



# First Presbyterian Church

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

October 2, 2022 + 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 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 today. Sunday School** for pre-school through grade 6 next Sunday, teaching will be Pete Thomas.

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

The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. Paul tells us that we are to “discern the body” when we partake of Holy Communion, mindful that we note our relationship to all our brothers and sisters in Christ in the celebration.

World Communion Sunday (originally called World Wide Communion Sunday) is a gift of the Presbyterian Church to the larger ecumenical church. The first celebration occurred at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA, in 1933 where Dr. Hugh Thompson Kerr served as pastor.

 Gathering 

**Gathering Music**

“Rejoice, The Lord is King”

arr. Caudill

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

arr. Cherwien

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

**Prelude**

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

Alfred Fedak

**\*Call to Worship** (*from The Uniting Church of Canada*)

One: The whole world is in God’s hands.

**All: Everything that lives and breathes.**

**Everything that simply is.**

**Everything.**

One: From the farthest spaces, to the inmost places!

**All: God is with us**

**and we are with God.**

**Alleluia!**

One: As people of Christ, gathered at table,  
with our sisters and brothers around the world,  
to remember whose we are,  
we shout,

**All: Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

One: Shall we pray?

With all that we have,

with all that we are,

we worship you, God-of-all-Being.

Bless this day. Bless this time. Bless this gathering.

Bless this world, with your overflowing love.

Alleluia!

**All: Alleluia! Amen!**

**Let us worship God together!**

## **\*Processional Hymn #101**

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

## **\*Prayer of The Day**

### **Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon**

God’s reconciling work in Jesus Christ and the mission of reconciliation to which he has called his church are the heart of the gospel in any age. Our generation stands in peculiar need of reconciliation in Christ. We confess our need, confident in God’s forgiving grace.

**God of compassion and mercy,  
we are your wounded and wounding children.  
we bring our wounded selves, our divided society,  
and our broken world,**

**seeking your healing and transforming grace;  
It is easy for us to point the finger at others,  
yet we know that we all need your forgiveness;  
so we lift into your presence today,  
not only the victims of conflicts,  
but also those we have called enemies.**

**Break down the walls of hatred, distrust and bitterness  
and open a way for us to reach one another in truth and love.  
Enable us to build a society where all can belong;  
to share our gifts in mutual respect  
and to seek for the new future which you offer us  
through Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

*a time of silence is kept*

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.  
In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself.  
Jesus Christ is God with humankind.  
**In him, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

**\*Song of Praise “Gospel Amen”**

600

Amen

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in 2/2 time. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics 'A - men, a - men.' and 'A - men, a - men, a - men.' written below the notes. The accompaniment consists of chords and single notes in the bass line.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text  
MUSIC: African American; arr. Nelsie T. Johnson, 1988

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**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Lesson - John 14:25-27**

**Reflection**

We, You, I, am Never Alone.Period”

## **Anthem**

“Lamb of God”

Twila Paris, arr. Lloyd Larson

Your only Son no sin to hide  
But You have sent Him from Your side  
To walk upon this guilty sod  
And to become the Lamb of God

Your gift of love they crucified  
They laughed and scorned Him as he died  
The humble King they named a fraud  
And sacrificed the Lamb of God

Oh Lamb of God, Sweet lamb of God  
I love the Holy Lamb of God  
Oh wash me in His precious Blood  
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God

I was so lost I should have died  
But You have brought me to Your side  
To be led by Your staff and rod  
And to be called a lamb of God

Oh Lamb of God, Sweet lamb of God  
I love the Holy Lamb of God  
Oh wash me in His precious Blood  
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**Scripture Lesson** - Matthew 6:19-21

## **Reflection**

“Where Is Your Heart?”

**\*Affirmation of Faith (from Philipians 2)**

**Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death -  
even death on a cross.**

**Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**



**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 Hymn (see insert)

“For Everyone Born”

### \*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 Sacrament of The Lord’s Supper

### Invitation To The Table

### Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord’s Prayer

May the composer of hope be with you!

**And also with you!**

Beloved, God has created us to live faithfully in these times.

**We lift our hearts to the One**

**who shapes us into communities of grace and peace.**

Join in singing to God, who takes away all our fears.

**We will dance with joy to the Table of peace and hope,  
even if it is the table in our kitchen or living room.**

We tremble in these moments

of uncertainty, of days which seem endless,  
wondering if there is any word for us.

So, remind us that you spoke into the trembling emptiness of  
chaos, and your goodness and wonder began all those days and  
nights when hope raced across the sky,  
when grace bubbled up from springs,  
when peace wandered the meadows.

All these gifts were, and still are,  
crafted for those made in your image,  
even when we grumble in wildernesses  
or live in the exile of fear and worry,  
or seek to have our way, not yours.  
In every moment when your people

were alone, afraid, felt abandoned by all,  
you sent prophets - women and men,  
to remind us of your promises and point us  
to all the ways you continue to love.

Even in times of isolation,  
even in these days which seem the same,  
even in these moments we are alone,  
you are with us, in the life, the promises  
made known in the Child you sent  
to point us to the way home to you.

