



First Presbyterian Church

Watertown, NY + www.watertownfirstpres.org

June 4, 2023 + 10:00 a.m.



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)

Sunday School for pre-school through grade 6 meets after "Young Disciples Time." **No Sunday School Today**

Gathering

Gathering Music

“Come, Holy Spirit, Come”

“Now We Call the Holy Ghost”

“Blessed Trinity”

John Carter

Johann Gottfried Walther

Anna Laura Page

Pastor’s Greeting *and* Words of Welcome

Prelude

“Be Thou My Vision”

Irish Tune, arr. G. Young

*Call to Worship *from Psalm 31*

In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me.

Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily.

Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

You are indeed my rock and my fortress;
for your name’s sake lead me and guide me,
take me out of the net that is hidden for me,
for you are my refuge.

**Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.**

Love the Lord, all you his saints.
The Lord preserves the faithful,
but abundantly repays the one who acts haughtily.

**Be strong, and let your heart take courage,
all you who wait for the Lord.**

Let us worship God together!

*Opening Hymn #21

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Prayer of the Day

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

All have sinned and fall short of God's glory, but God's grace and mercy never fall short. There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ, so we can boldly approach the throne of grace to find help in times of need. So with the confidence of the children of God, let us confess our sin to God.

God, our rock and refuge, there are plenty of things that we allow to erode our faith in you. When life gets stormy, we let our uncertainty cloud our trust in you. We think we know better and start relying on ourselves to be able to weather the rain.

Forgive our lack of hope and the disbelief that drowns us.

Allow us to hold on to you, our rock, and to build our lives on the foundation of your love. In the name of Jesus Christ, our stalwart and our shelter. Amen.

Sung Meditation

“My Soul is at Rest” (Psalm 62)

A musical score for the song "My Soul is at Rest" (Psalm 62). The score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff for the melody and a bass clef staff for the accompaniment. The melody is simple and features a mix of quarter and eighth notes. The accompaniment is a simple harmonic accompaniment using chords. Above the treble staff, the following chords are indicated: A, Dm, A sus, A, Dm, C, F, C, Dm, A, Dm. The word "fine" is written above the final note of the melody. The lyrics are written below the treble staff: "My soul is at rest in God a-lone, my sal-va-tion comes from God. My".

Assurance of Pardon

God sacrificed his only Son, Jesus, that our sins may be forgiven,
Paying for our transgressions through Jesus' blood.

God is righteous,

And in that justice we are assured

That there is forgiveness for our sins

Rejoice! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven

And can live in peace. Amen.

***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

“Arise My Soul, Arise”

Dan Forrest

Clancy Cox, Sara Gleason, Jenny Whitenack

Arise, my soul, arise;
Shake off the guilty fears;
The bleeding Sacrifice
In my behalf appears:
Before the throne my Surety stands,
Before the throne my Surety stands:
My name is written on His hands.

Five bleeding wounds He bears,
Received on Calvary;
They pour effectual pray'rs,
They strongly plead for me:
"Forgive him, O forgive, " they cry,
"Forgive him, O forgive, " they cry,
"Nor let that ransomed sinner die!"

My God is reconciled;
His pard'ning voice I hear;
He owns me for His child;
I can no longer fear;
With confidence I now draw nigh,
With confidence I now draw nigh,
And, "Father, Abba, Father, " cry.

The Scripture Lesson

Romans 1:1-7, 16-17, 3:22b-28

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed through faith for faith; as it is written, 'The one who is righteous will live by faith.' the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law?

By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

The Sermon

To Fall and Rise Again

***Hymn #575**

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

Affirmation of Faith *from The Heidelberg Catechism*

Q. What is true faith?

A. True faith is not only a sure knowledge by which I hold as true all that God has revealed to us in Scripture; it is also a wholehearted trust, which the Holy Spirit creates in me by the gospel, that God has freely granted, not only to others but to me also, forgiveness of sins, eternal righteousness, and salvation. These are gifts of sheer grace, granted solely by Christ's merit.



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

“Communion Prayer”

Richard Nichols, Patricia Mock

With this cup of wine we take, and this loaf of bread we break,

We remember you and your act of grace.

Meet us in this holy place.

In this moment, bring to mind any sin that we should find.

Give us ears to hear, give us eyes to see.

Hear, O Lord, our earnest plea.

Your sacrifice, Your all, Your life, we remember.

Such depth of love, Your outpoured blood, we remember You.

