

## How can I get involved?

- Introduce yourself to one of our ministers or another member of the congregation.
- Sign the pew pad and leave your contact information.
- Check out our website (QR code below) and follow us on Facebook.
- Keep coming!
- Let us know of your interest in becoming more involved with FPC.
- Come worship with us! During most of the year we have two services, 8:30 am and 10 am, and the latter is livestreamed through our website.
- Join one of our Bible study groups.
- Join our chancel choir or handbell choir.
- Join one of our mission projects.
- Bring your child or children to Sunday school.
- Sign up your child for LOGOS, our mid-week intergenerational fun and faith program.

And so many more ways.

Contact the church office for specific information about any of the possibilities listed.



## Staff of First Presbyterian



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# Get to know us!



Here are some quick answers about  
First Presbyterian Church  
Pittsford

## Who are Presbyterians?

The Presbyterian Church was founded on the ideals of the Protestant Reformation. Presbyterian beliefs include the following:

- God has been revealed to us in history and scripture as a Trinity.
- God loves every person and continually seeks to forgive our failure to love perfectly.
- God gives each of us unique gifts and calls us to do unique things. However, each Christian has direct access to God through worship, prayer, and scripture.

The history of the Presbyterian Church in America began in the 1600s. Today there are a variety of branches of churches who call themselves Presbyterians. First Presbyterian Church of Pittsford is a member of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), by far the largest branch of Presbyterian churches. The denomination claims about 1.3 million members.

PC(USA) is governed by Scripture and our Constitution. Our Constitution has two parts: *The Book of Confessions* - This book includes statements from different times and contexts that express what the church believes. *The Book of Order* - This book includes the rules which we use to order our life together.

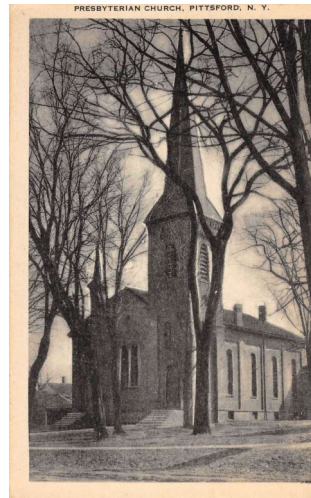
Presbyterians are essentially representative, trusting in elected groups of ministers and elders to make decisions for the full body. A local church is governed by its Session. The Session is a group of elders elected by the congregation to oversee the church.

## Did you know?

We are rich with history! Our church was founded as the Second Congregational Church on May 11, 1809. Today, First Presbyterian Church has about 800 members made up of people of all ages, families, couples, and singles. First Presbyterian is a church which is welcoming and inclusive.

We have two pastors and eight additional full-time and part-time staff. We are led by 22 Elders (including up to four youth), 31 Deacons (including four youth), and 18 Trustees.

While FPC has been around for a long time and is nestled in the heart of the historic Village of Pittsford—we are planted firmly in today's world of technology and communication! Worship services and concerts are livestreamed.



## What does this church do?

### **This is our Mission Statement:**

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.

**Worship** happens every Sunday and we offer Sunday School for children pre-school-12th Grade. Throughout the year we hold special services led by the youth, children, and women of the congregation.

**Fellowship** takes many forms at FPC: Handbell and Chancel Choir, multiple Bible Study groups, several women's groups who focus on education and mission opportunities, and many more.

**Prayer** is part of every meeting and gathering at FPC, and a weekly Prayer Support Group lifts concerns from the congregation in prayer.

**Mission** is a major part of FPC's identity—providing food, building homes, and sharing our financial treasure. Among our local and international projects are a weekend food program for impoverished children in the area, Family Promise, Habitat for Humanity, Cameron Community Ministries, Good News Jail and Prison Ministry, African Girls Can, and Rehema orphanage in Kenya.

These many opportunities for **learning, forming relationships, and serving one another and others** are organized into groups.

# Embracing and Sharing Christ's Love