



First Presbyterian Church of Albany

BRINGING THE LIGHT OF FAITH TO ALL

Third Sunday after Pentecost • June 9, 2024 • 10:30am Worship



Welcome!

Whether you are worshipping with us for the first time or have grown up here at FPC,
we are glad you are worshipping here this morning!

The Gathering

**indicates when to rise in body or spirit*

Prelude

Adagio from Symphony No. 3

Louis Vierne

Welcome & Announcements

Ringing of the Bell

Choral Introit

Peace I Leave With You
First Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Amy Beach

Peace I leave with you,
my peace I give unto you:
not as the world giveth, give I unto you.
Let not your heart be troubled,
neither let it be afraid.

*Call to Worship

One: Other people want kings and wealth.

All: God wants us to be God's people.

One: Other people want instant gratification,

All: but our God wants us to invest in the future kingdom of God.

One: Other people are content to worry about nothing but themselves.

All: God calls us to do acts of love; to bring the light of faith to all those we meet.

One: Though it will take time,

**All: let us be doing God's kingdom work on God's timeline,
not the hectic pace of modern life.**

One: Guided by the Holy Spirit, let us worship the living God.

*Hymn No. 401

Here in This Place

GATHER US IN

*Prayer of Confession

O Lord our God, you call us to proclaim the gospel, but we remain silent in the presence of evil. You call us to be reconciled to you and one another, but we are content to live in separation. You call us to seek the good of all, but we fail to resist the powers of oppression. You call us to fight pretensions and injustice, but we sit idly by, endangering the lives of people far and near. Forgive us, O Lord. Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit, and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. *Silent prayers of personal confession may be offered.*

*Kyrie Eleison No. 577

Lord, Have Mercy

KYRIE ELEISON (Reindorf)

Lord, _____ have mer - cy. Lord, _____ have mer - cy.

Lord, _____ have mer - cy. Lord, _____ have mer - cy.

*Declaration of Forgiveness

*The Welcome and Peace

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

The congregation greets one another with words and signs of peace.

*Gloria Patri No. 583

Glory to God

GLORIA (Taizé)

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The Word

Old Testament Lesson

1 Samuel 8:4-7, 9-19 (O.T., p. 251) Lillie McLaughlin

One: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Awake! Arise!

Howard Helvey

First Presbyterian Chancel Choir

Awake, arise, lift up thy voice, which as a trumpet swell!

Rejoice in Christ! Again rejoice, and on his praises dwell.

Let us not doubt, as doubted some, when first the Lord appeared;
but full of faith and reverence come, what time his voice is heard.

And even John, who ran so well, confess upon our knees
the Prince who locks up death and hell, and has himself the keys.

And thus through gladness and surprise the saints their Savior treat;
nor will they trust their ears and eyes but by his hands and feet:

Those hands of liberal love indeed in infinite degree,
those feet still free to move and bleed for millions and for me.

O Dead arise! O Friendless, stand by seraphim adored!
O Solitude, again command thy host from heaven restored!

New Testament Lesson

Matthew 13:1-17 (N.T., pp. 13-14)

One: The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise be to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Planting Comes First

Glenn D. Leupold

Our Response

***Hymn No. 451**

Open My Eyes, That I May See

OPEN MY EYES

Prayers of the People

Peg Schalit

*There is a “Prayers of the People” book on the table in the back of the sanctuary. We encourage the congregation to write their concerns and thanksgivings in the book before the service so they can be included in the Prayers of the People. Several petitions are offered, each concluding with: O God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts

Ushers will pass the offering plates to each pew. There are also offering receptacles located in the back of the sanctuary. You may place your offering in one on the way into worship or as you leave. You may also donate online at firstpresalbany.org/donate or scan the QR code to the right.



