



# First Presbyterian Church

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

Third Sunday of Easter

May 1, 2022 + 10:00 a.m.



*“Jesus and Peter on The Water,” Gustav Brion, 1863*

# Welcome to First Presbyterian Church!

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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).

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## **Today's Bulletin Cover *and* A Word About The Service**

Peter was sinking, and he had been for quite some time. He talked a good game – “Lord, I will never abandon you.” - but when the time came, he cowered in fear– “I do not know him!” As Jesus stood trial before Jerusalem’s ‘kangaroo court,’ Peter was asked whether or not he knew Jesus and three times he denied his association with the Savior.

But the Scriptures of our faith are packed with stories of betrayal and forgiveness: David and Bathsheba, Rahab, Ruth, The Prodigal Son, The Woman at The Well. Is there redemption and resurrection for someone like Peter who stands so tall, only to fall when the going gets tough? Or does God simply allow us to sink in the consequences of our choices, beyond the reach of grace?



# Gathering



## Gathering Music

*The Day of Resurrection  
In the Cross of Christ I Glory  
Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Michael Burkhardt  
Mary McDonald  
Jason Payne

## Pastor's Greeting and Welcome

The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

**The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**Prelude**     *Concerto No. 1 in a-minor, movement 1*  
Catherine Wilay, violin

J. S Bach

## \*Call to Worship     *from Psalm 30*

I will extol you, O Lord,  
for you have drawn me up,  
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

**O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,  
and you have healed me.**

O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol,  
restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

**Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones,  
And give thanks to his holy name.**

For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime.

**Weeping may linger for the night,  
but joy comes with the morning.**

**Let us worship God together!**

\*Opening Hymn #370     “Rejoice, the Lord is King”

\*Prayer of the Day

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

*from Hebrews 4 and Romans 6*

Remember that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weakness. Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.**

**In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

*a time of silence is kept*

If we have died with Christ,  
we believe that we will also live with him.  
Therefore, consider yourselves dead  
to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.  
In the name of Jesus Christ,  
**we are forgiven.**  
**Thanks be to God!**

**\*Response #813**     *Glory Be to the Father*

### **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, Part 1**    John 21:1-14

**Anthem**            *Jesus, Take All of Me*            C. Elliott/ W. Bradbury

Just as I am without one plea, but that Thy blood was shed for me.  
And that bidd'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God I come, I come.  
Just as I am Thou will receive, will welcome pardon, cleanse, relieve.  
Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God I come, I come.  
Jesus, take all of me. I come to You, I run to You. There is nothing  
that You don't see. You love me just as I am. Just as I am broken in  
two. Just as I am, I come to You. Because I know Your Word is true,  
O Lamb of God I come. I come. I come. And Jesus take all of me.  
I come to You, I run to You. There is nothing that You don't see. You  
love me just as I am. Jesus, take all of me. I come to You, I run to  
You. There is nothing that You don't see. You love me just as I am.  
Just as I am, Thy love unknown has broken every barrier down. Now  
to be Thine, yes, Thine alone, O Lamb of God I come, I come. I  
come, Jesus, I come. O sweet Lamb of God, I come, I come.

**The Scripture Lesson, Part 2**    John 21:15-21

**The Sermon**        *Peter's Resurrection*

**\*Hymn #590**        "I'll Live for Him"

## \*Easter Affirmation of Faith

*Let us affirm what we believe:*

**This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. 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**

*Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring*

J. S. Bach

### **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 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 up 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,  
creator and ruler of the universe.

At your word the earth was made and  
spun on its course among the planets.  
Your hand formed us from the dust of  
the earth and set us among all your creatures  
to love and serve you.

When we were unfaithful to you  
you kept faith with us.

When we were slaves in Egypt,  
you broke the bonds of our oppression,  
brought us through the sea to freedom,  
and made covenant to be our God.

By a pillar of fire you led us through  
the desert to a land flowing with milk and honey,  
and set before us the way of life.

