

**First Presbyterian Church**  
May 5, 2024

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

Embracing and Sharing Christ's Love

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**Children's Service**



**Scripture for Reflection**

“All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Acts 10:43

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](http://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**

Linda Boianova, piano

**Call to Worship (responsive)** (written by pre-K–5<sup>th</sup> graders)

God, bonjour, hola, salaam, aloha, grüß Gott, hello. As the people of the earth, from all nations and with different backgrounds, we join together to meet you here in worship. Please be with us as we pray. Listen to us and come into our hearts. Amen.

**Prayer of Adoration (unison)**

**Mysterious God, no matter how old we are, we want the same things. We want to understand you better so that we can follow you. We come together today for you to teach us how to love, care for, and connect with everyone taller than us, and everyone shorter than us. Amen.**

△ **Hymn**

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

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△ **Call to Confession**

(written by 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders)

Come confess your sins and fix your relationship with God, so that you can be forgiven.

△ **Prayer of Confession (unison)**

**God, we are sorry because sometimes we don't listen. We are sorry for taking things that are not ours and for being mean to our parents. At times we have been inconsiderate, selfish, and dishonest. We have spread rumors and judged people by their looks. Sometimes we doubt you and don't listen. We are sorry for being so self-obsessed that we think we are right. Forgive us.**

*A time for Silent Prayers and Personal Confession.*

### △ Assurance of Pardon and the Peace (responsive)

Whether Jesus was teaching or learning, working or resting, he offered forgiveness so that we can learn from our mistakes and have the freedom to be God's hands in the world. Know that through Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

**And also with you.**

### △ Gloria Patri *Glory Be to the Father* 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.

## Reading and Proclaiming the Word

### ✦ Children's Anthem *Rejoice in the Lord Always* Philippians 4:4 Children's Choir Dede Holmes, director Amy Carleton, piano

Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice! (clap x, clap x)  
Rejoice in the lord always and again I say rejoice (x, x)  
Rejoice, Rejoice, again I say rejoice (x, x)  
Rejoice, rejoice, again I say rejoice (x, x)  
*(congregation please join the choir on second round)*

**Scripture Lesson** Psalm 98

**Hymn** *Jesus Loves Me!* 188

**Scripture Lesson** Acts 10

**Puppet Show** Land Animals Unite

**Sermon** **In Every Nation** **Rev. Aaron Neff**

## Responding to the Word

### Offertory Prayer

God you work for us twenty-four hours a day three hundred and sixty-five days a year. We now take time to offer to you a part of our work. Let us make those offerings now.

### Offering of Our Gifts

## Offertory

### △ Doxology

*Praise God*

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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

## The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

### Invitation to the Lord's Table

#### Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The pastor continues...*

#### Sanctus (sung in unison)

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might; holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest; hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest; hosanna in the highest.**

*The pastor continues...*

#### Memorial Acclamation

Great is the mystery of our faith. **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

#### Prayers of Intercession

#### The Lord's Prayer

#### Words of Institution and Breaking the Bread

The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

#### Communion

#### Prayer after Communion (unison)

**God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

### △ Hymn

*Seek Ye First*

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## Sent Out with the Word

△ **Benediction**

△ **Postlude**

Linda Boianova, piano



*The flowers gracing our chancel this morning are given by the Brown family in loving memory of Claire Brown.*

*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 the family and friends of Judy Lewis who moved to eternal life on Monday.



The congregation of First Presbyterian Church Pittsford is invited to the memorial service honoring **Judy Lewis** on **Tuesday, May 7, at 11 am**. A simple gathering will take place before the service, at **10 am** in Fellowship Hall. Judy passed away on Monday. She was a friendly ARC House neighbor to us, loyal presence at our services, and member of the church.

The congregation of First Presbyterian Church Pittsford is warmly invited to the memorial service honoring **Randall (Randy) Hunter** on **Saturday, May 11, at 2:00 pm**, in our sanctuary. Randy passed away on April 13. For 30 years, Randy owned Hunter's Village Pharmacy in the Wiltsie & Crump building at Pittsford's Four Corners.

