



First Presbyterian Church

Watertown, NY + www.watertownfirstpres.org

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 8, 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).

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

In the weeks between Easter and Pentecost the lectionary helps us to look back on moments during Jesus' ministry where he tells us about who he is. Today, Jesus calls himself the Good Shepherd and, elsewhere, the Great Shepherd of The Flock. Today's bulletin cover artwork is a familiar picture of Jesus carrying a lamb on his shoulders. This image of Christ is gentle, pastoral, and protective, like a parent safeguarding a child until the time it can care for itself.

Jesus also speaks today in the gospel lesson about his union with God and the power that gives him to do the work he was called to do. What does it mean for us to be sheep of Jesus' flock? How does our relationship with God shape the form and outcomes of our service to God and one another? Can we truly be confident that nothing can 'snatch' us away from Christ's protective care?



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

Because He Lives

W. Gaither, arr. F. Bock

*Call to Worship *Psalm 23*

With one voice, let us say together 23:

**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul:
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence
of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

Let us worship God together!

***Opening Hymn #358** “Because He Lives”

***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**

Here I Am Lord
FPC Bell Choir

Douglas E. Wagner

A Time With Young Disciples and The Sacrament of Baptism Presentation

Mason Vaughn and Alek Vaughn Klug

To those presenting the child:

Do you desire for Mason and Alek to be baptized? **We do.**

Relying on God's grace, do you promise to live the Christian faith, and to teach that faith to Mason and Alek? **We do.**

To the Congregation:

Do you promise, through your prayers and witness, to support Mason and Alek in his faith and support them as they grow in the love of the Lord? **We do.**

Profession of Faith

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 renounce them.

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**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love? **I will, with God's help.**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;

the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Thanksgiving Over The Water of Baptism

Welcome

Let us welcome the newly baptized:

Mason and Alek,

For you Jesus Christ came into the world:

for you he lived and showed God's love;

for you he suffered the darkness of Calvary

and cried at the last, 'It is accomplished';

for you he triumphed over death

and rose in newness of life;

for you he ascended to reign at God's right hand. All this he

did for you, Mason and Alek, though you do not know it yet.

And so the word of Scripture is fulfilled:

"We love because God loved us first."



We Listen for God



Prayer For Illumination

The First Scripture Lesson Revelation 7:9-17

The Second Scripture Lesson John 10:22-30

The Sermon *Are You Listening?*

***Hymn #302** "Lamb of God"

***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

We Have Seen the Lord

Earlene Rentz

Thomas: Great sorrow and great loss, the Lord upon a cross.

The Lord has died, our Lord has died, Messiah is crucified.

And now with joy they cry, the Lord who died is alive.

Unless I touch, unless I see the risen Christ I will not believe.

People: We have seen the Lord, we have seen the Lord of life.

For He speaks to us, and He walks beside us and we know we have seen the Lord.

See His hands, His hands and His side.

Christ is alive, Christ is alive, Christ the Lord is alive.

Jesus: Shalom, peace be unto you.

Touch my hands and my side, and see that it is I.

Touch my hands and my side, I am Christ crucified.

Thomas: My Lord and my God!

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.

***Closing Hymn #680** “All the Way My Savior Leads Me”

***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

Alleluia

M. Rozsa

Leading in Worship Today:

Pastor Andrew, preaching

Don Klug, liturgist

Carl Bingle, Organist

Sara Gleason, Choir Director

The Choir of First Presbyterian Church

Jennifer Whitenack, Bell Choir Director

The Bell Choir of First Presbyterian Church

On this special Sunday, the **Radio Broadcast** is a gift from
Presbyterian Women, honoring all mothers.

Pastor Andrew and his family will be on vacation May 10-17, 2022. When Pastor Andrew graduated from Louisville Seminary in 2020 with his Doctor of Ministry Degree, the ceremony was entirely online, and the ceremony was also entirely online in 2021. Louisville is having an in-person graduation this year and has invited 2020 and 2021 graduates to 'walk' during the ceremony. We wish Pastor Andrew and his family well!

Please call the church office for any pastoral needs during this time:
(315) 782-1750.

Community and Congregational Care

We Pray For...

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, Waddington First Presbyterian, 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...

- 5/8 William Kandler
- 5/9 Judy Morley
- 5/9 Yanna Hiotis
- 5/9 William Gleason
- 5/10 Christina MacDonald
- 5/10 Garren Gorman
- 5/11 Gini McCreary
- 5/11 Sue Kitto
- 5/11 Urban Hirschey
- 5/11 Gerda Barbour
- 5/12 Evelyn Atashili
- 5/14 Carole Brown

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 8

10 a.m. - Morning Worship, sanctuary

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

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

Monday, May 9

Church Office Closed Today

5:00 p.m. - Outreach Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 10

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

No Staff Meeting today

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

Wednesday, May 11

8:30 a.m. - Facilities Committee Meeting, Room 1

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

Thursday, May 12

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

5:00 p.m. - Worship & Music Committee Meeting, FH

7:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 13

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

Saturday, May 14

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

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

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 25th – *Is death the end of the Voyage?*

Presented by Pastor Andrew Long

June 1st – *Caring for yourself and others in the eye of the storm*

Presented by Pastor Andrew Long

June 8th – *Legal currents of death and dying in America*

Presented by TBA

June 15th – *Journey's End*

Presented by Hospice



Saturday, May 14th, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. - *Junk in the Trunk* Rummage Sale, sponsored by P.E.O. (Women's Educational Group), will be held in the First Pres. Church parking lot - featuring specialty items from Mabel Walker's hat and accessory collection.