



# First Presbyterian Church

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022 + 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 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).



# Gathering



## Gathering Music

*Worship Christ, the Risen King*  
*Lamb of God*  
*Earth and All Stars*  
*Jerusalem*

M. Burkhardt  
T. Paris  
M. Burkhardt  
C. H. Parry

## Greeting and Welcome

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

## Prelude

*The Heavens Declare the Glory*

B. Marcello, arr. Caudill

## \*Call to Worship *Psalm 148*

Praise the Lord!  
Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!  
**Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!**  
**Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!**  
Praise him, you highest heavens,  
and you waters above the heavens!  
**Let them praise the name of the Lord,**  
**for he commanded and they were created.**

He established them forever and ever;  
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

**Praise the Lord from the earth,**  
**you sea monsters and all deeps,**  
**fire and hail, snow and frost,**  
**stormy wind fulfilling his command!**

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

**Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!**

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!  
**Young men and women alike, old and young together!**

Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
for his name alone is exalted;  
**his glory is above earth and heaven.**

He has raised up a horn for his people,  
praise for all his faithful,  
for the people of Israel who are close to him.  
**Praise the Lord!**

**Let us worship God together!**

**\*Opening Hymn (see insert)**      *Earth and All Stars!*”

**\*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 live 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 First Scripture Lesson**     Revelation 21:1-6

### **Anthem**

*Cross of Sorrow, Cross of Love*

R. E. Schram

Upon the cross of sorrow, He suffered;  
Upon the cross of love, He died.  
What greater sacrifice could He have offered,  
Then His own life for mine?

The “Man of Sorrows” bore my sin,  
The God of Love redeemed my soul,  
And all eternity revolves around the cross.  
That moment altered history, when guilt was nailed to Calvary,  
upon the cross of sorrow, the cross of love.

Before the Lord created the heavens, before the stars first rained their light, He knew my name! He offered me salvation, through His son the Lord Jesus Christ, The Christ.

“Man of Sorrows”, what a name for the Son of God who came, ruined sinners to reclaim! Hallelujah! What a savior!

**The Second Scripture Lesson**     John 13:31-35

**The Sermon**     *The Least Understandable Word in the Bible*

**\*Hymn #648**     “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

**\*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

*El Shaddai*

John Thompson

El shaddai, el shaddai  
El-elyon na adonia  
Age to age You're still the same  
By the power of the name  
El shaddai, el shaddai  
Erkamka na adonai  
We will praise and lift You high  
El shaddai

Through Your love and through the ram  
You saved the son of Abraham  
Through the power of Your hand  
Turned the sea into dry land  
To the outcast on her knees  
You were the God who really sees  
And by Your might  
You set Your children free

Through the years you've made it clear  
That the time of Christ was near  
Though the people couldn't see  
What messiah ought to be  
Though Your word contained the plan  
They just could not understand  
Your most awesome work was done  
Through the frailty of Your son

## 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 #361**    *Worship Christ, the Risen King*

**\*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**

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Beecher, arr. Joel Raney

### **Leading in Worship Today:**

Bob Gorman, preaching

Mike Gillette, liturgist

Carl Bingle, Organist

Sara Gleason, Choir Director

The Choir of First Presbyterian Church

David Elmer, Soloist

Today's **Radio Broadcast** is a gift from First Presbyterian Church.

**Today's Flowers** are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of  
**Norman Ahlheim** by Cindy Ahlheim and Family.

**Deadline for next newsletter** is **May 20th**. Please email articles  
to Sue at wfpcsec@gmail.com

# Community and Congregational Care

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

Morse Family, John, Marilyn, Rick, Clem, Joe, Connor & Kennedy, 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.

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

5/15 Dave Elmer  
5/16 Mary Sanford  
5/17 Martha Brown  
5/19 Katja Stevens  
5/20 Connor Way  
5/20 Sarah Gerot

**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 15**

10 a.m. - Morning Worship, sanctuary

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

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

## **Monday, May 16**

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

## **Tuesday, May 17**

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

No Staff Meeting today

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

## **Wednesday, May 18**

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

## **Thursday, May 19**

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

5:00 p.m. - Session Meeting, FH

7:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal

## **Friday, May 20**

### **Newsletter Deadline**

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

Wedding Rehearsal

## **Saturday, May 21**

2:00 p.m. - Wedding

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

## **Sunday, May 22**

10 a.m. - Morning Worship, sanctuary

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

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

# Navigating the Waters: Love, Loss, and What happens next



Potluck dinner series

Fellowship Hall at First Presbyterian Church

403 Washington St. Watertown NY

Wednesday nights at 5:30 PM

Bring a dish to pass

Place settings, drinks, and childcare provided

May 25<sup>th</sup> – Is death the end of the Voyage?

Presented by Pastor Andrew Long

June 1<sup>st</sup> – Caring for yourself and others in the eye of the storm

Presented by Pastor Andrew Long

June 8<sup>th</sup> – Legal currents of death and dying in America

Presented by TBA

June 15<sup>th</sup> – Journey's End

Presented by Hospice

