

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**February 13, 2022
10:00 a.m.**



Since Christmas, the lectionary Scripture lessons framing worship have caused us to think deeply about who God is, why Jesus came to live among us, and our duties and obligations as Jesus' followers. It has set a hectic pace, not unlike the hectic pace of life that dominates our lives outside of the church. With this in mind, we take a step back today to consider something as equally important to how we are following Jesus: our health and well-being. Today's Scripture lessons indicate that God is concerned with our well-being, not just of our souls but also of our minds and bodies, too. In what ways are we taking care of ourselves so that we can boldly and faithfully serve God? How do we encourage one another in health so that the health of the Body of Christ is strengthened? Where can we find living water for our thirsty souls?

GATHERING

Gathering Music

Fairest Lord Jesus
Come, Christians, Join to Sing
You Are My All in All

Carl Bingle, FPC Organist
Dan Forrest
Mary MacDonald
John Carter

Pastor's Greeting and Words of Welcome

Prelude

Dearest Jesu, We Are Here

J.S. Bach

***Call to Worship (from Luke 6)**

Leader: Standing on a level place, Jesus said:
Blessed are you who are poor,

People: for yours is the kingdom of God.

Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

Blessed are you when people hate you,
and when they exclude you, revile you,
and defame you on account of the Son of Man.

**Rejoice in that day and leap for joy,
for surely your reward is great in heaven!**

Let us worship God together!

***Opening Hymn #207**

We Have Come to Join in Worship

***Prayer of the Day**

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

The prophet Jeremiah says that God tests our minds and searches our hearts, because the condition of both affects our faithfulness to God and to Jesus Christ. Trusting in God's mercy, let us invite God to search us, so that God might also lead us in the way everlasting.

a time of silence is kept

God of judgment and renewal we admit to you and to each other that we have not always loved you and our neighbors as fully as you call us to love. We have failed to be good stewards of the air, the water the animals, and the plants. We have turned away from you and toward our

own self-interest. We have been shortsighted, and we are humbly sorry. Help us turn back to you, O Lord, to reach toward you as a tree sends its roots out toward water. Amen.

The Lord has searched us and known us,
And offers us unconditional mercy and grace.

Believe in the Good News:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Response - Hymn #813 – *Glory Be to the Father

A Time With Young Disciples

Hymn: *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.

THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer For Illumination

First Scripture Lesson

Psalm 1, read responsively

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

**but their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law they meditate day and night.**

They are like trees planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.

In all that they do, they prosper.

The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

**Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

Anthem

Unending Love

Chancel Choir; Sara Gleason, Director

arr. Benjamin Harlan

Second Scripture Lesson

Jeremiah 17:5-10 (Old Testament, page 719 in pew Bibles)

Sermon

“Rooted and Grounded”

Rev. Dr. Andrew Philip Long

***HYMN #540**

My Hope Is in the Lord

Affirmation of Faith - from *The Confession of Belhar

We believe:

that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ;

that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peace-maker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells;

that God’s life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God’s life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world. 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**.

The OFFERTORY

Now Thank We All Our God (Marche Triomphale)
Carl Bingle, organ

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

***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

The 2021 Annual Meeting of The Congregation and Corporation

*Closing Hymn #788

Now Thank We All Our God

*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.

During this time of public concern over health and wellness, please be respectful of those who may want to avoid physical contact while share The Peace; flashing the 'peace sign' is a perfectly appropriate way to share Christ's peace. 'Fist bumps,' 'elbow bumps,' or slick dance moves can also extend Christ's peace to your neighbors.

Today's **Radio Broadcast** is a gift in loving memory of **Patricia McWayne** from her husband, Frederick, daughter Shane, son Shawn and daughter-in-law, Kathy.

THIS WEEK

Staff Meeting - Tuesday, February 15th, 12 noon

Men's Breakfast - Wednesday, February 16th, 7:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Session Meeting - Thursday, February 17th, 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Adult Handbell Rehearsals - Thursday, February 17th, 6:30 p.m.

Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Thursday, February 17th, 7:30 p.m.

Deadline for next newsletter: Friday, February 18th.

Please email articles and pictures to Sue (wfpsec@gmail.com)

"The Chosen" - first episode - Next Sunday, February 20th, 11:45 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Happy Birthday to:

February 13 Valerie Vernyuy
February 15 Deanna Piiparinen
February 16 Joshua Garry
February 16 Clayton Lee
February 18 William Conde III
February 18 Ralph Green, Jr.
February 18 Dacia Van Eenenaam
February 19 Cherie Danforth

We Pray for...

Tyler, The Bariteau Family, Grace & Sam, Brad & Carol, Waring, Mary Lynn, Josh L., Deanne, Mary, Gini, Tom, Linda & Ken, Shane, Gerda, Ed, Robert, Jamie, Barbara, Annie, Midwest Tornado Victims & Communities, Hammond Presbyterian Church, NNY Presbytery, Synod of the Northeast, the sick, all essential workers, students & teachers, medical professionals, all serving in the military, peace & justice,

“The Chosen” coming to Watertown First Pres. Church in February

What was it like to encounter Jesus face-to-face? How would He have made you feel; changed your way of thinking about God? Would he have turned your world upside down? Journey to Galilee in the first century. See the difference He made in the lives of those he called to follow him and how they were forever transformed. Experience the life and power of the perfect Son of God as never before - through the eyes of everyday people just like you.

We are pleased to offer “The Chosen in a series of 45 minute film episodes on the big screen in Fellowship Hall at 11:45 a.m. on Sundays after church services. Episode 1 will be shown on February 20 and continue with subsequent episodes for 7 weeks. We will follow up with a Bible Study Discussion group on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Interactive Bible Study Guide. Participating in this shared experience of the Bible coming alive, will provide us with a wonderful “discipleship” opportunity! Please join us.

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Facebook: **www.facebook.com/watertownfpc**, and
Livestreamed from our website: **www.watertownfirstpres.org**

The Open Table

"O taste and see that the Lord is good!—Psalm 34:8

On Sunday, February 27, FPC Watertown is pleased to welcome the community to *The Open Table*! *The Open Table* is a no-cost, no-strings-attached, homemade meal lovingly prepared by members of the church. Macaroni and cheese, sliced ham, and fruit will be served for take-out and all are welcome!

- When:** Sunday, February 27, 5-6pm (or until we run out)
What: Macaroni and Cheese, Sliced Ham, and Fruit takeout dinner
Where: First Presbyterian Watertown, Northeast parking lot door
(look for the signs!)
Who: Everyone is Welcome!

Church volunteers will be needed on February 27 to direct traffic, package and hand out meals, greet guests, & clean-up.
LOOK FOR THE SIGN-UP SHEET IN FELLOWSHIP HALL!

