



# First Presbyterian Church

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*God's Promise to Abraham, Julius Schnorr von Carolsfeld, 1860*

# 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.

**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)

**NO Sunday School** this week. Sunday school will meet next week for pre-school thru Grade 6 with Bunny Gorman teaching.

## **A Word About Today's Service**

Last week began our series, "Blessed To Be A Blessing," and we entered into the story of Abram and Sarai being called by God to step out in faith into an unknown future. With God's promise guiding them, Abram and Sarai followed God and were promised not only blessings but a huge family! Today we read about God's covenant with Abram to make him the father of many nations.

We are also in the midst of our 2023 Stewardship Campaign. As you consider how you will pledge your time, talent, and treasure to God's work at First Presbyterian Church, take a moment to give thanks to God for the many blessings in your life. We've come this far by faith, leaning on the everlasting arms, and the covenant God made with Abraham and renewed for us in Jesus Christ is still our guiding light today!

 **Gathering** 

**Pastor's Greeting and Words of Welcome**

**Singing In**

**Prelude** “Be Thou My Vision”

Michele Bariteau, flute

arr. Hillyard

**\*Call to Worship** *from Psalm 8*

O Lord, our Sovereign,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**You have set your glory above the heavens.**

**Out of the mouths of babes and infants  
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,  
to silence the enemy and the avenger.**

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars that you have established;  
**what are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
mortals that you care for them?**

Yet you have made them a little lower than God,  
and crowned them with glory and honour.

**You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet,  
all sheep and oxen,  
and also the beasts of the field,  
the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

O Lord, our Sovereign,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**Let us worship God together!**

**\*Opening Hymn #790**

“We Gather Together”

**Prayer of the Day**

## Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

Through the prophet Isaiah, God promises that when we pass through deep waters or go through times of fiery trial, the Lord our God is with us. We need not fear the sin that separates us from God because God has promised to deliver us. With confidence in God, our creator and redeemer, let us confess our sin.

**Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our redeemer.**

*a time of silence is kept*

Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you.  
I have called you by name; you are mine.

God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth!

**By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God**

**\*Response “Amen, We Praise Your Name”**

*Leader* *All*

Sing prais - est! A - men, we praise your name, O God! Sing prais - est!  
Ma - si - thi! A - men si - a - ku - du - mi - sa! Ma - si - thi!

A - men, we praise your name, O God! Sing prais - est! A - men, a - men.  
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## **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**    Genesis 15:1-6, 18-21

### **Anthem**

### **Testimony**

### **The Sermon**

**“Blessed To Be a Blessing: The Promise”**

**Affirmation of Faith**    from *The Heidelberg Catechism*

Question: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**Answer: That I am not my own, but belong - body and soul, in life and in death – to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.**

**Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him. 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.*

### **The 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**

“Amazing Grace”

Julia Wright, soloist

### **\*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**

“The Blessing”

as performed by Celtic Women

In the morning when you rise, I bless the sun, I bless the skies

I bless your lips, I bless your eyes. My blessing goes with you.

In the night time when you sleep Oh, I bless you while a watch I

keep As you lie in slumber deep. My blessing goes with you.

This is my prayer for you, There for you, ever true.

Each every day for you, In everything you do.

And when you come to me And hold me close to you

I bless you And you bless me too.

When your weary heart is tired, If the world would leave you  
uninspired  
When nothing more of love's desire, My blessing goes with you.  
When the storms of life are strong, When you're wounded, when you  
don't belong, When you no longer hear my song  
My blessing goes with you.

**\*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**

“Ein’ feste Burg ist unser Gott”

James Pethel

The **Radio Ministry** is celebrating 81 years of sharing God's work through radio broadcast! This Sunday's broadcast is a gift expressing appreciation to all who have supported this outreach and to all the dedicated people who work behind the scenes to make it possible for our listening congregation, and those attending church, to worship together.

**We Pray For...**

Jenny, John D., Jonathan, Alice, Dorothy, Pat, Bob, Sue, Barbara, Sherrie, Amy Jamie, William, Fred M., Josh L., Sister Diane, Shirley, Tyler, Rochelle & Mphatso, Grace, Sam & Ruth, Mary, Tom, Suzanne, Linda & Ken, 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 & teachers, medical professionals, all serving in the military, for peace & justice, all people in positions of leadership & power.