



First Presbyterian Church

Watertown, NY + www.watertownfirstpres.org

October 9, 2022 + 10:00 a.m.



"Solitude," Marc Chagall, 1933

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 Pete Thomas.

A Word About Today’s Service

Marc Chagall’s depiction of solitude is thought to be based on the life of the prophet Jeremiah. Indeed, Jeremiah’s life was a lonely one, as it was for the other prophets of God. Prophets did not have an easy task, as most were sent to kings, queens, and powerful people with messages of destruction and God’s wrath. But prophets also carried messages of hope.

In Chagall’s painting, we see Jeremiah clutching a Torah scroll, the center and focus of Jewish life and culture, with God’s word bringing hope to the people. The ox, a distant reminder of the incident of mount Sinai, evokes the peaceable kingdom spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, and the violin makes reference to the great psalmist and musician, David. And in the distance, an angelic figure ascends over the smoky chaos of a city likely on fire. Even in the midst of life’s most terrible moments, God is present.

 **Gathering** 

Pastor's Greeting *and* Words of Welcome

Singing In

Prelude

“Laudate Dominum” (Praise Ye the Lord)

David Lasky

***Call to Worship** *from Psalm 66*

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

sing the glory of his name;

give to him glorious praise.

Say to God, ‘How awesome are your deeds!

Because of your great power,

your enemies cringe before you.

All the earth worships you;

they sing praises to you,

sing praises to your name.’

Come and hear, all you who fear God,

and I will tell what he has done for me.

I cried aloud to him,

and he was extolled with my tongue.

If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,

the Lord would not have listened.

But truly God has listened;

he has given heed to the words of my prayer.

Blessed be God,

because he has not rejected my prayer

or removed his steadfast love from me.

Let us worship God together!

***Opening Hymn #112**

“Give to Our God Immortal Praise”

***Prayer of The Day**

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

Today's gospel lesson is one among many in the New Testament that speak to the power of faith. When we have it, we are strong, committed, and loving. When we don't have it, or when it wanes, it is then that we wander from the path laid for us that leads to life. In confidence and faith, let us confess the ways we have strayed from God so that we might once again hear of God's grace and mercy.

God of all, have mercy on us. We have kept ourselves at a distance from you which means we have also kept distance with our neighbors. When we have felt broken or sick, we have lashed out and caused others to hurt as if that would make us feel better. We have not always attended the needy and the most vulnerable; we have failed to worship with you our whole lives.

Yet, you see us, and cleanse us, and make us whole. Forgive us when we forget to return to you, and have mercy when we fail to praise your name. Help us to exude the faith that makes us well.

a time of silence is kept

Hear the good news:

Your call has been answered.

By the life, death, and resurrection of Christ
you have been healed and your sins forgiven.

With glad hearts, let us return praise 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 First Scripture Lesson - Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14

The Second Scripture Lesson - Luke 17:11-19

Anthem

The Sermon

“Who Is Y’all?”

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

*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 #724**

“Lead On, O King Eternal”

***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

“Rejoice! The Lord is King”

Charles Callahan

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



Decorate your trunk and dress up to
Distribute candy to our community children.
About 100 trick or treaters attended last year.
Free hot dogs will be served again this year.
Sign up sheet is posted in Fellowship Hall.



Friday, October 28, 2022
4:00 - 6:00 pm

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
in the Parking lot