



First Presbyterian Church

Watertown, NY + www.watertownfirstpres.org

November 5, 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." NO Sunday School today.

Gathering Music

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”
“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”
“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”
“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

Carl Bingle, FPC Organist

Paul Manz

James Stevens

Mary McDonald

Van Denman Thompson



Gathering



Pastor's Greeting and Words of Welcome

Prelude

“Hallelujah! Thine the Glory” (see hymn 424)

David Lasky

*Call to Worship from *Psalms 103*

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
**and all that is within me,
bless his holy name.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits -
**who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,**
who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good as long as you live
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The Lord has established his throne in the heavens,
and his kingdom rules over all.

**Bless the Lord, O you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his bidding,
obedient to his spoken word.**

Bless the Lord, all his hosts,
his ministers that do his will.

Bless the Lord, all his works,
in all places of his dominion.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.
Let us worship God together!

*Opening Hymn #21

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

*Prayer of the Day

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

God’s Word assures us: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

Awesome and compassionate God, you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy, but we have not loved you. You constantly call us, but we do not listen. You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.

God of grace, as you come to us in mercy, we repent in spirit and in truth, admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

a time of silence is kept

Amen.

Here are words you may trust,
words that merit full acceptance:
Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.
To all who confess their sins and resolve
to lead a new life, he says, “Your sins are forgiven.”
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

“For Everyone Born”

Tom Trenney

For Everyone Born, A Place At The Table,
For Everyone Born, Clean Water And Bread,
A Shelter, A Space, A Safe Place For Growing,
For Everyone Born, A Star Overhead.

Refrain:

And God Will Delight When We Are Creators
Of Justice And Joy, Compassion And Peace:
Yes, God Will Delight When We Are Creators
Of Justice, Justice And Joy.

For Woman And Man, A Place At The Table,
And God Will Delight When We Are Creators
Of Justice And Joy, Compassion And Peace:
Yes, God Will Delight When We Are Creators
Of Justice, Justice And Joy.

For Young And For Old, A Place At The Table,
A Voice To Be Heard, A Part In The Song,
The Hands Of A Child In Hands That Are Wrinkled,
For Young And For Old, The Right To Belong.

Refrain

For Just And Unjust, A Place At The Table,
Abuser, Abused, With Need To Forgive,
In Anger, In Hurt, A Mindset Of Mercy,
For Just And Unjust, A New Way To Live.

Refrain

For Everyone Born, A Place At The Table,
To Live Without Fear, And Simply To Be,
To Work, To Speak Out, To Witness And Worship,
For Everyone Born, The Right To Be Free.

Refrain

The First Scripture Lesson

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-10

The Second Scripture Lesson

Matthew 25:31-46

Feeding The Hungry: The Open Table

*Hymn #665

“O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee”

*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.



A Prayer for Washing Hands from *Psalms* 26

I wash my hands in innocence,
and go around your altar, O Lord,
**singing aloud a song of thanksgiving,
and telling all your wondrous deeds.**

Invitation to The Table

Communion Hymn #460

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

The Sacrament of The Lord’s Supper

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord’s Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

It is truly right to glorify you, Father,
and to give you thanks,
for you alone are God, living and true,
dwelling in light inaccessible from
before time and forever.

Fountain of all life and source of all goodness,
you made all things and fill them with your blessing;
you created them to rejoice in the
splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before
you to serve you night and day, and,
beholding the glory of your presence,
they offer you unceasing praise.

Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under
heaven, we glorify your name and
lift our voices in joyful praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We acclaim you, holy God, glorious in power;
your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love.
You formed us in your own image,
giving the whole world into our care so that,
in obedience to you, our creator,
we might rule and serve all your creatures.

When our disobedience took us far from you,
you did not abandon us to the power of death.
In your mercy you came to our help,
so that in seeking you we might find you.
Again and again you called us into covenant with you,
and through the prophets you taught us to
hope for salvation.
Almighty God, you loved the world so much
that in the fullness of time you sent your only
Son to be our Savior.

