



First Presbyterian Church

Watertown, NY + www.watertownfirstpres.org

May 28, 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!

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.

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." **Pete Thomas is the teacher 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

The Day of Pentecost

Acts 1:1-13

*Processional Hymn #63

“All Creatures of Our God and King” sts. 1-4

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

Jesus says: Let anyone who is thirsty come to me. Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water. Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ.

Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

a time of silence is kept

Through Christ,

God has poured out the Holy Spirit

Upon us for the forgiveness of sins.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

*Response #63

“All Creatures of Our God and King” st. 5

A Time With Young Disciples



We Listen For God



Prayer for Illumination

The First Scripture Lesson

Psalm 104:24-34

O Lord, how manifold are your works!

**In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.**

Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
creeping things innumerable are there,
living things both small and great.

**There go the ships,
and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.**

These all look to you
to give them their food in due season;
**when you give to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.**

When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
when you take away their breath, they die
and return to their dust.

**When you send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the ground.**

May the glory of the Lord endure forever;
may the Lord rejoice in his works -
who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke.

**I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.
May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the Lord.**

Anthem

“Amazing Grace” (My Chains are Gone)

arr. Raney

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed
My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love
Amazing grace
The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures
My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love
Amazing grace
My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love
Amazing grace
The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God, who called me here below
Will be forever mine, will be forever mine
You are forever mine

The Second Scripture Lesson

Romans 8:18-27

The Sermon

The Rush of a Violent Wind

*Hymn #395

“Descend, O Holy Spirit”

Reception of New Members

Presentation

Affirmation of Faith

With the church in heaven and on earth, let us affirm what we believe:

We believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? **I do.**

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Will you be Christ’s faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?

I will, with God’s help.

Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, share in its worship and mission through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?

I will, with God’s help.

Prayer

Welcome



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

“Shine, Jesus, Shine

Kendrick, arr. Mark Hayes

David Elmer, Soloist

Lord, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me
Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze
Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word
Lord, and let there be light
Lord, I come to your awesome presence
From the shadows into your radiance
By the blood I may enter your brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me, shine on me
Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze
Set our hearts on fire

Flow, river, flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word
Lord, and let there be light
As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story
Shine on me, shine on me
Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze
Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word
Lord, and let there be light

***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

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

God of dancing flames and rushing fire, we praise you for your goodness towards us and for your love of all creation. In you we live, and move, and have our being, and without you we are nothing. We shout our gratitude for the ways in which you bless and keep our lives, the ways we see and those and the ways we do not. Keep our hearts and minds attentive to your presence in our lives.

In your mercy, **fill us all with sacred fire.**

God of many languages and many nations, teach us once again that our lives are inextricably linked to the lives of others, those near to us and far. Just as you did at Pentecost, bring clarity to the cacophony of voices in our lives. Show us that differences in

language, race, religion, or creed are not to be feared but to be embraced as you have embraced us. Teach us again your ways of peace.

In your mercy, **fill us all with sacred fire.**

God of healing, at the first Pentecost your Spirit moved so powerfully in the disciples that the people in Jerusalem thought they were drunk. We might find this humorous, but we know the ravages of addiction in the lives of your people. May your Spirit work in new ways for those struggling with addiction and for those who care for them.

In your mercy, **fill us all with sacred fire.**

God of hope, your Spirit prays in us with sighs too deep for words. We often look at the world around us and wonder where you could be. There is just so much violence and hatred, discord and destruction. Yet, we know that you have promised to never leave us. Show us your presence once again and show us that ways we might work with you for freedom and peace at home, in our church and community, and throughout the world.

In your mercy, **fill us all with sacred fire.**

Hear us now as we pray to you in the name of Jesus Christ, as he taught us:

**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.**

***Closing Hymn #11**

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

***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

“With Wind and Fire” (from Fantaisie pour Orgue) C. Saint-Saëns

Today’s **Radio Broadcast** is given in honor of those who gave their lives
in service to our country.

Leading in Worship Today:

The Reverend Dr. Andrew Philip Long, preaching

Marcia Kettrick, Liturgist

Carl Bingle, Organist

Sara Gleason, Director of Music

Chancel Choir

David Elmer, Soloist

We Pray For...

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.

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, May 28th - Pentecost Sunday

- Fellowship with birthday cakes, after worship in Fellowship Hall
- "Going Deeper" Study - Session #5, 11:30 a.m.

Monday, May 29th - CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED

Tuesday, May 30th - Staff Meeting, 12 Noon, Room 6

Next Sunday, June 4th

- Worship, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary, Pastor Andrew, preaching
- Fellowship after worship in Fellowship Hall
- "Going Deeper" Study - Session #5, 11:30 a.m., Room 6

Birthdays This Week

May 28	Stephanie Green
May 30	Carolyn Osborne
May 31	Thomas U. Walker, Jr.
June 2	Daniel Hodge
June 2	Beckett Green

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*.

Anyone who might be interested in a **CPR-AED Training Class**, please contact the church office, 782-1750, by May 28th. We have not set a date; we are trying to get a list of those interested first.