Offertory

All That Hath Life and Breath

René Clausen

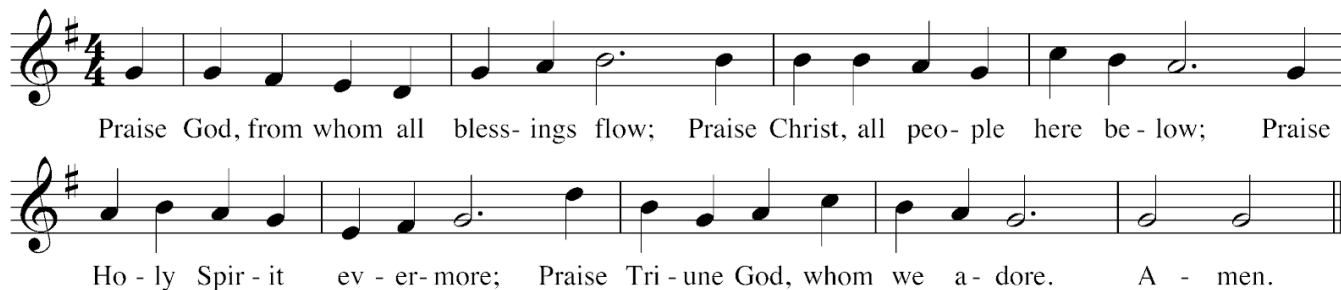
First Presbyterian Chancel Choir

All that hath life and breath praise ye the Lord, shout to the Lord, alleluia!
Praise the Lord with joyful song, sing to the Lord with thanksgiving, alleluia!

All that hath life and breath praise ye the Lord,
sing to the Lord a new-made song, praise God's name, alleluia!
Unto thee, O Lord, have I made supplication,
and cried unto the rock of my salvation;
but thou hast heard my voice, and renewed my weary spirit.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the God of creation.
O my soul praise God, who is thy health and salvation.

***Doxology** (*sung in unison*)



Praise God, from whom all bless- ings flow; Praise Christ, all peo- ple here be - low; Praise
Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more; Praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

***Prayer of Dedication**

The Eucharist (Thanksgiving)

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

All those, including children, who seek the way of Christ and desire fellowship in the church are invited to the Lord's Table to share in our common meal of Thanksgiving.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(prayer continues with ...)

One: And now with the confidence of the children of God, we are bold to pray:

All: 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.

Breaking of the Bread and Communion of the People

The congregation is served at the front of the sanctuary, coming forward by the center aisle and returning by the side aisles. Communion is by intinction – take a piece of bread from the loaf or a piece of pita from the plate, dip it into the cup of juice, and eat. When served, you may respond by saying “Amen,” “Thanks be to God,” or another response. You may choose a sealed prepackaged communion element from one of the baskets – the ones with “GF” are gluten-free. If you prefer to receive communion in the pew, you may remain in your seat and signal an usher. Servers will bring you the elements.

Communion Music

Love Divine, All Love Excelling
Fiona McKinney, *alto*

Charles Wesley
Arr. Paul Bunjes

Love Divine, all love excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive.
Suddenly return and never, nevermore, thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessings, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Prayer after Communion

O God, send us out from our Lord’s table to answer Jesus’ summons into new life and to follow him with joy and gladness. Set our feet in his holy way, that our lives may be signs of his life and all we do may show forth his love. Amen.

The Sending

***Hymn No. 498**

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

BEACH SPRING

***Charge and Blessing**

***Response by the People (in unison) Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Amen.**

***Responsive Hymn**

May You Run and Not Be Weary

May you run and not be wear - y. May your heart be filled with song.—
And may the love of God con-tin - ue to give you hope and keep you strong.
— And may you run and not— be wear - y. May your life be filled with joy!
— And may the road you trav - el al - ways lead— you home.—

Postlude

Fanfare

Jean Jacques Lemmens

You may be seated if you wish to listen to the postlude.

Please come to Assembly Hall for Fellowship Time.

For your convenience and as an aid to your worship experience, large print hymnals and Bibles are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

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All are Welcome in this Place!

