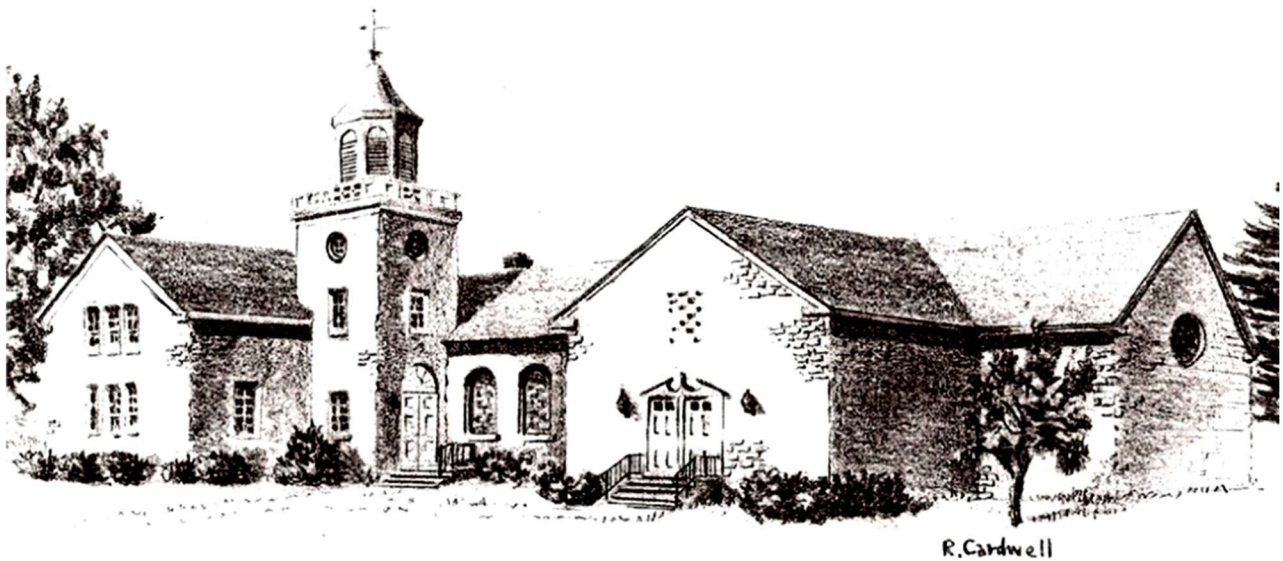


# *First Presbyterian Church of Dryden*

*Established 1808*

*Sunday, July 30, 2023*

*Rev. Greg Garis, Guest Preacher*



*We proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ,  
feed the hungry, welcome the stranger,  
and love our neighbors as ourselves.*

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AND THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVES EACH ONE A GIFT SO THAT ALL PEOPLE MAY BE HELPED.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:7 WE

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING PRAYER

Holy God, we come to you as your faithful people to worship you and you alone. We admit that we can be often enamored of others, great as they are, and do not confer our lives and our loyalties on the One who is your beloved Son. Excuse our enthusiasm for lesser luminaries, the gods of our passing age, whose fascination and fame may distract us from following Jesus Christ with undivided devotion. As we worship you and follow your son may your Spirit be felt and seen among us today. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Call: When the idols surround us and distress us,

**Response: *We come seeking God.***

Call: When we talk to the unknown one,

**Response: *We come seeking God.***

Call: When we wonder how we live, and move and breathe,

**Response: *We come seeking God.***

**All: Come let us seek God together starting with worship, so that we might seek God throughout our lives**

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

#43

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

The scriptures remind us: “If we say that we do not sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us, but if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” Let us pray together the prayer of confession.

*O God, we confess that we are surrounded by idols. We confess that we do not like “the unknown,” so we make things feel safe, putting them in stereotypes or boxes, trying to master knowledge of all things. We confess that we don’t always know how to worship because faith and God remain a mystery still. Comfort us, Lord, teach us how to wonder and hope in your grace.*

“The truth of God’s amazing love is this, while were sinners Christ died for us, forgiving us for our sins.” Friends, believe in the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***Thanks be to God.***

HYMN OF PRAYER

“Come Holy Spirit”

#250

WELCOME FRIENDS AT HOME

SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

TALKING WITH THE YOUTH

SPECIAL MUSIC

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 4:27-31

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 17:16-31

MESSAGE Signs

HYMN OF RESPONSE "Blessed Assurance" #345

GIVING OUR GIFTS

SANCTUS "Holy, Holy, Holy" #262, v. 4

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

HYMN TO SEND OUT THE LIGHT  
"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" #451

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

## **Welcome to our Church Today!**

Thank you for worshipping with us. If you are a visitor, we invite you to fill out a Welcome Card, which you will find in the pew rack. You can place the card in the offering plate. Let us know if we can assist you.

