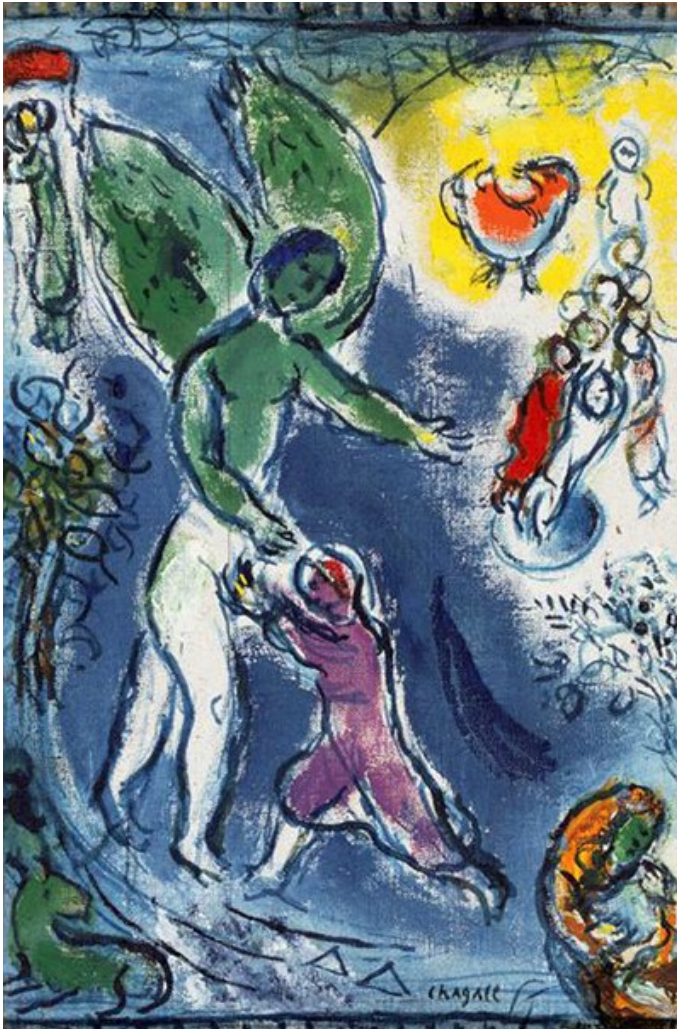




First Presbyterian Church

Watertown, NY + www.watertownfirstpres.org

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Jacob wrestles with the Angel, Marc Chagall, 1960-1966

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 “A Time With Young Disciples,” teaching today will be Kelly Thomas.

A Word About Today’s Service

For the next two Sundays we are going to consider an Old Testament story about family dynamics, sin and grace, and strange and wonderful mercy of God. This story is about Jacob and Esau, whose relationship was anything but conventional.

Marc Chagall’s depiction of Jacob wrestling with the angel was developed over the course of 6 years, showing that Chagall himself wrestled with the themes of the story. The painting using deep colors such as purple to depict the patriarchy of Jacob, while also utilizing motion to show Jacob being pushed in new ways. Around Jacob and the angel are illustrations of the other parts of the story, creating some visual chaos that communicates the true emotion of Jacob and Esau’s complex relationship.

 **Gathering** 

Pastor's Greeting *and* Words of Welcome

Singing In

Prelude

“Forgive Us Our Sins as We Forgive” *Kentucky Harmony, 1820*

G. Macchia

***Call to Worship** *Psalm 121*

I lift up my eyes to the hills -
from where will my help come?

**My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.

**He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.**

The Lord is your keeper;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

**The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**

The Lord will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.

**The Lord will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time on and for evermore.**

Let us worship God together!

***Opening Hymn #486**

“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

***Prayer of The Day**

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

In spite of our best efforts to live faithfully, we fall short of what God intends for us. Because God has already promised to be merciful, we dare to tell the truth about our lives. In humility and trust, let us confess our sin.

God of grace,

For our failure to love others as you have loved us,
forgive us.

For wasting your gifts and hoarding our goods,
forgive us.

For losing heart and abandoning hope,
forgive us.

For all the ways we turn from you,
forgive us

a time of silence is kept

We offer our prayers in the name of the One who saves us,
Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Grace flows like a river;
mercy like a never-ending stream.

Believe the good news:

in Jesus Christ we 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

“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



Scripture Introduction and Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lesson, Part 1 - Genesis 32:3-21

Anthem

“God of Mercy”

Healey Willan

**God of mercy, God of grace,
show the brightness of your face.
Shine upon us, Savior, shine;
fill your Church with light divine,
and your saving health extend
to the earth's remotest end.**

**Let the people praise you, Lord!
Be by all that live adored.
Let the nations shout and sing
glory to their Savior-King;
at your feet their tribute pay,
and your holy will obey.**

**Let the people praise you, Lord,
then enjoy your rich reward!
God to us his blessing give,
we to God devoted live,
all below and all above
one in joy and light and love.**

The Scripture Lesson, Part 2 - Genesis 32:22-32

The Sermon

“Every Sinner and Scoundrel”

Affirmation of Faith - *Apostles' Creed

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.

 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.

Offertory

“Bless the Lord, My Soul”
Julia Wright, soloist

Batastini/Berthier (Taizé)

Ostinato Refrain

Dm G Dm Bb C F A
Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

Dm G Dm Bb C Dm
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

***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

**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 #489**

“Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior”

***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

Gigue on “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

J. Perks

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