

**ORDER OF SERVICE**  
*26<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*  
**November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME**

**Announcements & Affirmation of Community**

**Joys and Concerns**

**Prelude** "Rainbow"  
by Adrian Carr from the album *Days of the Year*.

**Silent Reflection Time**

**Choral Introit** "We Gather Together"  
Traditional

**Call to Worship**

Let our hearts exult in the Lord;  
**Our strength is exalted in God.**  
Let our mouths be ever fixed in praise;  
**God has given us the victory.**  
There is no Holy one like the Lord;  
**There is no Rock like our God.**  
**Praise the Lord!**

**\*Hymn** "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" #629

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

O God, who is faithful and just, we have failed to help those who have little while we have much. We are boastful and haughty, and fail to appreciate the gifts you have given. Our arrogance has led us away from your righteous way. Forgive us, Merciful God, and lead us to a humble path, for Jesus' sake. **(Silent Prayer)**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Gloria Patri** #581  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**First Reading** Mark 13:1-8 pg. 50

Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Choral Anthem** "Our Song of Thanks"  
Words & Music by David Lantz

**Second Reading** Hebrews 10:11-25 pg. 224

Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** "With Provocation" Rev. Tim Luoma

**Silent Reflection Time**

**\*Hymn** "What Wondrous Love Is This" #215

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD**

**Offertory Invitation**

**Offertory** "What Does the Lord Require of You?"  
Text & Music by Jim Strathdee

**\*Doxology** #606  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### **\*Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication**

Dear God, we offer these gifts back to you. Multiply them so that they might help build up your kingdom on earth. All glory, praise, and honor are due to you, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **Prayers of the People**

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**Prayer Response** "Amen"

Music by Franz Schubert

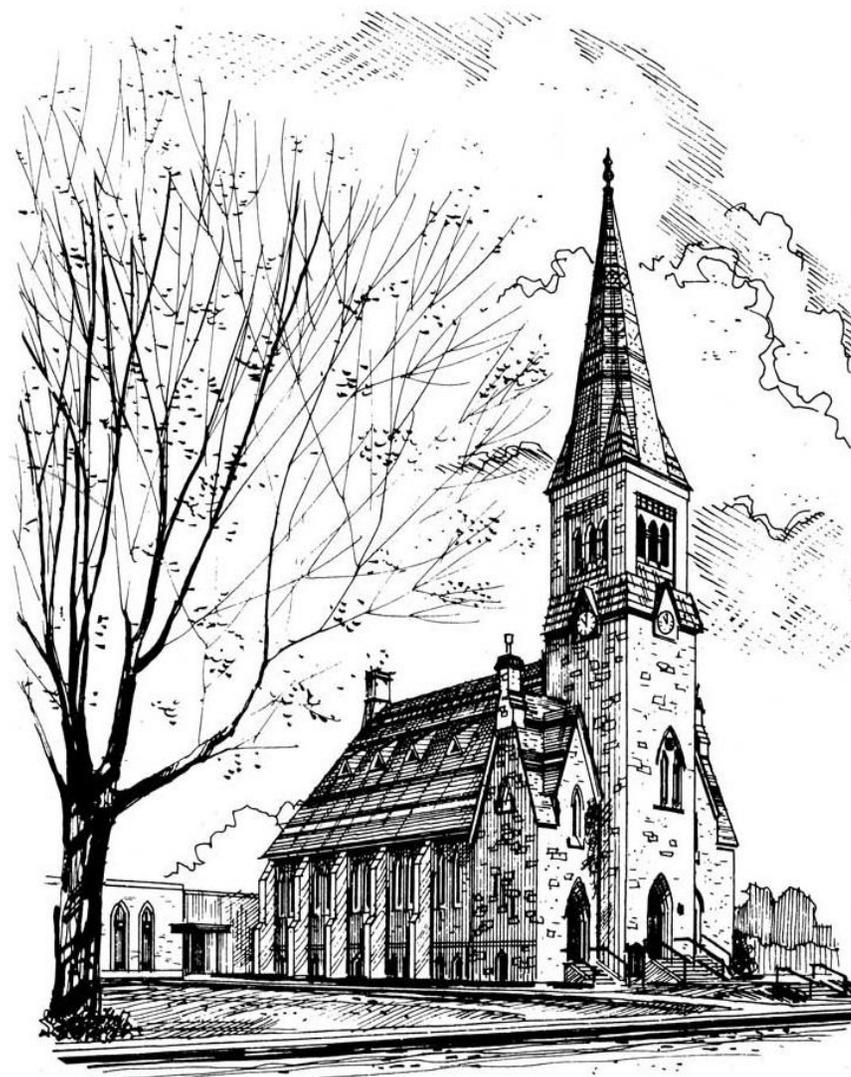
**\*Hymn** "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine" #837

#### **\*Benediction**

**\*Benediction Response/Postlude** "Know That God is Good"

Traditional Song from the  
Democratic Republic of Congo

*All are asked to remain seated for the postlude.*



#### **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF**

*PASTOR: Rev. Dr. Timothy J. Luoma*

*DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Dr. Adrian Carr*

*CLERK OF SESSION: Judy Bunnell*

*MODERATOR OF DEACONS: Connie Harrica*

*ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Sadie Prinsen*

*SEXTON: Sally Ann Blow*

## **The First Presbyterian Church**

Founded 1797

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## Happy Birthday!

