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OUR MISSION

To make new 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**.

Nursery is available during the 9:30am service. Activity bags are available at the **FIRSTKIDS** table.

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Welcome to
First United
Methodist Church

Saturday March 28, 2026 • 5:00 pm

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME

*OPENING SONGS

Only King Forever
Hosanna

ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRAYER TIME

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Join in singing “*Hosanna*”.

MESSAGE

God Moves to Jerusalem
Luke 19:28-48
Rev. Sara McManus

OFFERING

REFLECTION SONG

King of Kings

OFFERING PRAYER

CLOSING SONG

Forever

*BLESSING

Thank You For Worshiping With Us Today!

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

Mission of the Month for March is PACH



- Donations can be made by the following:
 - ◇ Make checks out to First UMC and note PACH in the memo
 - ◇ Cash donations welcome.
 - ◇ Visit www.watertownfirst.church/giving—select Mission of the Month—Note PACH in the comments
- **Food Items that you can donate...**
 - ◇ Instant Oatmeal (Individual Packets) • Chicken Noodle Soup (10.75 oz)
 - ◇ Tomato Soup (10.75 oz) • Canned Corn or Green Beans (15 oz)
 - ◇ Spaghetti & Meatballs (14 oz) • Beef Ravioli (15 oz)
 - ◇ Peanut Butter (16 oz) • Macaroni & Cheese • Tuna or Chicken (4 oz)
 - ◇ Granola Bars • Single Serve Boxes of Raisins (1 oz)
 - ◇ 4 oz Fruit Cups or Applesauce (Not Cans or jars)
 - ◇ Microwave Popcorn • Cheese or peanut butter sandwich crackers
- **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

“COVERED” EVENT—Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, April 19th from 3pm—5 pm—Fellowship Hall

We will be offering free of charge items from the following:
“Sandy’s Closet” - “Diaper Ministry” - “Stable Blessings”

How can you help?

Donations of Children’s new or gently used Summer Clothing are needed, specifically teens as well as boys all sizes.

Watch for more volunteer information.

New Here or Just Visiting? We’d love to connect with you and pray for you. Please fill out a Connect Card and place it in the offering plate. Also stop at the Welcome Center for a free gift from First Church.

CHURCH FINANCES: Thank you for your financial gifts to First Church. Your support is appreciated and helps in so many ways. You can give online: www.watertownfirst.church/giving Or use the QR code.



Easter Worship Schedule

March 28—Palm Saturday—5 pm Worship

March 29—Palm Sunday—9:30 am Worship

April 2—Maundy Thursday—6 pm Potluck / Worship in Fellowship Hall

April 3—Good Friday—6 pm Worship

April 4—Easter Saturday—5 pm Worship

April 5—Easter Sunrise Service in the Chapel—7:30 am Worship

April 5—Easter Sunday—9:30 am Worship

**Become a Member of First Church or
Learn More about First Church.**

Join us Monday, April 13th and April 20th at 7:00 pm

If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Pastor Sara (recommended but not required) and then you can let her know if you need childcare, too (***childcare will be available only upon advance request***). You can reach Pastor Sara at seniorpastor@watertownfirst.church — or call the church office at 605-882-4427. We look forward to having you join us!

Pastor Sara

We Have A New Thing...

We can now send you a Text Message when any emergency notification regarding First Church needs to be shared. But you'll need to sign up.

Scan the QR code and sign up for this option if you'd like to receive these notifications.

Any questions, please talk to Pastor Sara. Thank you!



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Sunday, March 29—Palm Sunday

8:15 am Adult Sunday School Class—Church Lounge

9:30 am Blended Worship Service

10:45 pm Lenten Study—Church Lounge

Monday, March 30

1:15 pm Coffee, Cookies & Conversation—Church Lounge

Tuesday, March 31

1:00 pm Jesus Journey to Jerusalem—Church Lounge

6:30 pm Jesus Journey to Jerusalem—Church Lounge

Wednesday, April 1

9:15 pm Embracing God Bible Study

4:15—5:10 pm Children's Bell Choir Rehearsal

5:15 pm Community Meal—All are Welcome

5:30 pm Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal

6:00—6:30 pm Opening Worship—Fellowship Hall—All are Welcome

6:30—7:30 pm Children & Youth (K-12) Activities

6:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 2

10:00 am Women's Bible Study—Fellowship Hall

6:00 pm Maundy Thursday Potluck / Worship

Friday, April 3

6:00 pm Good Friday Worship

Saturday, April 4

7:00 am Back Room Boys—Church Library

9:00 am Late Risers—Stones Café

3:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

5:00 pm Contemporary Easter Worship

(Communion, Family Worship Weekend—No Children's Church)

Sunday, April 5—Easter Sunday

NO Adult Sunday School Class

7:30 am Easter Sunrise Worship—Chapel

9:30 am Blended Easter Worship—Sanctuary

(Communion, Family Worship Weekend—No Children's Church)

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

Sunday • March 29, 2026 • 9:30 am

GATHER AND PRAISE

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

Centering Thought:

Jesus knew what was ahead, yet continued on. We don't always know, but will you continue on?

Palm Procession

Greeting

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Leader: God is on the move.

People: So are we.

Leader: Jesus knew what was ahead, carrying on with his mission.

People: We can't see what's ahead, but we know God is with us on the journey.

Leader: We join our voices and hearts as we worship – knowing what's to come this Holy Week.

All: Sovereign God, you alone reign over us and the world around us. Yet, people have free will that disrupts the path you've set before us. Help us to continue moving forward, even when we don't know what's ahead. Celebrating the highs and enduring the lows, for we are never alone. Amen.

* **Act of Praise** *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna (vs. 1 & 3)* UMH #278

LISTEN AND PRAY

1st Reading Isaiah 50:4-9a

Announcements

Prayers of the People

Sunday • March 29, 2026 • 9:30 am

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass 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.

Kids Bell Choir

*Solo Time
Freedom March*

by Kristy Mitchell
by Mitchell Eithun

Time for Young Disciples

Join in singing "*Hosanna*".

Adult Bell Choir

Ride On

by Brenda E. Austin

HEAR AND REFLECT

Gospel

Luke 19:28-48

Sermon

God Moves to Jerusalem

Rev. Sara McManus

Reflection Moment

O How He Loves You and Me

On Screens

Offering

* **Doxology**

A Lenten Doxology

On Screens

* **Offering Prayer**

* **Sending Song**

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (vs.1,3,4)

UMH #298

* **Benediction**

Postlude

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Worship Notes



God Moves to Jerusalem: Holy Week

GROW

Daily Scripture

M: John 12.1-11
T: John 12.20-36
W: John 13.21-32
T: John 13.1-17, 31-35
F: John 19.38-42

Devotional Questions

1. Why is it hard for you to go forward when you don't know what's ahead?
2. Can you see the "Jerusalem" - hard places - that God has moved into in your life?
3. When others are silent, how might you be the rock that cheers for those hurting in the community?

Creative Response

With this scripture in mind, listen to "I Can Only Imagine" by MercyMe.

CONNECT

Luke 19: 28-48

One thing:

Jesus knew what was ahead, yet continued on. We don't always know, but will you continue on?

SERVE

Pray:

Pray for those facing uncertainty in their lives.

Do:

Watch the "Passion of the Christ" movie with friends or family and discuss together.

Go:

Join us for Holy Week
Maundy Thursday - 6pm
Good Friday - 6pm
Easter Saturday - 5pm
Easter Sunday - 9:30am