Incarnate by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, he lived as one of us,
yet was without sin.
To the poor he proclaimed the good news
of salvation; to prisoners, freedom;
to the sorrowful, joy.
To fulfill your purpose,
he gave himself up to death and,
rising from the grave, destroyed death
and made the whole creation new.
And that we might live no longer for
ourselves but for him who died and rose for us,

God sent the Holy Spirit,
God's first gift for all who believe,
to complete God's work in the world,
and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to
be glorified by you, his heavenly Father,
having loved his own who were in the world,
he loved them to the end: at supper with them
he took bread, and after giving thanks to you,
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying,
"Take, eat. This is my body, which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."
After supper he took the cup, saying,
"This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood,
shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever
you drink it, do it for the remembrance of me."

Holy God, we now celebrate this
memorial of our redemption.
Recalling Christ's death and his
descent among the dead,
proclaiming his resurrection
and ascension to your right hand,
awaiting his coming in glory,
and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us,
this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.
**We praise you,
we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord, our God.**

Heavenly Father, show forth among
us the presence of your life-giving Word
and Holy Spirit, to sanctify us and your
whole church through this sacrament.
Grant that all who share the body and

blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ,
may be one in him and may remain
faithful in love and hope.

And as this grain has been gathered
from many fields into one loaf and
these grapes from many hills into one cup,
grant, O Lord, that your whole church
may soon be gathered from the ends
of the earth into your kingdom.

Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honor and glory are yours,
Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

And now as Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**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.**

Communion of The People Prayer After Communion

***Closing Hymn #506**

“I’d Rather Have Jesus”

***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

“We Have Heard the Joyful Sound”
(see hymns 438 & 571)

Mary McDonald

The **Radio Ministry** is celebrating 82 years of sharing God's word through the 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.

Leading in Worship Today:

Rev. Dr. Andrew Philip Long, preaching

Bob Kimball, Liturgist

Sara Gleason, Director of Music

Carl Bingle, Organist

FPC Chancel Choir

We pray for those undergoing health difficulties:

Barbara, Jennifer, Elise, John, Alice, Dorothy, Pat, Bob, Sue, Barbara, Sherrie, Amy, Jamie, William, Fred M., Josh L., Shirley, Carol, Anne, Allen, Bob, Beth.

We pray for those who are unable to join us in-person:

Linda, Shane, Ed, Millie, Gerda, Annie

We pray for our mission partners:

Tyler, Rochelle, and Mphatso, Grace, Sam, and Ruth, Isaiah, MELT, The Women of Grace, NNY Presbytery, Synod of The Northeast, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

We pray for our local and national leaders:

Watertown's Mayor and City Council, The U.S. President and Congress, The New York Governor & State Legislature.

We pray for those serving our nation:

The Wright Family, those in conflict in Ukraine

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

November 6 Chad Green
November 8 Ken Reed
November 12 Bob Pyke

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRES.

Today, November 5th, *Hearts Connected: Week #1*

- Northern Choral Society Rehearsals, 2:00-4:15 p.m.

Tuesday, November 7th

- Staff Meeting, 12 noon, Room 6

Wednesday, November 8th

- Facilities Committee Meeting, 8:30 a.m., Room 6

- **MELT Take Out Dinners, 4:00-6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall**

**Roast pork, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans,
spiced apples and dessert - \$12**

Group Pre-Orders and Questions,

Call Heather White, 315-778-9867

Thursday, November 9th

- Music Rehearsals, 6:00-9:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Sunday, November 12th, *Hearts Connected: Week #2*

- Northern Choral Society Rehearsals, 2:00-4:15 p.m.

The **OPEN TABLE committee** would like to extend our mission during the winter months, beyond food, to our community. We could use YOUR help! For the **month of November**, we will be collecting **boxes of tissues** in Fellowship Hall. These tissue boxes will be handed out to our customers with dinner on November 26. This is another way to nurture our community. Thank you for your help.