### **Church Calendar**

Sun. July 30	10:00 a.m.	Worship / Rev. Greg Garis, Guest Preacher
Mon. July 31	11:00 a.m.	Kitchen Cupboard Pastor Nancy returns from vacation
Wed. Aug. 2	5:00 p.m.	Kitchen Cupboard
Fri. Aug. 4	11:00 a.m.	Kitchen Cupboard
Sun. Aug. 6	10:00 a.m.	Worship

### **For Prayer**

Dave Gross, Sarah Wilkins Kulas, Ethan Boardman, Steve Kotula,  
Nicole (last name unknown), Doug Barton

**WEB Snack for August:** Canned vegetables

**Collecting hygiene items for Dryden students until Labor Day.** Items requested, in order of need, are: deodorant, shampoo, toothbrushes, hair brushes, hair ties, body wash, conditioner, and toothpaste. There is a basket in the Fellowship Hall for donations. Kitchen Cupboard could use some of the same.

**Parking Lot & Driveway Repair Drive** - The cost for repair work to the driveway and parking lot is \$20,960. Session is asking for financial help from our church family. Please give/pledge any contributions with a note, "Parking Lot Drive". Any support is greatly appreciated.

### **Sunday Servants**

<u>Ushering:</u>	Joyce Day	<u>AV System:</u>	Tim & Dave Parsons
<u>Music Director:</u>	Scott Miller	<u>Flowers:</u>	Sue Barry*
<u>Preacher:</u>	Greg Garis	<u>Liturgist:</u>	Brenda Carpenter

\*Flowers today are in memory of Sue's brother, Chris.

*All for the glory of God.*

# Great is Thy Faithfulness

## Verse 1:

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

## Refrain:

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided –  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

## Verse 2:

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

## Refrain

## Verse 3:

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

## Refrain

Text: Thomas O. Chisolm

Music: *Faithfulness*, William M. Runyan

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# Come, Holy Spirit

## Verse 1:

Come as a wisdom to children,  
Come as new sight to the blind,  
Come, Lord, as strength to my weakness,  
Take me: soul, body and mind.

## Refrain:

Come, Holy Spirit, I need You,  
Come, sweet Spirit, I pray;  
Come in Your strength and Your power,  
Come in Your own gentle way.

## Verse 2:

Come as a rest to the weary,  
Come as a balm for the sore,  
Come as a dew to my dryness:  
Fill me with joy evermore.

## Refrain

## Verse 3:

Come as a spring in the desert,  
Come to the withered of soul;  
O let Your sweet healing power  
Touch me and make me whole.

## Refrain

Text: Gloria Gaither and William J. Gaither

Music: Come, Holy Spirit, William J. Gaither

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# Blessed Assurance

## Verse 1:

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

## Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.

## Verse 2:

Perfect submission, perfect delight!  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

## Refrain

## Verse 3:

Perfect submission – all is at rest,  
I in my Savior am happy and blest;  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

## Refrain

Text: Fanny Crosby

Music: *Assurance*, Phoebe P. Knapp, Descant by James C. Gibson

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# Holy, Holy, Holy

Verse 4:

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!  
Amen.

Text: Reginald Heber

Music: *Nicaea*, John B. Dykes



# O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

## Verse 1:

O Master, let me walk with Thee  
In lowly paths of service free;  
Tell me Thy secret; help me bear  
The strain of toil, the fret of care.

## Verse 2:

Help me to slow the heart to move  
By some clear, winning word of love;  
Teach me the wayward feet to stay,  
And guide them in the homeward way.

## Verse 3:

Teach me Thy patience! Still with Thee  
In closer, dearer company,  
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,  
In trust that triumphs over wrong;

## Verse 4:

In hope that sends a shining ray  
Far down the future's broadening way,  
In peace that only Thou canst give,  
With Thee, O Master, Let me live.  
Amen.

Text: Washington Gladden

Music: *Maryton*, H. Percy Smith