

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**February 6, 2022
10:00 a.m.**



Marc Chagall, a Lithuanian Hassidic Jew, was one of Christianity's most prolific illustrators. With a fondness for the biblical Prophets, which bridge the Jewish and Christian traditions, Chagall also spent time meditating on and illustrating the life of Jesus Christ. Chagall was most interested in Jesus' continuation of the prophetic ministry of Old Testament prophets, and was very fond of the story of The Good Samaritan. A close, personal friend of the Rockefellers, a larger-than-life stained glass window of Chagall's depiction of The Good Samaritan can be seen at the Union Church of Pocontico Hills in Tarrytown, NY.

Today's worship and scripture lessons help us to meditate on a large concept - sin, and the shape of mercy in God's love for us. It is hard to talk about sin, especially when we recognize that sin is all around us and present in our lives. But are we thinking about sin in the way God does, and do we understand, truly, how God sees our sins and offers us mercy? How could our lives be different if we thought of sin in a more biblical way and always spoke of sin in tandem with God's mercy?

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 Martin

Pastor's Greeting and Words of Welcome

Prelude

God of the Morning, at Thy Voice

Billings, arr. Macchia

*Call to Worship (from Psalm 138)

Leader: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;

**People: I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your
steadfast love and your faithfulness;
for you have exalted your name and
your word above everything.**

On the day I called, you answered me,
You increased my strength of soul.
All the kings of the earth shall praise you,
O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,
for great is the glory of the Lord.
**For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly;
but the haughty he perceives from far away.**
Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;
you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.
**The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.
Let us worship God together!**

*Opening Hymn #82

Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him

*Prayer of the Day

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

With confidence in God's mercy and promise to forgive, let us confess our sins together before God and our neighbors.

God of the universe and Creator of all that is, we admit that we fail to be honest about our lives and in the politics of life. Sometimes we are deceitful; other times we judge ourselves harshly and feel unworthy of your call on our lives.

Touch us with your grace and dispel our fear, that we may arise with renewed spirits to serve you, our true Sovereign.

A time of silence is kept

The promise is this:

God is faithful and steadfast,
eager to forgive our sins and welcome us home.

Believe the good news:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

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

Isaiah 6:1-8 (Old Testament, pages 635-636 in pew Bibles)

Anthem

Here I Am Lord

arr. Craig Courtney

FPC Choir, Sara Gleason, director; Carl Bingle, organ

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.

All who dwell in deepest sin My hand will save.

I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, If You lead me, I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people's pain.
I have wept for love of them, They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain.

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Second Scripture Lesson

Luke 5:1-11 (New Testament, page 62 in pew Bibles)

Sermon

"The Shape of Mercy"

Rev. Dr. Andrew Philip Long

***HYMN #355**

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

***Affirmation of Faith - Nicene Creed**

Let us affirm what we believe, as we say together:

**We believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten
of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of
very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,
by Whom all things were made; Who for us and for our salvation came
down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin
Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius
Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again
according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at
the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again with glory to
judge both the living and the dead; Whose Kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who
proceeds from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son
together is worshiped and glorified; Who spoke by the prophets; and
we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge
one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection
of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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

Lamb of God

Twila Paris

David Elmer, soloist

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.

Refrain:

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God; I love the holy Lamb of God.
O wash me in His precious blood. My Jesus Christ, 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.

Refrain

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.

Refrain:

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God; I love the holy Lamb of God.
O wash me in His precious blood. Till I am just a lamb of God.

***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

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right and our joy, Creator God,
to give you thanks and praise.
For in the beginning you created
the heavens and the earth.
Out of darkness and chaos,
you brought light and order.
You have given life to every living thing
and made us in your image, male and female.

Even when we turned away from you,
loving darkness rather than light,
you did not turn away from us.
You sent prophets to show us the way.
In the fullness of time,
you sent your Son to be Immanuel,
God with us.

At his birth, the night sky lit up with heavenly
host and a guiding star.
Shepherds and magi found their way to you.
Women and children, tax collectors and lepers
continued to find their way to you.
The darkness of Gethsemane, the cross,
and the grave could not overcome you;
for you are the light of the world, shining still.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit
upon these gifts of bread and wine,
that the bread we break and the cup we bless
may be the communion of the
body and blood of Christ.
In this feast, make us one with you
and with each other.
Enflame us with your Spirit,
that we may be united in ministry in every place.
Send us, in your marvelous light, into the world,
ready to serve others and work for peace.

We pray in the power of the Trinity:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
now, and forever. **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 #11**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

***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 sharing 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.

Postlude

Fanfare in D

Jacques Lemmens (1823-1881)

This morning's **Radio Broadcast** is a gift in loving memory and to the Glory of God for the life of **George Blakeman** from his wife, Janet, and their children.

Happy Birthday to:
February 8 Louise Jeffries
February 9 Harold Johnson
February 9 Kurt Riordan
February 10 Paul W. Brown
February 12 Kathryn Ann Kolton

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

THIS WEEK

Staff Meeting - Tuesday, February 8th, 12 noon

Facilities Committee Meeting - Wednesday, February 9, 8:30 a.m., Room 6

Worship & Music Committee Meeting, Thursday, February 10th, 5:00 p.m.

Adult Handbell Rehearsals - Thursday, February 10th, 6:30 p.m.

Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Thursday, February 10th, 7:30 p.m.

Annual Church Meeting - Next Sunday, February 13th, after Worship, Sanctuary

“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**. Childcare will be available for the Sunday and Wednesday sessions.

A complimentary interactive Bible Study guide is available. Please sign up on the poster in fellowship hall, contact Donna Dayger, Kim Collins or the church office to reserve your copy. 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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