As we gather, Savior, Friend, grateful for our pardoned sin,

With a hope we wait and to celebrate with You when You come again.

***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.**

A Prayer for Washing Hands *from Psalm 26*

I wash my hands in innocence,
and go around your altar, O Lord,
**singing aloud a song of thanksgiving,
and telling all your wondrous deeds.**

The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Invitation to The Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy
to give you thanks and praise, eternal God.

Your Spirit hovered over the waters
and brought forth all creation.

You breathed into us the breath
of life and set us on the earth
to praise and serve you.

When we lost our way, you called us back,
then sent your own Son to save us.

Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with choirs of angels
and with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory;
hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the One who comes in the name
of the Lord.**

Hosanna in the highest!

Thank you for Jesus, our Savior and Lord.
By your Spirit you named him beloved
and empowered him to serve the poor,
proclaim freedom from sin's bondage,
and befriend the friendless and the outcast.

When he breathed his last upon a cross,
you raised him from the tomb,
breaking the power of death and
opening the way to eternal life.

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts,
we take this bread and this wine from
the gifts you have given us, and celebrate
with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ.
Accept this our sacrifice of praise and
thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves,
that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died;

Christ is risen;

Christ will come again!

Gracious God,
pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and
upon these your gifts of bread and wine.
Unite us with Christ and with all who trust in him,
that we may be one in ministry in every place.
As this bread is Christ's body for us,
send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.
Set our hearts aflame with a love for the truth

and the desire to do your will.

Make our witness to Christ burn brightly and
keep us faithful until Christ comes in final victory
and we shall feast with all your saints in
the joy of your eternal realm.

Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours,
almighty God, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church,
now and forever. **Amen.**

And now as Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

***Closing Hymn #562**

“Be Thou My Vision”

***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

“Rigaudon”

André Campra, arr. Virgil Fox

Today’s **Radio Broadcast** is a gift in memory of **John McCreary**,
from his family.

Leading in Worship Today:

The Reverend Dr. Andrew Philip Long, preaching

Kim Collins, Liturgist

Carl Bingle, Organist

Sara Gleason, Director of Music

Chancel Choir

Clancy Cox, Sara Gleason, Jenny Whitenack, vocalists

Connecting to Our Community and the World

First Presbyterian is blessed to provide space for several community-based ministries and programs. All are open to members of the church and community and meet on the following days:

Al-Anon, 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays, Fellowship Hall

Alcoholics Anonymous - First Watertown Group, 8:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

The Spare Closet, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays and the 1st Saturday of each month, Basement.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRES.

TODAY, Sunday, June 4th

- Fellowship, after worship in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, June 6th - Staff Meeting, 12 Noon, Room 6

Thursday, June 8th - Worship & Music Committee Meeting, 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Friday, June 9th - Jeff-Lewis BOCES, parking in FPC Lot, 7:30 a.m. to 12 noon

Next Sunday, June 11th

- Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary, Pastor Andrew, preaching

- CHURCH PICNIC after worship on the Labyrinth

CHURCH picnic

Sunday, June 11th
After Worship

Please make your reservations to attend by signing up on the list posted in Fellowship Hall.

Picnic helpers are needed to make this event as successful as it has been in past years.

Those wishing to assist with set up, serving or clean up are encouraged to sign the *Help Wanted Poster*.

Happy Birthday to:

June 4 Ethan Deem
June 5 Katelyn Hodge
June 9 Dorothy Willaman
June 10 Warren Schweitzer
June 11 Alex Roth



Scan this QR code to register for **Vacation Bible School**



ARTICLES FOR JUNE-JULY NEWSLETTER
DUE IN CHURCH OFFICE **Wednesday, June 7th**
Email to Sue at wfpsec@gmail.com

We Pray For...

Linya, Barbara, Mary, Calvin's Family, Wink, Frank, Sam and Reid, Alicia, Jennifer, Elise, John, Alice, Dorothy, Pat, Bob, Sue, Barbara, Sherrie, Amy, Jamie, William, Fred M., Josh L., Sister Diane, Shirley, Tyler, Rochelle, and Mphatso, Grace, Sam, and Ruth, Mary, Suzanne, Linda, Shane, Ed, Millie, Gerda, Annie, FPC Watertown, NNY Presbytery, Synod of The Northeast, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the people of Ukraine, the sick, all essential workers, students and teachers, medical professionals, all serving in the military, for peace and justice, all people in positions of leadership and power.