New faces and voices are always welcome and add to the spirit of our worship, education, mission and fellowship. Let us know you worshipped with us by either filling in the yellow card in the pew in front of you or by scanning the QR code. Pastors Miriam & Glenn use email addresses to share congregational email and important announcements about the life of the church.



First Presbyterian Church

is a community for all people where apprentices of Jesus seek to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God.

We are called by God to envision and work toward eradicating systemic poverty, eliminating structural racism and sharing the experience of the good news of God's love, peace and joy.

We welcome children to our worship services. Nursery care for children ages birth through kindergarten is provided on the second floor of the Christian Education Building. Nursery care is available from 8:45am to 12:15pm and is staffed by experienced childcare providers Morgan Rosekrans and Debbie Freer.

Parking is available on Sunday mornings in Washington Park. There is also a parking lot on Washington Avenue just west of Lark Street available during church services on Sunday mornings. The church parking lot on Sunday mornings is reserved for visitors and for those who, for physical reasons, need close access to the church. Please note the spaces reserved for those with disabilities, and please do not block other cars.

We continue to livestream our Sunday worship services on Facebook.

Christian Education on Sunday mornings will resume September 15

9:15-10:15 Education Classes

Godly Play in the Preschool Class (age 3 thru kindergarten)

Godly Play in The Upper Rooms (Grades 1-5)

Youth Education in the Youth Room (Grades 6-12)

Adult Education Class in the Rose Room and MS Teams

Announcements

The paraments (the cloth on the communion table) and the pastors' stoles (the cloth around their necks) are rainbow to celebrate Pride month.

Each month the **FOCUS Food Pantry** requests items from its member churches. The donation for FPC for June is shampoo. All items must be new and unopened. Please leave donations in the box in Assembly Hall. Questions? Call Susan Sneeringer at 518-496-4793.

June 20



Come
and
walk

**THE
LABYRINTH**
at First Presbyterian
Church

Monthly
every
3rd Thursday

11am-2pm
& 5-7pm

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

- Sunday, June 9** 11:30 am Pride Parade
11:30 am Fellowship Time
- Monday** 1:00 pm Covenant Small Group
6:00 pm Walls Temple and First Pres Collaborative via zoom
- Tuesday** 7:00 pm Anti-Racism Committee meeting
- Wednesday** 7:00 pm Dads' Small Group
- Thursday** 6:30 pm Choir Potluck
6:30 pm Stewardship Committee meeting
- Friday** 7:00 pm Movies that Matter (Movies at Frist Pres)
- Saturday** 10:00 am Albany Presbytery meeting
- Next Sunday, June 16** 9:30 am Worship Service in the sanctuary and livestreaming on Facebook and YouTube
10:45 am Sundaes Sunday & Fellowship Time



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MOVIES THAT MATTER

FRIDAY, JUNE 14 AT 7PM

JUNE 14 | FRIDAY | 7:00PM - 10:00PM

NOW SHOWING

WHALE RIDER (RATED R)

FREE MOVIE & FRESHLY POPPED POPCORN
Feel free to bring other snacks to share.



Albany Gay Men's Chorus

Presents:

The Songs We Sing

SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2024 | 7 P.M.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH | 21 HACKETT BLVD., ALBANY, NY

SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2024 | 3 P.M.

SLOC MUSICAL THEATER | 427 FRANKLIN ST., SCHENECTADY, NY

Join us as AGMC performs a selection of uplifting and triumphant ensembles from different popular composers and musicals.

*A portion of proceeds benefitting
St. Anne Institute's Runaway and
Homeless Youth Shelter*

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more information and
to purchase tickets.



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Beginning Sunday June 16

Worship at 9:30am

Fellowship Time following

Sundae Sunday is coming!

Sunday, June 16th

What: A special fellowship hour with make-your-own ice cream sundaes brought to you by the Outreach & Mission Committee!

