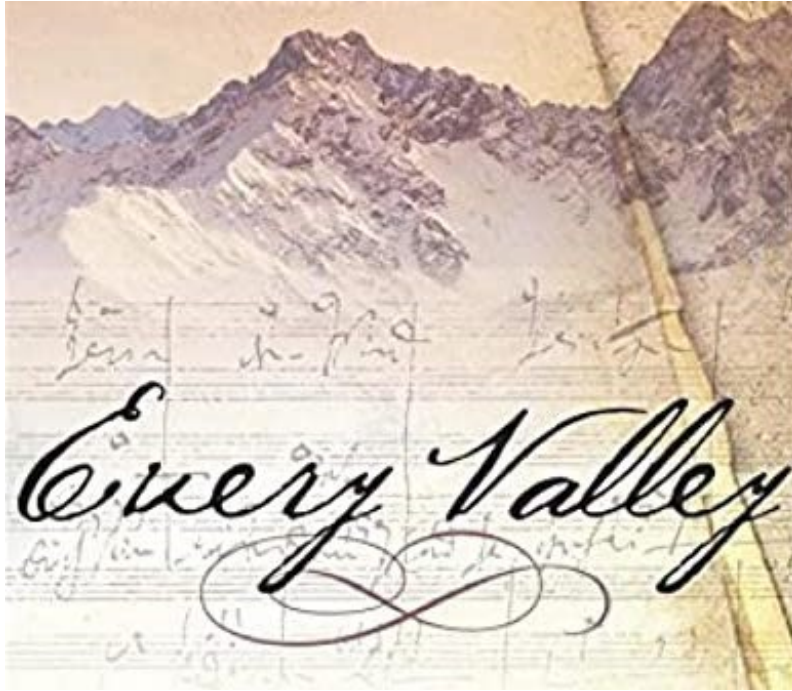




# First Presbyterian Church

Watertown, NY + [www.watertownfirstpres.org](http://www.watertownfirstpres.org)

November 27, 2022 + 10:00 a.m.



*Comfort ye, my people, saith your God.  
Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem and cry unto her,  
that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned.*

*The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness:  
Prepare ye the way of the Lord.*

*Every valley, shall be exalted,  
and every mountain and hill made low,  
the crooked straight, and the rough places plain.*

# 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)

**Sunday School** for pre-school through grade 6, meets after “Puppet Ministry Presentation” teaching today will be Kelly Thomas.

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### Gathering Music

“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”

“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

“People, Look East”

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

Genevan Psalter

Johannes Brahms

Anna Laura Page

Wilbur Held

### Pastor’s Greeting and Words of Welcome



### We Approach God In Worship



### Advent Gathering Song

#### ADVENT GATHERING SONG

James J. Chepponis

Gently *mp*

Come, come Em - man - u - el.

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**\*Call to Worship** *by Miriam Therese Winter*

O Wisdom, who proceeds from the mouth of the Most High,  
reaching from beginning to end:

**Come and teach us the way of prudence.**

O Root of Jesse, emblem of the people,  
before whom kings keep silent, to whom nations pray:

**Come deliver us. Do not delay!**

O Rising Sun, Splendor of eternal Light and Sun of Justice:

**Come and enlighten those who sit in darkness  
and in the shadow of death.**

O Ruler of nations, the Desired of all,  
the Cornerstone that unites:

**Come and save the people you created out of clay.**

O Emmanuel, our Ruler and Lawgiver,  
the Expectation and Savior of the nations:

**Come and save us, O God!**

**\*Opening Hymn #240**

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

**\*Prayer of the Day**

**Confession of Sin**

Advent is about expectation, pointing us forward not only to the incarnation of Jesus that we celebrate at Christmas, but also to the awaited final coming of Christ in victory. In the hope of Christ’s coming, we recognize the ways in which we have sinned against God and our neighbors, breaking the bonds of peace in which we are created.

With humble hearts, let us bring our confession to God.

**Lord, we confess that we are drowsy, sluggish, and plain tired. The world we live in is a troubling place at times, and we recognize that our actions and inactions make it that way. When we should be pursuing peace, we chase after things. When we should be building strong relationships in faith, we are picking fights with one another. Where there should be love, we find despair, fear, and pain.**

**Cleanse us, Lord, so that we are ready to receive Christ when he comes in victory. Shake us awake so that when the hour comes we can present ourselves spotless to the One who lived and died to bring us new life. Amen.**

James J. Chepponis

Gently *mp*

Come, come Emmanuel.

Come, Emmanuel.

### **Assurance of Pardon**

People of God, we do not know the day or the hour of Christ's coming. But we know that God's timing is always perfect. Hear the good news that your sins have been forgiven and God will have final victory over all things.  
**Thanks be to God!**

### **Act of Reconciliation**

Having been reconciled to God, let us be reconciled to one another as we say:  
The peace of Christ be with you!  
**And also with you!**

### **Puppet Ministry Presentation**



**We Listen for God's Word**



### **Prayer for Illumination**

## The First Lesson in Song

“Comfort Ye” and “Every Valley” from G.F. Handel’s “Messiah”

## The Second Lesson

Matthew 24:36-44

## The Sermon

“When?”

## Hymn #754

“Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending”

## Affirmation of Faith from *Colossians 1*

**He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers - all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.**



**We Take God’s Word Into The World**



## 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**

“And the Glory of the Lord” from G.F. Handel’s “Messiah”  
And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,  
and all flesh shall see it

**\*The Doxology** to the tune of “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

**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.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

## **Pledge Card Dedication**

### **Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer**

**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 #375**

“Jesus Shall Reign”

**\*Blessing and Benediction**

### **Christmas Caroling**

**#259 “Angels, from the Realms of Glory”**

**#255 “Lo! How a Rose E’er Blooming”**

This morning’s **Radio Broadcast** is given in loving memory of **Patricia McWayne** by her husband Frederick, daughter Shane, son Shawn and daughter-in-law Kathy

## **We Pray For...**

The Family of Nora Bajjaly, 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.



# Northern Choral Society Christmas Concert 2022

Directed by Sara D. Gleason with Organist Carl Bingle  
Children's Choir Directed by Marietta Kitto  
The Northern Choral Society Brass Quintet  
River Ringers Handbell Choir

**December 3, 3:00 pm**  
**December 4, 3:00 pm**

Tickets sold at Kinney Drugs  
Washington Street in Watertown  
and at the Door.

**Adults - \$13.00**  
**Seniors (60+) - \$11.00**  
**Students (18 + under) - \$8.00**

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