


First Presbyterian Church
April 28, 2024

Pittsford, New York
8:30 and 10:00 am

Embracing and Sharing Christ's Love
Fifth Sunday of Easter



let us love
one another
1 John 4:7

Our 10 am worship service is video streamed live via our website and YouTube live. You are encouraged to share the link below with others or find us on your YouTube app under "Pittsford Presbyterian Church."

www.pittsfordpres.org/live

△ Please stand, in body or in spirit.
Bold denotes congregation reading.

† indicates 8:30 only
‡ indicates 10:00 only



Preparing for the Word

Welcome

Prelude

Fugue on the Trompettes,
from *Mass for the Parishes*

François Couperin

Call to Worship (responsive)

We come to worship with joy, trusting God's holy word will inspire us.

We lean into God for understanding, anticipating the Spirit's blessing.

May God hear our praise! May we be counted among the great congregation.

May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to God.

Collect (unison)

Holy One, we thank you for your gift of guidance. Jesus taught us the blessed lesson that to dwell with you is not an obligation. It is a joy. We abide in you by striving to live in love. May we be the bounty of the fruit of the vine to feed your people with righteousness and justice. May we bring to the world the grace afforded unto us. Amen.

△ Hymn

Morning Has Broken

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△ Prayer of Confession (unison)

Saving God, we are in awe of the power of resurrection, and we give you glory with our hallelujahs, but we carry lingering doubts about your saving power in our lives. We ask why you do not answer our prayers quickly enough. We demand signs to prove the reality of your promises. Sometimes we find ourselves wondering when you will show up to ease our pain. We pray now that you

will help us in our impatience and unbelief. Forgive us and free us to recognize your presence. Amen.

A time for Silent Prayers and Personal Confession.

△ Assurance of Pardon and the Peace (responsive)

In the joy of resurrection, we claim the victory of Christ over the power of sin. God has rolled away the stone to reveal our salvation. We look inside the tomb, and where Jesus once lay lifeless, we find the gifts of God's grace and forgiveness. Go and tell the world! In Christ we are forgiven. The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

△ Gloria Patri

Glory Be to the Father

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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.

Reading and Proclaiming the Word

✦ Anthem

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

African-American Spiritual
arr.: David Kidwell

I'm gonna live so God can use me anytime, Lord, anywhere.
I'm gonna work so God can use me anytime, Lord, anywhere.
I'm gonna pray so God can use me anytime, Lord, anywhere.
I'm gonna sing so God can use me anytime, Lord, anywhere.
I'm gonna live so God can use me anytime, Lord, anywhere.
I'm gonna live.

✦ Mouse Report

Scripture Lesson

Acts 8:26–40

Hymn

Be Still, My Soul

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Scripture Lesson

1 John 4:7–21

Sermon

Abide in Love

Rev. Erin Jacobson

Responding to the Word

Offertory Prayer

Offering of Our Gifts

Offertory

△ Doxology	<i>Praise God</i>	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		

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

△ Hymn	<i>What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine</i>	837
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Sent Out with the Word

△ **Benediction**

△ Postlude	<i>Fantasia in G</i>	Johann Pachelbel
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God is with us wherever we are, listens to us whenever we pray, speaks to us whenever we listen; Glory be to God.

Hearing Assist Devices are provided to fully enjoy the service.

We are a caring community, growing spiritually as disciples of Jesus Christ. Together we spread the good news of Jesus through worship, fellowship, education, prayer, and especially mission.

Please Pause in Prayer ...

... for Rick Young who recently had abdominal surgery and is recovering at home.

... for Jan Currie who is at the Highlands Living Center recovering from a fall.



... for the family and friends of Walter, grandfather of Charlie Campbell, who moved to eternal life last Sunday.

The congregation of First Presbyterian Church Pittsford is warmly invited to the memorial service honoring **Claire Mundheim Brown** on **Saturday, May 4, at 11:00 am**, in our sanctuary. Claire passed away on February 12 at age 108, our oldest church member. She and her late husband Robert Wesley Brown joined First Presbyterian on March 30, 1952.

The family of **Linda Richards** is inviting the congregation to an Open House on **Saturday, May 4, noon-4 pm** to celebrate her life. 51 Cullens Run, Pittsford. For more information, contact Neil Richards at neilr@richardsresearch.com.

Sharing Prayer Requests

If you would like our pastors and congregation to keep you or somebody you know in prayer, please email your prayer request to prayer@pittsfordpres.org. The request will go directly to our pastors, and **unless you indicate that the prayer request can be shared with the congregation, it will be handled confidentially**. Prayer requests can even be sent during the Sunday worship and will be reflected in the Prayers of the People.

<u>8:30 Presiding Elder:</u> Anne Ferris	<u>Trustee:</u> Bob Dunn	<u>10:00 Presiding Elder:</u> Jessica Pedersen
<u>Main Deacon:</u> Bonnie Dunn	<u>Assistant Deacon:</u> Judy Johnson	<u>10:00 Greeters:</u> Nina Oakley Ron Pollock

Sunday School – Elementary Age

<u>April 28</u> Children's worship practice Practice readings and Puppet show	<u>May 5</u> Children's Service	<u>May 12</u> We give in gratitude Mark 12 acting skits
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Announcements

Need for Cookies

We are low on homemade cookies for the receptions after memorial services and if anyone has time and loves to bake—we could use some fresh cookies! Please mark them “memorial service” and place them in the freezer. The families really appreciate the love and thoughtfulness that goes into homemade cookies. Thank you!

NEW! Directory Update

In an effort to bring our directory up to date, photos will be taken in Fellowship Hall for a limited time. Our church photographers will be available after each service May 19–June 16 with a deadline before a new directory is printed on June 17.

