



First Presbyterian Church

Watertown, NY + www.watertownfirstpres.org

October 30, 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)

Sunday School for pre-school through grade 6, meets after “Bunny Gorman Lucy Hiotis.

A Word About Today’s Service

On this date in 1517, the Catholic monk Martin Luther set into motion a worldwide reform movement in the Church that gave birth to our Reformed and Presbyterian heritage. Each year we take time to remember the events of the Protestant Reformation, the many saints who came before us in the Presbyterian church, and we think and pray together about where God is leading us.

Today we also honor the Scottish heritage of First Presbyterian Church by blessing the family tartans of our members and various other organizations. This custom, which first began as a way to keep the peace between the church and the many clans of Scotland, acknowledges the presence of God in all things: church, family life, and society.

Procession to The Church

At 9:45am the congregation is invited to gather outside the YMCA on Public Square for a procession to the church. As you enter the church, please remain in the center or side aisles until after the Proclamation.



Gathering



Gathering Music

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

arr. McDonald

“Precious Lord/In Christ Alone”

arr. Page

“The Lord’s My Shepherd”

arr. Hughes

Proclamation

Beadle: The Word of God for us!

People: Thanks be to God!

*Processional Hymn #63, stanzas 1-4

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

*Prayer of The Day

Confession of Sin

The proof of God’s amazing love is this: while we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sins.

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Anthem

Kyrie from *Mass in G*

Franz Schubert

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy.

Assurance of Pardon

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Thanks be to God!

*Response #63, stanza 5

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

Let all things their Creator bless, And worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him! Alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One, O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Blessing of The Tartans

*When invited by the pastor, please come forward with your tartans.
Before placing the tartan in the hands of the pastor, please speak
the family name out loud and the pastor will pronounce the name before
all. Please retrieve your tartan after worship from the communion table.*

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

The First Scripture Lesson Psalm 90, read responsively

Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.

**Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

You turn us back to dust,
and say, ‘Turn back, you mortals.’

**For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday when it is past,
or like a watch in the night.**

You sweep them away; they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning;
in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.

For we are consumed by your anger;
by your wrath we are overwhelmed.
You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

For all our days pass away under your wrath;
our years come to an end like a sigh.
The days of our life are seventy years,
or perhaps eighty, if we are strong;
even then their span is only toil and trouble;
they are soon gone, and we fly away.

Who considers the power of your anger?
Your wrath is as great as the fear that is due to you.
So teach us to count our days
that we may gain a wise heart.

Turn, O Lord! How long?
Have compassion on your servants!
Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us,
and for as many years as we have seen evil.
Let your work be manifest to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.
Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us,
and prosper for us the work of our hands -
O prosper the work of our hands!

The Second Scripture Lesson Matthew 22:34-40

The Sermon
“Kintsugi”

***Hymn #151**

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Affirmation of Faith from *The Scots Confession of 1560*

**We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must
cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and**

in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of his own glory.



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

“Through the Eyes of Faith”

Craig Courtney

For a heritage of faith we lift a prayer in praise,
for those who held within their grasp a vision of today.
Unwavering, they kept their eyes upon the goal ahead.
With firm resolve, they walked the paths where ancient footprints led.

Through the eyes of faith, through the gates of time,
Saints have seen a path when other eyes were blind;
and they stayed the course when many stayed behind.
Through their eyes we see and in their steps we climb.

For a legacy of faith we lift a prayer of praise,
for those to whom we pass the torch, we hold in our embrace.
Firmly planted in the faith, their eyes are lifted high.
We race where generations walked, and where we race, they fly.

Through the eyes of faith, through the gates of time,
Saints have seen a path when other eyes were blind;
and they stayed the course when many stayed behind.
Through their eyes we see and in their steps we climb.
To live and love with gratitude and service unto You.

***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.**

Hymn #767 and Reading of The Necrology

“For All The Saints”

*Following stanza 4 we enter into a time of reflection and prayer,
and speak out loud the names of friends and loved ones who have
died this past year. After all names are read, we resume singing
the hymn with stanza 5.*

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 #16**

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

***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

“Highland Cathedral”

Caitlin Lee, bagpipes

Korb & Roewer