

First Presbyterian Church
Watertown, NY
April 21, 2024 + Easter 4



The Resurrection, Juan Bautista Mayno, 1610/12

Gathering Music

This Joyful Eastertide
Ye Sons and Daughters of the King
The Mighty Power of God
When Morning Gilds the Skies

Michael Burkhardt
François Dandrieu
Michael Burkhardt
Dale Wood

+Gathering+

Pastor's Greeting and Words of Welcome

Prelude *Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling* Thompson, arr. L. Smith

***Call to Worship** *from Psalm 23 and John 10*

Peace be with you.
And also with you!

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.
He lays down his life for his sheep.
The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.
He knows us, and we belong to him.
The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.
He speaks, and we listen for his voice.

Christ is risen!
He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Let us worship God together!

***Opening Hymn** #694 “The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”

***Opening Prayer**

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

If we are honest with ourselves, our hearts condemn us. But God, who knows everything, is greater than our hearts; and God’s deep desire for us is mercy, love, and peace. Therefore let us confess our sin.

Lord, have mercy on us. We talk about love, but our actions betray us. We talk about love, but we neglect the poor. We talk about love, but we fail to love one another.

Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive us, and abide in us by the power of your Spirit so that our lives may show our love for Jesus Christ, in whose body we live and in whose name we pray.

a time of silence is kept

*And so through all the length of day, Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd may I sing Thy praise within Thy house forever!
Amen.*

A Time With Young Disciples

The Sermon *The Voice of The Good Shepherd*

***Hymn** #479 “Softly and Tenderly”

***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

The Offertory *Come To Me* Dan Forrest

At that time Jesus said, ‘I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.--Matthew 11:25, 28-29

*‘...and I will be your father,
and you shall be my sons and daughters,
says the Lord Almighty.’--2 Corinthians 6:18*

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.--1 John 3:1

***The Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts!
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Let us pray: **Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The Prayers of The People *and* The Lord's Prayer

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the church in every place. . . .
Gather us together and make us one,
one in ministry and mission to the world,
so that there will be one flock, one shepherd.
God of goodness and mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the nations of the world. . . .
Anoint all leaders with your wisdom
so that they will use their power
to help the poor and defend the vulnerable.
God of goodness and mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this community. . . .
Strengthen those who work each day
to heal the sick, welcome the outcasts,
and help sisters and brothers in need.
God of goodness and mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for friends and loved ones. . . .
Comfort all who are suffering;
walk with them through dark valleys
and restore them, body, mind, and soul.
God of goodness and mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, by the power of your Spirit,
help us to keep your commandments
and to love one another with the love of Jesus,
in whose holy name we pray.
God of goodness and 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** #361 “Worship Christ, the Risen King”

*Blessing and Benediction

*Passing The Peace of Christ
The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.
Please share some sign of
Christ’s peace with your neighbors.

Postlude Te Deum Laudamus (Thee, O God, We Praise) Aloys Clausmann

Leading Worship Today:
Pastor Andrew, preaching

Bill Barden, liturgist
Jenny Whitenack and David Elmer, soloists
Carl Bingle, organist
FPC Chancel Choir

We pray for healing for: Ken, Deanne, Gerda, John, Pat, Jane, Millie, Judy.

We pray for those who are unable to join us in-person: Linda, Jamie, Dorothy, Shane, Ed, Annie, Suzanne, Betty, Alice, Louise, Katie.

We pray for our mission partners: Tyler, Rochelle, and Mphatso, Grace, Sam, and Ruth, Isaiah, MELT, The Women of Grace, NNY Presbytery, Synod of The Northeast, Shallow Wells and Marion Medical Mission, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Josh Garry and Family (preparing for ministry).

We pray for our local and national leaders: Watertown's Mayor and City Council, the President of The United States and Congress, the Governor of New York and State Legislature.

We pray for those serving our nation: The Wright Family, those in conflict in Ukraine, Israel and Palestine, and Sudan.



John Stirling—1
Bob Gorman—3
Bettina Rutigliano—3
Deanna Nelson—4
Peter Thomas—5
Mo Gorman—6
Donna Dayger—8
Charlie Kimball—10
Scott Green—11
Michael Green—13
Bunny Gorman—14
Ana Valik—18

Emily Sprague—21
David Hodge—21
Lynn Pyke—23
John Tinsley—24
Betty Vollrath—24
Ted White—25
Meredith Bonisteel—25
Melissa Elmer—27
Peter Salmon—27
Frost Haviland—29
Christine Simpson—29
Bob Sturtz—30

Listening Sessions



*“For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them”
Matthew 18:20*

Join Pastor Andrew, Session elders, and fellow church members and friends for a series of Listening Sessions! These informal, unscripted discussions are a chance to celebrate the wonderful things happening at First Pres and honestly discuss concerns and challenges we face as a faith community.

*What is God calling us as a church to do in 2024?
Where do we see God at work in our church and community?
How can we love God and our neighbors even more in this time and place?*

These questions and more will guide our sessions! Sign up for a Listening Session by scanning the QR below or by using the sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall

Saturday, May 4
10-11:30am
Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, May 14
6-7:30pm
home of Bob and Bunny Gorman





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The Rev. Dr. Andrew Philip Long, pastor

This Week

Sunday, 4/21

Morning Worship, 10am
Christ's Faith Christian Project,
12pm

Monday, 4/22

Special Religious Education,
4-6pm

Tuesday, 4/23

Spare Closet, 10am-2pm
Church closed for Spring Break
Al-Anon, 7:30pm

Wednesday, 4/24

Church closed for Spring Break

Thursday, 4/25

Spare Closet, 10am-2pm
Session, 5pm

Friday, 4/26

MELT: Tasks and Tea, 1-3pm

Saturday, 4/27

AA, 8pm

Sunday, 4/28

Morning Worship, 10am
Christ's Faith Christian Project,
12pm
Open Table, 5-6pm

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The church office is open by appointment, but the church is not closed! If you have a need, or wish to reserve space at the church for a meeting or event, please contact Pastor Andrew or Stacey!