### **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](mailto: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.

<b><u>8:30 Presiding Elder:</u></b> Jen Lake	<b><u>Trustee:</u></b> Bob Dunn	<b><u>10:00 Presiding Elder:</u></b> Nevan Fisher
<b><u>Main Deacon:</u></b> Claudia Williams	<b><u>Assistant Deacon:</u></b> Janet Kearns	<b><u>10:00 Greeters:</u></b> Linda Badger Becker Logan Maas

## Participants

Aurora Appleby

Belle Appleby

Bodie Chase

Jackson Chase

Addison Ferris

Macy Ferris

Quinn Gibson

Hannah Hall

Tierney Hall

Emmy Holmes

Isabella Irving

Felicity Irwin

Hadley Irwin

Sawyer Kesler

Samson Kesler

Riley Koss

Willow Koss

Raymond Lin

Theo Lin

Logan Maas

Clara Neff

Esther Neff

Gabriel Neff

Abby Schmitt

Graham Schmitt

## Sunday School – Elementary Age

<u>May 5</u>  Children's Service	<u>May 12</u> We give in gratitude Mark 12  acting skits	<u>May 19</u> Pentecost Acts 2  making paper helicopters
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## Announcements

### 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](mailto:connect@pittsfordpres.org) by June 17.

### 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.

### TODAY! 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](mailto:dtraina@rochester.rr.com).



## **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.

## **NEW! Vox Lusciniae performing in our sanctuary May 12, 3 pm**

Vox Lusciniae is a newly-formed treble choir based in Buffalo and directed by Dr. Brian M. Stevens.

"An Explosion of Being..." is a program of works that celebrate the limitless spirit of creation in our lives and how each moment we experience grows and intertwines, forming the roots and foundation of who we are...past, present, and future.

The program will feature four world premieres, and several regional premieres of extraordinary contemporary music. We hope to see you either at our Buffalo performance on the evening of May 11 at the St. Joseph University Parish at 7:30 pm, or our Rochester performance on the afternoon of May 12, at First Presbyterian Church of Pittsford, at 3pm. Both performances are free, though free-will donations are graciously accepted.

## **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](mailto:claudiaw1949@gmail.com) by May 10.

## **NEW! Eve Circle**

The May meeting for Eve Circle will be on Monday, May 20, as the usual date would have been Memorial Day. The Circle will meet in room 204.

## **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](mailto: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.



# 2ND ANNUAL WHITEWATER RAFTING TRIP DOWN THE GENESEE RIVER

**THURSDAY  
JUNE 27  
2024**

**SCHOOL'S OUT CELEBRATION FOR YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12! For more information and registration, email:**  
[erin.jacobson@pittsfordpres.org](mailto:erin.jacobson@pittsfordpres.org)

**COST PER PERSON NOT TO EXCEED \$50  
FEE INCLUDES A PICNIC LUNCH**

WE WANT TO CELEBRATE WITH YOU!

# ATTENTION ALL GRADUATES



Please email Pastor Erin your future plans for inclusion in the bulletin on Dads & Grads Sunday (June 16th).

[erin.jacobson@pittsfordpres.org](mailto:erin.jacobson@pittsfordpres.org)

