

Watertown, NY + www.watertownfirstpres.org

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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!

Pastor Andrew

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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

The gospel changes things: people, institutions, society. This was the greatest challenge the Apostle Paul faced as he worked to spread the gospel. This was a particular challenge in Corinth as the Corinthians were worldly people, wealthy beyond imagination, and simply set in their ways. How do you get someone to understand the radical transformation that comes with the gospel when life is pretty good as it is? How do you attract someone to a tradition of faith that is widely persecuted and looked-down-upon by general society?

The half-truth we consider today is this: *God won't give you more than you can handle*. This is likely something Paul heard from his companions as he struggled in the work of the Lord. But is it true? Is God a cosmic vending machine, judging how much each of us can handle and dispensing life accordingly? Is God micro-managing our lives, and what do we make of the complex and complicated things that happen in life – does God cause it and make it happen? These questions, and more, shape our worship today.

 Gathering 

Pastor's Greeting *and* Words of Welcome

Singing In

Prelude

The Solid Rock

Bradbury; arr. Wayne Fritchie

Michele Bariteau, flute

***Call to Worship** Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.**

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.

**The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

**The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Come, behold the works of the Lord;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.

‘Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth.’

**The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Let us worship God together!

***Opening Hymn #408**

“How Firm A Foundation”

***Prayer of The Day**

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Our old selves were crucified with him, so that we might be slaves to sin no more.

Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sins.

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

a time of silence is kept

Our righteousness is found in Christ alone, a gift of God by faith. Beloved people of God, believe the good news: through the grace of Jesus Christ we 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

“Bless These Children, Lord, We Pray”

(to the tune of “Seek Ye First”, words by Andrew Long)

Bless these children, Lord, we pray;

And walk with them every day.

Teach us to hear them and cherish what they say:

Children will show us the way.



We Listen for God



Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lesson I Corinthians 10:1-13

Anthem

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

Sebastian Temple

Make me a channel of your peace,
Where there is hatred let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

O Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved, as to love, with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness only light,
And where there's sadness ever joy.

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving of ourselves that we receive,
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

The Sermon *Half Truths, Part 3*

God Won't Give You More Than You Can Handle

*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

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"
Michele Bariteau, flute

Sadhu Singh, arr. Fritchie

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 #410**

“Standing on the Promises”

***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

“Fanfare and Chorale in C”

Saint-Saëns

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

We Pray For...

Amy, Janelle, 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.