

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

One: ...Friends, believe the good news of the gospel
All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**
One: Thanks be to God.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
All: **And also with you.**
One: Let us greet one another with signs of Christ's peace.

* PEACE RESPONSE:

Peace be with you, and peace be with
you, my neigh - bor, and peace be with
all of God's cre - a - tion, as peace has been the
gift of God to me.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

CHILDREN'S TIME.

There is no Sunday School today. Please enjoy the service and remember there are wiggle worship bags in the narthex for your child. Younger children may be dropped off at the nursery (ages 0-4); check in with nursery staff on the second floor.

* HYMN #720: "Jesus Calls Us" Galilee

THE PROPHETS: Ezekiel 2: 1-5 p.770-771 OT

THE GOSPEL: Mark 6: 1-6 p.40 NT

One: The Word of the Lord
All: **Thanks be to God.**

THE MESSAGE: "Imperfect."

"Whether they hear or refuse to hear, they shall know that there has been a prophet among them". Ezekiel 2:5

* GLORIA PATRI:

Glo-ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly
Spi - rit: as it was in the be - gin - ning, is
now, and will be for - ever. A men, A - men. A - men!

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

* RECEIVING TITHES AND OFFERINGS:

One: The Bible says, "Do not neglect to do good, and to share what you have;

All: **For such sacrifices are pleasing to God.** Hebrews 13:16

OFFERTORY: "Berceuse" A. Ilyinsky

* DOXOLOGY: (to the tune of "All Creatures of our God and King")

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Christ, all creatures here below. Alleluia!
Praise Holy Spirit evermore.
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Alleluia!**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION.

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from the Confession of 1967*

The church confesses its faith when it bears a present witness to God's grace in Jesus Christ. In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself. Therefore, the church calls all people to be reconciled to God and to one another.

God has created the peoples of the earth to be one universal family. In his reconciling love, God overcomes the barriers between sisters and brothers and breaks down every form of discrimination based on racial or ethnic difference. The church labors for the abolition of all discrimination, and ministers to those injured by it. Congregations, individuals, or groups of Christians who exclude, dominate, or patronize

others, however subtly, resist the Spirit of God and bring contempt on the faith which they profess.

With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God. Amen.

* HYMN #509: "All Who Hunger" Holy Manna

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION.

We invite you to come forward down the center aisle to receive communion, holding out an open palm to receive bread and leaving your cup in the cup racks at the back of each pew. If you wish to have communion brought to you, please indicate this by raising a hand to the servers walking in the aisles. All are welcome to receive communion at Christ's table.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOLLOWED BY 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.

* HYMN #852 "When the Lord Redeems the Very Least" I'll Fly Away

* BENEDICTION.

* CONGREGATIONAL AMEN.

POSTLUDE: Prelude and Fugue in F Major J. S. Bach

Please join us in the narthex for fellowship time and snacks following the service!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Thank you Sondra Wayman!** Our guest organist this morning and next week has been connected with our congregation for a long time through her grandfather, Dix Wayman, a longtime member. When she's not on an organ bench she can be found out in Cornell's research fields doing agricultural surveys. Thank you, Sondra, for sharing your musical gifts with us!

- **Bible Study starts today!** Pastor Cindy and Pastor Kirianne are working together to prepare a summer-long Bible Study of 1 and 2 Samuel—books we have been reading from recently in church! Attend one or all—in the Heritage Room following fellowship time, starting today!
- **Wednesday Summer Picnics are beginning!** The first summer church picnic is this Wednesday, July 10 at 6pm! Bring a dish to pass or your own meal, or just bring yourself! Kiri is happy to pick up friends—text her at 607-882-1325. The picnic on the 10th is at the home of:

Margaret Shackell and Glen Dowell
21 Placid Terrace
Lansing, NY. Phone: 607-319-4654

If there are weather questions, call ahead—and we will send out a churchwide email too. If you would like to host a picnic, talk to Marilyn Ewing—we have some open dates later in August!
- **Starting next Sunday, July 14: Summer Stretch!** Children will be welcome to come up to the Sunday School room after Children’s Time. This will be a free space for children to color, read, or watch a Bible video during the second half of the service.
- **Potluck Fellowship Time:** Our fellowship time is potluck—feel free to bring cookies or snacks that you are willing to share! And if you have a favorite coffee mixer (Oat milk? Hazlenut cream? Pumpkin spice?) let Kirianne know so you can enjoy your favorite coffee on Sunday mornings!
- **Share your music with us this summer!** In the summer months when the choir takes a break, we love welcoming music provided by friends and family! Email our organist Ian Woods at ianwoods@gmail.com to schedule. If you’d like to sing with others, let Kirianne know—text 607-882-1325 or email kirianne.fpci@gmail.com!