You spoke of love and justice in the prophets,  
and in the Word made flesh you lived among us,  
manifesting your glory.

He died that we might live,  
and is risen to raise us to new life.



Therefore we praise you,  
joining our voices with angels and archangels  
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!**

You are holy, O God of majesty,  
and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son,  
our Lord, whom you sent to save us.  
He came with healing in his touch,  
and was wounded for our sins.  
He came with mercy in his voice,  
and was mocked as one despised.  
He came with peace in his heart,  
and met with violence and death.

By your power he broke free from the  
prison of the tomb, and at his command  
the gates of hell were opened.  
The one who was dead now lives.  
The one who humbled himself is  
raised to rule over all creation,  
the Lamb upon the throne.

The one ascended on high is with us always, as he promised.  
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,  
that the bread we break and the cup  
we bless may be the communion of the body  
and blood of Christ.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ  
that we may be one with all who share this feast,  
united 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. Nourished at  
this table, O God, may we know Christ's redemptive love and  
live a new life in him.

Give us who are fed at his hand,  
grace to share our bread with the hungry  
and with the hungry of heart.

Keep us faithful in your service until Christ  
comes in final victory, and we shall feast with all your saints in  
the joy of your eternal realm.

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

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Words of Institution**

**Communion of The People**

**Prayer After Communion**

**\*Closing Hymn #375** “Jesus Shall Reign”

**\*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**

*Fantasia on “Easter Hymn”*

William Harris

**Leading in Worship Today:**

Pastor Andrew, preaching

Marcia Kettrick, liturgist

Carl Bingle, organist

Sara Gleason, choir director

Agnes McCarthy and Catherine Wilay, violins

The Choir of First Presbyterian Church

This morning’s **Radio Broadcast** is a gift from the radio ministry to friends who join our worship by way of the radio or our church website.

**TODAY’S FLOWERS** are given in loving memory of  
**Mr. & Mrs. E. D. Pfaff**, by Rebecca & William Brown.



# Community and Congregational Care

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

Joe, Connor & Kennedy, Sue, Sister Diane, Shirley, Tyler & Rochelle, Grace, Sam & Ruth, Mary, Tom, Linda & Ken, Shane, Ed, Millie, Gerda, Annie, United Presbyterian Church of Sackets Harbor, 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 & leadership.

## **Happy Birthday to...**

4/30 Bob Sturtz (belated wishes!)

5/1 Matt Gorman

5/4 Sarah Sinclair

5/7 Katrina Cox

5/7 Ruth Chiumia

**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, 6:30 p.m., Tuesdays, Fellowship Hall

Special Religious Education, 6:30 p.m., Tuesdays, Chapel

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

# Calendar of Events

## **Sunday, May 1**

10 a.m. - Morning Worship, sanctuary

10-11 a.m. - Charismatic Church, chapel

12:15 p.m. - Watertown Multi-Ethnic Community, chapel

5:00-6:00 p.m. - Open Table Meal (Take Out Only), Fellowship Hall

## **Monday, May 2**

9 a.m.-4:00 p.m. - Office Open

## **Tuesday, May 3**

9 a.m.-4:00 p.m. - Office Open

12 noon - Staff Meeting, Room 6

6:30 p.m. - Al-Anon, Fellowship Hall

## **Wednesday, May 4**

7:30 a.m. - Men's Breakfast, Fellowship Hall

9 a.m.-4:00 p.m. - Office Open

## **Thursday, May 5**

9 a.m.-4 p.m. - Office Open

5:00 p.m. - Deacons' Meeting, Room 6

6:30 p.m. - Handbell Rehearsal

7:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal

## **Friday, May 6**

9 a.m.-2 p.m. - Office Open

## **Saturday, May 7**

8 p.m. - A.A. - First Watertown Group, Fellowship Hall

## **Sunday, May 8**

510 a.m. - Morning Worship, sanctuary

10-11 a.m. - Charismatic Church, chapel