# First Presbyterian at a Glance

## **SUNDAY – May 5**

**6th Sunday of Easter**

**Children's Service**

**Labyrinth until May 12 [201]**

**7am Men's Breakfast [offsite]**

**8:30am Worship + Communion**

**10am Worship + Communion + Livestream**

**3pm Youth to ROC Ventures**

**5pm Cooking Club [FH, kitchen]**

**7pm Concentus Rehearsal [sanct. MR]**

## **MONDAY – May 6**

**6pm Faith & Grief I [201, 200]**

**7pm Troop 341 [FH, SR]**

**7pm Back to Basics [online]**

## **TUESDAY – May 7**

**11am Memorial Service**

**12:50pm Fellowship at The Highlands [Activity Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor]**

**7pm Outreach Comm. [online]**

**8pm Personnel Comm. [online]**

## **WEDNESDAY – May 8**

**1pm Needlepoint Comm. [lib.]**

**4:30pm Parents' WNO [FH, kitchen]**

**6:30pm Handbell Practice [MR]**

**7pm Bible Study [200, online]**

**7:15pm Choir Practice [MR]**

## **THURSDAY – May 9**

**Ascension of the Lord**

**9:30am Staff Meeting [lounge, online]**

**10am Yoga Class [chapel]**

**7pm Buildings + Grounds [200]**

**7:30pm Trustees [200, online]**

## **FRIDAY – May 10**

**11am Prayer Support Group [online]**

**12pm Faith & Grief II [201, 200]**

**1pm OPTIMISTS [FH, kitchen]**

## **SATURDAY – May 11**

**1:30pm Interment**

**2pm Memorial Service**

## **SUNDAY – May 12**

**7th Sunday of Easter**

**Mother's Day**

**8:30am Worship + Ext. Prelude**

**10am Worship + Ext. Prelude + Livestream**

**10am Sunday School**

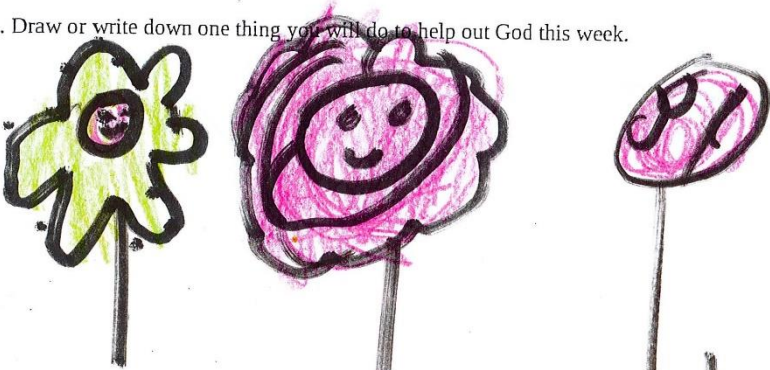
**3pm Concert [sanct., MR]**

**7pm Concentus Rehearsal [sanct. MR]**

# Children's Weekly Offering

Fill out one of the two questions, then bring this paper up with you for the mouse report.

1. Draw or write down one thing you will do to help out God this week.



Halp us grow!

2. Draw or write one thing you did to help God last week.



# 20 All Things Bright and Beautiful

Refrain

All things bright and beau-ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,

all things wise and won-der - ful, the Lord God made them all. *Fine*

1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,  
2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er - run - ning by,  
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,  
4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

God made their glow - ing col - ors; God made their ti - ny wings.  
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky:  
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - ery one.  
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well. *to Refrain*

## Jesus Loves Me!

1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so.  
2 Je - sus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long a - go,

Lit - tle ones to him be-long. They are weak, but he is strong.  
tak - ing chil-dren on his knee, say - ing, "Let them come to me."

## Refrain

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

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## Seek Ye First

*Descant*

Al - le - lu - ia,

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God  
2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you;  
3 You shall not live by bread a - lone,

al - le - lu - ia,

and its righ - teous - ness,  
seek, and you shall find;  
but by ev - ery word



al - le - lu - ia,

and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you.  
knock, and the door shall be o - pened un - to you.  
that pro - ceeds from the mouth of God.

The first system of the musical score consists of three staves. The top staff is a vocal line in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (D major). It contains four measures of music, each with a single half note: 'al', 'le', 'lu', and 'ia'. The middle and bottom staves are piano accompaniment. The middle staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both have a key signature of two sharps. The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody.

al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

The second system of the musical score also consists of three staves. The top staff is a vocal line in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps. It contains four measures of music: 'al', 'le', 'lu', and 'ia!'. The middle and bottom staves are piano accompaniment. The middle staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef, both with a key signature of two sharps. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and moving lines, ending with a final chord in the bottom staff.