Our greeters today are:

Marilyn Ewing, Beth Patton, and Harrison Faulkner

Our ushers today are:

Bob Kohut, Brad McFall, Kathy Lipinski, and John Ullberg

We hold in our prayers: David Brown; Harris Faulkner; Carolyn Grulich, Bobbie Kohut’s sister; Patricia Lopez’ mother, Nohemy Hernández; Tom Hurst; Betsy Mann; Stella Martz’s nephew, Charles; Tinny Oey; Gaw Phaw; Mark Radice; and Vivian and Jim Russell.

We apologize; we may not have a livestream today.

If we don’t, we will send out an audio recording of the service by email following the close of activities, around 1pm.

CALENDAR OF CHURCH EVENTS

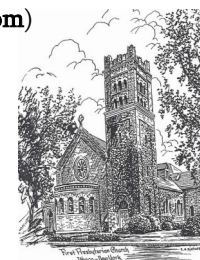
- SUNDAY, JULY 7:**
9:30-11:30 am Nursery Available (Second Floor)
10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
11:00 am Fellowship Time (Narthex)
11:30 am Bible Studies (Heritage Room)
11:15-12:15 pm Youth Group (Second Floor)
- MONDAY, JULY 8:**
9am-2pm Open Doors English
2pm-8pm Flight Voice Studio / Choir Room
- TUESDAY, JULY 9:**
9am-1pm FPCI Office Hours
9am-2pm Open Doors English (Third Floor)
12pm-2pm Mah Jongg Group (Meditation Room)
2pm-8pm Flight Voice Studio
5:30pm-6:45pm Worship, Music & Spiritual Life Committee (Zoom)
7pm-8pm AA Meeting (Dodds Hall)
- WEDNESDAY, JULY 10:**
9:00-1pm FPCI Office Hours
9:30-10:30am Al Anon (Fireside Room)
5:30-6:30pm Personnel Committee (Fireside Room)
- THURSDAY, JULY 11:**
9am-1pm FPCI Office Hours
2pm-7pm Flight Performing Arts Voice Lessons (Choir Room)
6:30pm-9pm Community Game Night (Dodds Hall)
NO Choir—we’re done for the summer!
- FRIDAY, JULY 12:**
9am-1pm FPCI Office Hours
9:00-2pm Open Doors English (Third Floor)
- SATURDAY, JULY 13.**
- SUNDAY, JULY 14:**
9:30-11:30am Nursery Available (Second Floor)
10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
10:15 am Summer Stretch (Second Floor)
11:00 am Fellowship Time (Narthex)
11:15-12:15 pm Youth Group (Second Floor)

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JULY 7, 2024: NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD

This service is being livestreamed! You can view services on our website. Please share your name in the Friendship Pads at the end of each pew. Numbered hymns are found in the purple hymnals in the pew racks.

PRELUDE:	“Elevation”	A. Guilmant
	“Menuetto”	W.A. Mozart
	“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”	J. Denton

WELCOME. Rev. Kirianne Weaver

* CALL TO WORSHIP: *Psalms 123.* Liturgist: Lorraine Maxwell

One: To you I lift up my eyes -
All: O you who are enthroned in the heavens!
One: As the eyes of a footman look to the hand of his master,
All: as the eyes of a maid look to the Lord our God,
One: so our eyes look to the Lord our God,
All: waiting upon God’s mercy.
One: Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy;
All: for we have had more than enough of sorrow.
One: Our soul has had more than its fill of the scorn of the easy,
All: of the contempt of the proud.
One: Lead us in your everlasting way.
All: Let us worship God!

* HYMN #404: **“What Is This Place”** *Komt Nu met Zang*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.

God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer...

Time for silent confession.