



First Presbyterian Church

Watertown, NY + www.watertownfirstpres.org

September 24, 2023 + 10:00 a.m.



Parable of The Workers in The Vineyard,
Codex aureus Eptemacensis, 1030-1050 C.E.

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!

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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." The teacher today is Kelly Thomas.

Gathering Music

“The God of Abraham Praise”
“God Our Father, We Adore Thee”
“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”
“Holy Manna”

Carl Bingle, FPC Organist
D. Hustad (all hymn preludes)



Gathering



Pastor's Greeting *and* Words of Welcome

Prelude

“Arise, My Soul, Arise!”

Dale Wood

*Call to Worship *from Psalm 145*

I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.

**Every day I will bless you,
and praise your name forever and ever.**

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
his greatness is unsearchable.

**One generation shall laud your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.**

On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

**The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed,
and I will declare your greatness.**

They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness,
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

**The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Let us worship God together!

***Opening Hymn #400**

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

***Prayer of the Day**

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

God’s will for us and for all of us creation is abundant life; this is why Jesus lived among us, died for our salvation, and rose victorious from the grave. Confession opens us to that abundant life where sin and suffering have closed us off. With the confidence of the children of God, let us confess our sins together.

Gracious God, we have sought after things, but we have not sought after you. We have expected generosity, but we have not shown generosity. We have not been gracious or grateful. We have failed to remember all that you have done.

Forgive us and fill our hearts with gratitude. Help us to share our gifts and strengthen our legs so that we can run after you, O God. In Jesus’ name we pray.

a time of silence is kept

Amen.

People of God, our sins are forgiven;
we are reconciled to God.

Let us therefore love one another
with gratitude in our hearts and praise on our lips.

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

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me” arr. David Kidwell
I'm gonna live, pray, work, sing, so God can use me
Anywhere, Lord, anytime.
I'm gonna live, pray, work, sing, so God can use me
Anywhere, Lord, anytime.

The First Scripture Lesson

Exodus 16:2-15

The Second Scripture Lesson

Matthew 20:1-16

The Sermon

Our Jealous God

***Hymn (see insert)**

“Come, Labor On”

***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.

The Offering



Donations can be made by either scanning the QR code from the Venmo app or by searching for [@First_Pres_of_Watertown](#).

The Offertory

“Quiet Rest” based on *Near to the Heart of God* arr. Glenn Haynes
Michele Bariteau, flute

*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

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Holy God, who hears our cries and pities our groans, you are ever faithful. We come to you with our petitions for ourselves and our community.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For our church and its leaders— that they be of open mind and open heart, that they might be the Christian leaders you have called them to be, and that the church be an instrument of love, justice, and peace.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For our country and global community—that all may be peaceful, fair, and respectful in the presence of diversity of religion, color, gender, or kind of government.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For our local community, that all in this place might find meaningful and sustainable work, safe and affordable housing, and have access to all the means for a life of abundance in your love.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those who are overlooked in our society: the poor, the young, the old, the bereaved, and the oppressed. Help us to see them and to be with them.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the special intentions that we hold in our hearts...

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hear us now as we pray to you in the name of Jesus Christ, as he taught us:

**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 #676**

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

***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

“Toccata in C Minor”

James Pethel

Welcome to the listening congregation of our **Radio Ministry**,
from the members of First Presbyterian Church.