So, with those who trembled at  
the foot of your holy mountain,  
and with those who press on to follow you,  
we join our voices in praise to you:

**Your Word opens our eyes to all creation.**  
**Your Word is the sweet taste of joy for empty hearts.**  
**Your Word helps us to endure through every**  
**moment which seems unbearable.**  
**Blessed is your Word who comes in your name.**  
**Hosanna in the highest!**

Though others mock us for such trust,  
we continue to believe that we know  
your holiness in the hope you share, God of our hearts,  
and we realize how blessed we are  
by the grace we have received in your Child, Jesus.  
In times when we wonder if anyone really cares about us,  
he is the One who your love poured out for us, each of us.

When bitter voices would seek to  
seduce us with anger,  
he is the gentle voice which calls  
us to trust in your heart broken for us.  
In the moments when people seem

not to care for the most vulnerable,  
for those most at risk from this virus,  
he is the living demonstration  
that death has no ultimate power  
but that your resurrecting love  
is the final word spoken about us.

As we would seek to model his gentleness  
and grace in this time and place,  
as we try to let his light be revealed in us,  
we would speak of that mystery we call faith:

**Setting aside all he valued,  
Christ became our treasure,  
so we might know how precious we are to God.  
Setting aside his own life, Christ rescued us from all  
foolishness so we might know the One who loves us.  
Setting aside our doubts and fears, we yearn for the  
promised of the return  
of the grace, love, and hope of Christ.**

Now, around table and altars  
in sacred spaces which echo with silence,  
around nicked and initialized wooden tables  
and glass topped tables in homes,  
we pray, Redeemer of all creation, that you would pour out  
your Spirit on each and every place, and on each and every  
person. Whether it is bread that is broken,  
or crackers that are split apart, may these gifts remind us  
that it is moments when we least expect,  
for those people we usually do not notice, that we are called to  
share your grace  
to listen to the lonely  
to welcome the heartbroken  
to embrace the vulnerable.

Whether it is a mug of tea, a glass of wine or juice,  
or even a glass of water, may this be your grace poured into us  
so that we might become people who will not give up on  
justice, people who will not let go of hope,  
people who will not hoard life,  
people who will trust in you always.

And when our earthly course is complete  
and we gather with our sisters and brothers around the Table of  
Eternity, we will know your promised Feast  
in that place, that time, that life beyond this, where all hurtful  
words silenced,  
where all is pain left behind,  
where hope and grace are our closest friends,  
and we will join our hearts and voices  
with our sisters and brothers  
who forever sing of your glory,  
God in Community, Holy in One. **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.**

**Words of Institution  
Communion of The People  
Prayer After Communion**

**\*Closing Hymn #443**

“O Zion, Haste”

**\*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**

“A Rejoicing”

Alfred Fedak

This morning’s **Radio Broadcast** is a gift from the congregation of  
First Presbyterian Church.

**Leading in Worship Today:**

The Rev. Dr. Andrew Philip Long, preaching

Kim Collins, Liturgist

Carl Bingle, Organist

Sara Gleason, Director of Music

Chancel Choir

Darrell Demotta, CRE

Leaders from First Presbyterian Chaumont and Christ’s Faith

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

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| October 2 | Patti Bailey         |
| October 2 | Michele Elmer        |
| October 5 | Ann Sudduth          |
| October 7 | John B. Johnson, Jr. |
| October 7 | Linda Thompson       |
| October 8 | Kim Collins          |

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

Alice, Dorothy, Pat, Bob, Karen, Sue, John, Julie & Mike, 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, First Presbyterian, 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, peace & justice, all people in positions of

## **THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRES.**

**TODAY** - Puppet Ministry, Rehearsal, After Worship

**TODAY** - Outreach Committee Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Room 6

**TODAY** - Northern Choral Society Rehearsals, 2:00-4:00 p.m.,  
Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, Room 6

**Tuesday, October 4** - Staff Meeting, 12 noon, Room 6

**Wednesday, October 5** - Men's Breakfast, 7:30 a.m., FH

**Thursday, October 6** - Handbell Rehearsals, 6:30 p.m.  
- Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

**Sunday, Oct. 9**

- Puppet Ministry Rehearsal, After Worship
- "Going Deeper" Study - Final Session | Large Group, 12 noon, FH
- Northern Choral Rehearsal, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

## **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

**Tuesday thru Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

# TAKEOUT DINNER SCALLOPED CHICKEN

WEDNESDAY

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09



## TO BENEFIT:

Malawi Early Literacy Team



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Malawi Early Literacy Team  
(M.E.L.T.)

Proceeds will provide books,  
teacher training, and the MELT1  
Mobile Library to remote villages in  
the Northern region of Malawi.



**First Presbyterian Church of Watertown**  
403 Washington Street Watertown, NY 13601

**4:30PM - 6:30PM ~ \$12**

Take out scalloped chicken dinner. Includes scalloped chicken, mashed potatoes, vegetable, cranberry sauce, roll, cake.

**GROUP PRE-ORDERS AND QUESTIONS CALL  
HEATHER WHITE  
315-778-9867**

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# Autumn Festival

OCT 8TH *Dee* 10AM-4PM

Games • Food • Vendors • Music  
Pumpkin Patch • Apple Cider Press  
Scarecrow Building Contest and More!

### Admission:

\$1 - Children 12 & under or free  
with non-perishable food donation!  
\$2 - Military & Seniors • \$3 - Adults

**\*\*CASH ONLY EVENT\*\***



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