



First Presbyterian Church

Watertown, NY + www.watertownfirstpres.org

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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!

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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." Sarah Wright is the teacher today.

Gathering Music

Carl Bingle, FPC Organist

“All Beautiful the March of Days”

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

“Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him”

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

Anna Laura Page



Gathering



Pastor's Greeting and Words of Welcome

Prelude

“Now Thank We All Our God *with* Sing to the Lord of Harvest”

arr. Derek K. Hakes

*Call to Worship from *Psalms 105*

O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wonderful works.

Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his presence continually.

Remember the wonderful works he has done,
his miracles, and the judgements he has uttered,

O offspring of his servant Abraham,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

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

We cannot come before God unless we are first honest with ourselves about who we are, about the mistakes we make, and about how well or poorly we care for others. In this spirit, let us offer our prayers to God.

**Often, O holy and righteous God,
we dare your justice,
mock your mercy,
jeer your patience,
slight your power,
and show contempt for your love.**

**We even say “I’m sorry” insincerely and confess our sin
flippantly.**

We plead your help to own up carefully to how we have wronged you, to admit honestly how we have grieved you, to plead penitently for your mercy and pardon. We beg your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, and seek to once again service and worship you in spirit and truth.

a time of silence is kept

Amen.

Christ is our peace;
those who are divided he has made one.
He has broken down the barriers of separation by
his death and has built us up into one body, with God.
To all who repent and believe he has promised reconciliation.
So live as people reconciled.
Thanks be to God!

***Response** *Gloria Patri*

*Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

A Time With Young Disciples



We Listen For God



Prayer for Illumination

Anthem

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

arr. A. L. Page

The First Scripture Lesson

Amos 5:18-24

The Second Scripture Lesson

Matthew 25:31-46

Loving God, Loving Neighbor: In Watertown and Beyond

*Hymn #666

“A Charge To Keep I Have”

*Affirmation of Faith *from The Westminster Confession of Faith*

Now that we have heard the good news of the gospel, what are we called to be and do?

Since there is no other way of salvation than that revealed in the gospel, and since in the divinely established and ordinary method of grace faith cometh by hearing the Word of God, Christ hath commissioned his Church to go into all the world and to make disciples of all nations. All believers are, therefore, under obligation to sustain the ordinance of the Christian religion where they are already established, and to contribute by their prayers, gifts, and personal efforts to the extension of the Kingdom of Christ throughout the whole earth.



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.

Song of Offering #186

“Lord, Be Glorified”

The Song of Offering recognizes God as the creator and giver of all that we have and all that we are. This song is a prayer for God to use us and our gifts for God’s glory.



Donations can be made by either scanning the QR code from the Venmo app or by searching for `_of_Watertown`.

Musical Offering

“Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown

David Mennike

Come, O Thou Traveler unknown,
Whom still I hold, but cannot see!
My company before is gone,
And I am left alone with thee.
With thee all night I mean to stay,
And wrestle till the break of day.

I need not tell thee who I am,
My misery and sin declare;
Thyself has called me by my name,
Look on thy hands and read it there.
But who I ask thee, who are thou?
Tell me thy name and tell me now.

Yield to me now for I am weak,
But confident in self despair!
Speak to my heart, in blessing speak,
Be conquered by my instant prayer.
Speak, or thou never hence shalt move,
And tell me if thy name is Love.

‘Tis Love! ‘Tis Love! Thou diedst for me,
I hear thy whisper in my heart.
The morning breaks, the shadows fell,
Pure Universal Love thou art.
To me, to all, thy mercies move,
Thy nature and thy name is Love.

The Prayers of The People and The Lord's Prayer

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Holy God, you welcome us into your joy and entrust us with your gospel. In hope for the world to come and with love for the world you made, we offer our prayers for your church, your earth, and your people.

For your church, in this community and around the world, that your good news may be proclaimed to all . . .

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For oppressors, that they might know justice, and those oppressed, that they might know peace . . .

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For your creation, that we may be the caretakers you intend . . .

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For the young, that they might be nurtured in love . . .

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For the old, that they might be secure in your care . . .

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For those who fight the demons of addiction, and for all who suffer from stigmatized or incurable diseases, that they might find relief . . .

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For those who face an early death and those they leave behind, that they might be comforted . . .

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For all those who care for the suffering and those in their charge, that they would be freed from pain and fear, and for all of those about whom we worry and those whose troubles are known only to you . . .

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

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 #788**

“Now Thank We All Our God”

***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 Hearts and Hands and Voices”

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

(Marche Triomphale: “Nun danket alle Gott”)

This morning, the **Radio Broadcast** is given in memory of
Kenneth S. and Frances H. Barden, by their families.