

OUR MISSION

To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

OUR VALUES

CONNECT. GROW. SERVE.

We **CONNECT** with God through worship.

We **GROW** with friends spiritually in grow groups.

We **SERVE** God by making a difference in our community and world.

An accessible restroom with changing table is located at the back of the sanctuary.

Hearing assistance devices are available at the **WELCOME CENTER**.

Activities are available for children 3 years old and younger in our nursery during worship.

Activity bags are available for children at the **FIRSTKIDS** check-in table.

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Mon-Thurs: 8am-12pm & 1pm-4:30pm



WELCOME

to

FIRSTCHURCH

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Saturday • March 29, 2025 • 5:00 pm

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME

***OPENING SONGS**

The Lion and the Lamb
Build My Life

PRAYER TIME

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

MESSAGE

Lazarus and the Uncertainty of Mortality
John 11:1-44
Rev. Sara McManus

OFFERING

REFLECTION SONG

Death Was Arrested

OFFERING PRAYER

CLOSING SONG

I Believe

***BLESSING**

Thank You For Worshiping With Us Today!

**The congregation is invited to stand as they are able.*

Sunday • March 30, 2025 • 8:30 am & 10:00 am

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: O Mortal, can these bones live?

People: Only the Lord God knows

Leader: O people, hope is in the Lord.

People. With the Lord there is steadfast love and great power to redeem.

***Opening Song**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

No. 384

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Time for Young Disciples

Message

Lazarus and the Uncertainty of Mortality
John 11:1-44
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Reflection Song

(8:30) *Are Ye Able*
(10:00) *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

No. 530
TFWS #2158

Offering & Doxology

A Lenten Doxology

On Screens

Offering Prayer

***Sending Song**

(8:30) *Hymn of Promise*
(10:00) *Lord of the Dance (vs 1,4,5)*

No. 707
No. 261

***Blessing**

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This Week at First Church

Sunday, March 30

8:30 am Traditional Worship

9:30 am Adult Bible Study—Lounge

10:00 am Blended Worship

11:20 am Lent Bible Study

Monday, March 31

1:15—3:15 pm Coffee, Cookies & Conversation

Wednesday, April 2

9:15 am Embracing God Bible Study

12:05 pm Lenten Worship & Lunch at the First Congregational Church

5:15 pm Community Meal

NO Bell Choir Rehearsal

6:00 pm Lenten Study—Lounge

6:00 pm First Kids & First Youth

6:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

7:10 –7:30 pm Worship in Fellowship Hall

Thursday, April 3—Home Communion

10:00 am Women's Bible Study

Friday, April 4

Office Closed

Saturday, April 5

7:00 am Back Room Boys—Church Lounge

9:00 am Just Breathe—Church Lounge—

New group, come check it out!

9:00 am Late Risers—Stones Cafe

3:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

5:00 pm Contemporary Worship

Sunday, April 6

8:30 am Traditional Worship

9:30 am Adult Bible Study—Lounge

10:00 am Blended Worship

11:20 am Lent Bible Study

CHURCH FINANCES: Thank you for your financial gifts to First Church. Your support is appreciated and helps in so many ways. As always you can give online:

www.watertownfirst.church/giving

Or use the QR code.



Know someone with a passion for music? We are looking for a Contemporary Worship Director. Contact Pastor Sara for details. seniorpastor@watertownfirst.church

This new group is starting on April 5th at 9 am in the church lounge. Not a bible study, just a time for old and new friends to chat over coffee. All are invited.



just
BREATHE

Join us Sat April 5 at 9AM in the church lounge for a relaxing time to share conversation with friends over a cup of coffee and take time to "Just Breathe" and relax.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Sunday, April 13th, 9:30am-1:00pm—Bake Sale & Pancake Feed, Youth Fundraiser
- ◆ April 17, 6 pm—Maundy Thursday Worship
- ◆ April 18, 6 pm—Good Friday Worship
- ◆ April 19-20—Easter Weekend
- ◆ Sat. April 26, 10:00am—Noon, First Church Spring Carnival at the City Auditorium
- ◆ Sat. May 3, 5:00pm—Confirmation

Prayer Walk With Us
(6,349 Miles)
From Watertown
to Jerusalem
during Lent.



During Lent we hope to collectively as a congregation, prayer walk 6,349 miles around Watertown.

As you log your prayer walk miles, you can send them to office@watertownfirst.church or drop them off at the back of the church to be compiled. A tally of the total miles walked will be reported each week.

Please join us in this Prayer Walk as we shower Watertown with prayers and love during the Lenten Season.

As of March 25th our congregation has walked 771.86 miles! Way to go First Church!

Worship Notes

For more information visit our web page at www.watertownfirst.church or call the church office at 605-886-4427

Mission of the Month for March PACH (People Against Child Hunger)

How Can I Donate?

- Make checks out to First UMC and note PACH in the memo line
- Cash donations welcome—On your offering envelope note PACH in the memo line
- Donate online at www.watertownfirst.church/giving—select Mission of the Month—Note PACH in the comments
- Donation of Food Items can be left at the back of the sanctuary—some ideas are: Spaghetti O's / Mac-N-Cheese / Individual Oatmeal Packets / Granola Bars / 100% Juice, Juice Boxes / Individual Applesauce or Fruit Cups / Ramen Noodles / other canned good items...

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF
MISSIONS AT FIRST CHURCH!**



Monday, March 17th

6:15 pm to 7:30 pm

**All Church Pack night at
the PACH Warehouse**

**Call the church office to sign
up for this mission.**

605-886-4427

Meet at the warehouse on the South side of the mall behind Dunhams. We'll pack the bags that will be distributed that week. Thank You!

- ***NOTE: Since we are packing for PACH on March 17th (St. Patrick's day) Feel free to wear Green when you come to pack!***

- **Watertown Area People Against Child Hunger (PACH)** assists children and youth enrolled in a school within Codrington county, who may not have enough food to eat at home, by providing them with easy-to-prepare weekend meals and snacks throughout the year.
- The PACH program served an average 574 children a week with a total of 20,679 bags for the 2023-2024 school year.
- The Watertown Area PACH Program completes its mission with food donations, monetary donations and volunteer hours from the community.