Cynthia DuBrey	11/19	Catherine Keleher	11/21
Carol Carpenter	11/22	Joy Mazur	11/26
Mark Malchoff	11/29		

### *Presbytery is Meeting At First Pres*

Our church will be hosting the 273<sup>rd</sup> Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Northern New York on Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. Not only do we provide the meeting facility, but we are responsible for the logistics related to the meeting. Your support and help will be needed and appreciated. The meeting starts at 10am with some folks arriving as early as 9am. Lunch is served at noon, with the meeting continuing at 1 pm if there is additional business. Some of the areas that will be needed:

- Setting up for the meeting in the Sanctuary (the meeting space) and Fellowship Hall (registration and lunch) – may be done on Wednesday
- 1 or 2 people to prepare coffee, tea, etc. to be available as folks arrive and register (We'll get donuts from Rulf's for this.)
- 2 people to serve at the welcome/registration table to greet, assist with registrations, name tags and collect lunch money
- 2 people to collect and count the offering that will be taken during worship portion of the meeting (usually around 11:30 am)
- 1 or 2 people to prepare the communion elements (including getting the bread and juice) – preferred method is by intinction
- Crew to help with the noon meal
- Returning Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall to normal set up after meeting and lunch.

If you would be willing to help with any of the above, please contact Judy Bunnell (518-561-8011 or [judybunnell1@gmail.com](mailto:judybunnell1@gmail.com)) or Sadie at the church office.

### **Plattsburgh Interfaith Council's Community Thanksgiving Service**

The Interfaith Council has set Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> for the Community Thanksgiving service. It will be held at 2 pm at Temple Beth Israel. Monetary offering or non-perishable food items welcomed to support the Plattsburgh Interfaith Food Shelf.

# *First Presbyterian Church of Plattsburgh*

*Worship Christ  
Teach Faith  
Practice Love*

**If you are visiting, please feel welcome to come to Fellowship Hall, following the service.**

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### **PRAYER FAMILIES FOR THE WEEK of November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Bev Demers  
Gary & Allan Desotelle  
Michael & Heather DiCicco  
Bruce & Carolyn Dodd

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

Matt Burgin and family	Peg and Jack Myers
Barbara Thompson	John Mazur
Bev Demers	Stuart Voss
Family of Caroline Dawson	Family of Mary Coffin
Family of Bette Siegel	

**This Sunday we thank:**

**WORSHIP LEADER:** Karen Merrill

**USHERS:** Connie Harrica and Nancy Olsen

**FELLOWSHIP:** E-Team Potluck

**ZOOM COORDINATOR:** Jennie Booth

### **Worship Leaders**

Nov 24- Sally Meisenheimer  
Dec 1- Carla Hausrath

### **Ushers**

Nov 24- Alan & Jennie Booth  
Dec 1-

### **Fellowship Time**

Nov 24-  
Dec 1- Dianne & Morris Root

### **Zoom Coordinators**

Nov 24- Jim Snook  
Dec 1- Carl Payne

### **STEWARDSHIP MATTERS!**

Our inspired staff, our beautiful building, local and world mission projects are all part of our church budget and where your stewardship dollars go.

*“A gift opens the way and ushers the giver into the presence of the great.” ~ Proverbs 18:16*

During worship, we will be adding our pledge cards for 2025 during the offering in thankful celebration of our collective commitment to God. Please prayerfully consider your pledge for next year. Our church budget has been operating in a deficit for the last few years, spending more than we take in, but we believe we can reverse this. With 71 giving units in our congregation, if every unit increased by \$1 each week, the increase would be \$3,692 for the year. An increase of \$3 each week would result in \$11,076 for the year. Think of what each increase in dollars or giving units could be! Volunteering with committees, choir, coffee hour, lay reading, special events and outdoor cleanups are all active ways to add to our mission and 2025 financial promises. As Proverbs reminds us, let’s GIVE to experience GREAT, a great GOD and great THINGS to come in 2025.

### **Bible Study**

Bible Study will be meeting in the Memorial Room on Tuesdays at 10:30am. Each week, they will be looking at the readings for the week. This week they will be looking at Revelation 1:4b-8 and John 18:33-37. New participants are always welcome!

### **Giving Statements**

Giving Statements through October 31<sup>st</sup> are available at the back of the sanctuary. Please pick them up by November 25<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the church office if you have any questions regarding your statement.

### **Yoga Classes: Calming the Chaos in the Mind**

This month, the E-Team is going to host a three-part yoga series with Heather Bennett: *Calming Chaos in the Mind*. This past week was the first class, and they will continue to take place Monday Nights from 5pm-6pm in Fellowship Hall on November 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Join us tomorrow evening to calm the chaos in your mind through meditation and yoga!

### **Community Bake Sale**

Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, we will be hosting once again a Community Bake Sale from Noon to 3pm. There are many ways to volunteer to help out, not only making the baked goods, fudge, and preserves (which we will happily accept, of course!), but with calling people to request donation of goods, set-up and accepting donations Friday afternoon and Saturday morning, to work the bake sale, and clean up on Saturday after the bake sale has ended.

<b>Sunday, Nov 17:</b>	9:00 am	Adult Church School
	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:15 am	E-Team Potluck
<b>Monday, Nov 18:</b>	6:00 pm	Session
<b>Tuesday, Nov 19:</b>	10:30 am	Bible Study
	Noon	AA Meeting
<b>Wednesday, Nov 20:</b>	1:30pm	Parkinsons Support Group
<b>Thursday, Nov 21:</b>	9:15 am	Quilting Group
	10:00 am	Presbytery Meeting
	6:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
<b><i>Deadline for Pulse Submissions</i></b>		
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