



First Presbyterian Church

Watertown, NY + www.watertownfirstpres.org

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 22, 2022 + 10:00 a.m.



Paul receiving the Macedonian call, mosaic in Berea, Greece

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).

A Word About Today's Service *and Bulletin Artwork*

Visions are more than common throughout the Bible. From Abraham and Moses, to Joshua, Jacob, Deborah, and now Paul, visions are a way that breaks into our world with hope for the future. Today during worship we're going to think about how Paul's vision about Macedonia and John's vision in Revelation are acts of resistance against empire, isolation, and fear. Biblical visions have inspired countless followers of Jesus to look toward a time when all things will be made right, including Mother Theresa, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Dorothy Day.

This mosaic from a church in Berea, Greece, shows a somewhat unenthusiastic Paul receiving the Macedonian call. Perhaps you can identify with that feeling. God's call does not wait for us to be ready; instead, God calls us to ministry and mission when there is a need in the world that matches our gifts and skills. It has been said that God does not call the equipped...God equips the called!



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

Lo, He Comes on Clouds Descending 2nd hymn, arr. Burtonwood

*Call to Worship *Psalm 67*

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
**that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.
**May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth
revere him.**

Let us worship God together!

***Opening Hymn #3** *“Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty”*

***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 21:10, 22-22:5

Anthem

Medley of the Cross

Anna Laura Page

On a hill far away is stood an old rugged Cross,
The emblem of suffering and shame;
And I love that old cross, where the dearest and best for a world
of lost sinners was slain.

So I cherish the old rugged cross.
Till my trophies at last I lay down
I will cling to the old rugged cross
And exchange it some day for a crown

I hear the savior say
Thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness watch and pray
Find in me thine all in all

Jesus keep me near the cross
There's a precious fountain
Free to all a healing stream
Flows from Calvary's mountain
Near the cross
Near the cross be my glory ever
'Til my raptured soul shall find
Rest beyond the river

The Second Scripture Lesson Acts 16:9-15

The Sermon *Visions As Resistance*

*Hymn (see insert) “*Lo, He Comes*”

*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

“*Méditation*” (from *Thais*)
Michele Bariteau, flute

Jules Massenet

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 #540** *“My Hope Is in the Lord”*

***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

Jesus Comes on Clouds Descending

Tune: Helmsley, arr. Brenda Portman (2020)

Leading in Worship Today:

Pastor Andrew, preaching

Bill Barden, liturgist

Carl Bingle, Organist

Sara Gleason, Choir Director

The Choir of First Presbyterian Church

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We Pray For...

For friends and family on the passing of Mike Gillette, For friends and family on the passing of Sandy Conde, Bob, 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.