Another option is to submit your own individual or family photo. For the best result, the photo should be:

- * high resolution
- * neutral background
- * landscape format/horizontal

Please email to connect@pittsfordpres.org by June 17.

NEW! Attention 2024 GRADUATES at all levels!

Your church family would like to celebrate with you.

Please email Pastor Erin (erin.jacobson@pittsfordpres.org) your commencement information and your future plans (along with a photo) for inclusion in the bulletin on June 16, 2024 (Dads and Grads Sunday).

Eve Circle

Eve Circle will meet on Monday, **April 29**, at 12:30 pm in room 200 to continue our study of the Book of Luke.

REMINDER The **Memorial Garden Committee** meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 30, at 7:00 pm in the church library.

NEW! May 5 through 12 - Help Us Bless the Labyrinth

Our labyrinth will be available again! We would love your help blessing the labyrinth to do God's work with the Faith & Grief workshops and other spiritual events. Starting May 5, after Sunday worship or whenever you are here, please come to room 201 where you can experience what many cultures and religions around the world for

thousands of years have experienced. Walking the labyrinth can represent a sacred pilgrimage and be used as an opportunity to slowly and meditatively explore personal and spiritual matters. Directions and guided prayer sheets are available. Please remove shoes before entering the labyrinth. The labyrinth will be available until the next Sunday, May 12.

Cooking Club

Sunday, May 5, at 5 pm in Fellowship Hall. Mexican Cinco de Mayo-themed meal. Join us in preparing tostada, enchiladas, arroz con pollo, and guacamole. Cost is \$8.00. Sign up at dtraina@rochester.rr.com.

NEW! OPTIMISTS

The May meeting for OPTIMISTS will be held on May 10, at 1 pm in Fellowship Hall. The discussion topic will be Spring Flowers. Let's talk about your own flower garden, a garden you may have visited when traveling, or what is your favorite flower. Bring pictures if you have any! Lunch will be provided and all are invited to attend. Please RSVP to the church office by May 8.

Anthony Circle

Anthony Circle will visit the Rochester Public Market for spring flowers on Tuesday, May 14. We'll carpool at Pittsford Plaza Citizens Bank parking lot at 10am. Please rsvp to claudiaw1949@gmail.com by May 10.

NEW! Fellowship Opportunity

Are you a runner or runner want-to-be? Would you like to trail run at Mendon Ponds Park but don't like to run alone? Would you like to increase your fitness level over the summer? If you answered yes to one or more of these questions, this First Pres Fellowship opportunity may be for you. Dan Harrison is starting up a trail running group in mid-May. We will start with easy three-mile runs on fairly flat terrain, then gradually add hills and run along the esker ridges. Gradually increasing the distance, the goal is to run 6 to 8 miles by the end of the summer. We will plan to run three times a week and see every corner of this beautiful park. If you're interested send Dan a text or email (danieljharrison@gmail.com and 585 662 7624). He'll send out a poll to find mutually convenient times for the group once he knows who is interested.

First Presbyterian at a Glance

SUNDAY – April 28

5th Sunday of Easter

8:30am Worship

10am Worship + Livestream

10am Sunday School

3:30pm Recital Rental [sanct., FH]

7pm Concentus Rehearsal [sanct. MR]

MONDAY – April 29

12:30pm Eve Circle [200]

6pm Faith & Grief [FH, 200]

7pm Troop 341 [FH, SR]

7pm Back to Basics [online]

7pm PCNS Board [201]

TUESDAY – April 30

11am Needle Nellies [204]

12:50pm Fellowship at The Highlands [Activity Room, 2nd floor]

7pm Memorial Garden Comm. [lib.]

WEDNESDAY – May 1

11am Strategic Communications [online]

3pm Susan Orr Farewell [FH, kitchen]

4:30pm Parents' WNO [YR]

6:30pm Handbell Practice [MR]

7pm Bible Study [200, online]

THURSDAY – May 2

9:30am Staff Meeting [lounge, online]

10am Yoga Class [chapel]

12pm Women's Bible Study [lib.]

7:15pm Worship & Music [online]

FRIDAY – May 3

Labyrinth until May 12 [201]

11am Prayer Support Group [online]

12pm Faith & Grief [FH, 200]

SATURDAY – May 4

9am Confirmation Retreat [YR, offsite]

10:30am Interment

11am Memorial Service

SUNDAY – May 5

6th Sunday of Easter

Children's Service

7am Men's Breakfast [offsite]

8:30am Worship + Communion

10am Worship + Communion + Livestream

10am Sunday School

3pm Youth to ROC Ventures

5pm Cooking Club [FH, kitchen]

7pm Concentus Rehearsal [sanct. MR]

Morning Has Broken

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1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black-bird has
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the



spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet-ness of the wet
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion; praise ev - ery



morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
 morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

Be Still, My Soul

1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.
 2 Be still, my soul: thy God doth un - der - take
 3 Be still, my soul: the hour is has - tening on

Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain.
 to guide the fu - ture sure - ly as the past.
 when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord;

Leave to thy God to or - der and pro - vide,
 Thy hope, thy con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;
 when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,

who through all chang - es faith - ful will re - main.
 all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.
 sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.



Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heaven - ly Friend
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past



through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
his voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.
all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.



What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine 837

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

1 What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-
2 O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-

last-ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,
last-ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,
last-ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,

Refrain
lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms. Lean-ing,
Lean-ing on Je-sus,

lean-ing, safe and se-cure from all a-larms; lean-ing on
lean-ing on Je-sus,

ing, lean-ing, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
Je-sus, lean-ing on Je-sus,