When: Sunday, June 16th immediately after worship

Why: To help our friends at Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless (IPH), and to enjoy eating ice cream sundaes together!

Cost: One clean, gently used or new men's clothing item

Yup! A clothing item! That's your ticket for the ice cream social!*

** Cash donations will also be accepted—these will be used to purchase underwear and socks or other needed items.*

IPH offers services for individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness. In addition to an emergency shelter, it also offers permanent supportive housing for individuals with disabilities, a food pantry, a daily hot meal, washers and dryers so that unhoused individuals can do their laundry, and a clothing pantry.



Since 80% of IPH's guests identify as male, IPH has a steady need for men's seasonally appropriate clothing. Clean, well-fitting clothing can help their guests feel more confident when reconnecting with family members or interviewing for employment.

Right now, IPH has *very few* **men's clothing** items available for their guests. The staff of IPH have asked if we could help them restock their men's clothing pantry. Here are the specific items that they need:

What does IPH need?

Item	Sizes/other info
• Shirts (summer-weight fabrics)	XL - 3X
• Summer-weight Pants (shorts, jeans, slacks)	Waist 34-42
• Socks (white or dark colors)	<i>New, please</i>
• Underwear	<i>New Large - 3X</i>
• Shoes (sneakers, casual work shoes, & work boots)	(High demand for these) Sizes 9-13

Serving you on Sunday, June 9

Sanctuary Ushers/Greeters: Diane Cornell, Sue Haney, Lee Helsby, Harriet Seeley
& Alison Stonbely

Online Worship Assistant: Mary Rogers

Scripture Reader: Lillie McLaughlin

Prayer Reader: Peg Schalit

Communion Servers: Ellen Eisenbraun & Roseline Takor

Audio Visual Specialist: Kevin Fuscus

Serving you on Sunday, June 16

Sanctuary Ushers/Greeters: Carol Bullard, Kathie Keck, Yousaf Mathias
& Amy Robinson

Online Worship Assistant: Alison Stonbely

Scripture Reader: Carol Bullard

Prayer Reader: Ellen Eisenbraun

Communion Servers: David Takor & Betsy Hadden

Offering Counters: Marc Boucher & Ron Geuther

Audio Visual Specialist: Bruce Brynolfson



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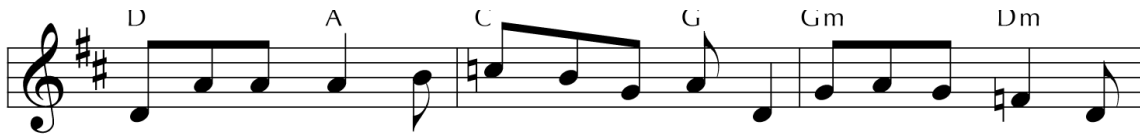


Check out our socials!

***Hymn No. 401**

Here in This Place

GATHER US IN



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

***Hymn No. 451**

Open My Eyes, That I May See

OPEN MY EYES



1. O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou hast for me.
2. O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou send - est clear.
3. O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev - ery-where.



Place in my hands the won-der-ful key that shall un - clasp and set me free.
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev - ery - thing false will dis - ap - pear.
O - pen my heart, and let me pre-pare love with thy child - ren thus to share.



Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy will to see.
Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy will to see.
Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy will to see.



O - pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
O - pen my ears; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
O - pen my heart; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!

***Hymn No. 498**

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

BEACH SPRING



1. Loaves were brok - en, words were spok - en by the Gal - i - le - an shore.
2. Loaves were brok - en, words were spok - en in a qui - et room one night.
3. Loaves are bro - ken, words are spok - en, as in faith we gath - er here.
4. By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your name to share



Je - sus, Bread of Life from heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.
In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.
Je - sus speaks a - cross the a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"
bread for which the mil - lions hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.



By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your wine of life out - poured,



Je - sus, feed a - gain your peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.