

# *First Presbyterian Church of Dryden*

*Established 1808*

*Sunday, October 15, 2023*

*Guest Preacher, Gabe Carpenter*



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

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE "Voluntary" by Brian Littrell

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT "I Am Thine, O Lord," v. 1 #358 (sung by the choir)

GATHERING PRAYER

Holy God, you alone are worthy of honor and praise. Open our eyes to see the world as you see it. Give us the wisdom to witness your presence in all people. Transform us in love, grow us in faith, call us to love with a full heart and to share your promises with all people. Amen.

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE "Happy the Home When God is There" #536

GATHERING SCRIPTURE Psalm 103

Call: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

**Response:** *Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all God's benefits:*

Call: The Lord forgives all our wickedness

**Response:** *and heals all our diseases.*

Call: The Lord redeems our lives from the Pit

**Response:** *and crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.*

Call: The Lord satisfies us with good as long as we live

**Response:** *so that our youth is renewed like the eagle's.*

**ALL:** *BLESS THE LORD, O MY SOUL, AND ALL THAT IS WITHIN ME, BLESS GOD'S HOLY NAME.*

✠ HYMN OF ADORATION "Alleluia" #91

MOMENT FOR MISSION Story of Reliance: Uganda  
Elder Chuck Nydam

WELCOME FRIENDS AT HOME

SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

KIDS' CLUB LESSON

Children (PreK-5<sup>th</sup> grade) are invited to Kids' Club for age-appropriate lessons.

CHORAL ANTHEM "There's a Great Day A-Comin'"  
arr. Patsy Ford Simms

SCRIPTURE The Book of Ruth

MESSAGE Thoughts from a Farmer and Father on the Book of Ruth



## *Welcome to our Church!*

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.

## *Sunday Servants*

Ushering: Ed & Nancy Couch    AV System: Tim & Dave Parsons  
Music Director: Scott Miller    Flowers:\* Kathlene & Dave Gross  
Guest Preacher: Gabe Carpenter    Kids Church: Fran Sincerbeaux

\*Flowers from Kathlene & Dave today are in honor of  
Neil and Margaret Brownell

*All for the glory of God.*

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## Bulletin

### This week's happenings

Sun. Oct. 15	9:45 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 a.m.	Worship/Guest preacher Gabe Carpenter
	11:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Mon. Oct. 16	11:00 a.m.	Kitchen Cupboard
Tue. Oct. 17	11:00 a.m.	Revelation Study
	7:00 p.m.	Deacons Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Session
Wed. Oct. 18	5:00 p.m.	Kitchen Cupboard Bulletin Deadline
Thur. Oct. 19		Newsletter Deadline
Sun. Oct. 22	9:45 a.m.	Choir
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	11:30 a.m.	Choir

### Ushers, we need you!!

Ushers are still needed for October. Please sign up in the fellowship hall if you can help. Thank you!

### Blue Jeans Sunday

Sunday, **October 22<sup>nd</sup>** is Blue Jeans Sunday (**Rain Date October 29**). Please come in your "Sunday best" blue jeans. We'll have a light lunch after service and then enjoy fellowship as we clean up the building & grounds in preparation for winter.

A sign-up list for various projects will be located in the Fellowship Hall. Bring rakes, tarps, blowers or whatever tools you might need. Hopefully we will see you on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, but if you are busy that day, feel free to work on your project some other day before the 22<sup>nd</sup> as the village truck will be there for loading that day.

### Memorial Book - All Saints Sunday

If you have had a loved one pass away this year, you are invited to print his or her name in the Memorial Book out in the Fellowship Hall. The person you inscribe will be remembered in a special memorial ceremony during worship service on All Saints Sunday, November 5, 2023.

## *Prayer and Praise*

Prayers continue for Phyllis Byrn's friend, **Cindy Price**, who is about to have her last round of chemotherapy before moving on to surgery and possible radiation.

Sue Barry's niece, **Sarah Wilkins Kulas**, began her second course of chemotherapy which will be weekly until Christmas.

We continue to lift Larry King's sister, **Rhonda Haftman**, in prayer as she undergoes treatment for breast cancer.

Update on **Nolan** and his mother, **Amanda** (friends of Sue Barry's family): Nolan is doing better, although tests continue and answers are still elusive. Amanda needs physical and emotional strength as she continues treatment and is facing two more surgeries.

**Carol LaPlant** says she really appreciates all the calls and cards. She is doing good most days and meeting all the goals of in-house PT. She should be able to drive after 10/25.

Brenda Carpenter's brother, **Mark**, is home and resting comfortably. He has a "cement block" that is a concentration of antibiotics in the knee cavity for several weeks, then they will monitor his blood for infection for a couple more weeks, then more surgery to put in the knee implant. Thanks for your prayers, we hope this is the road to recovery.

Please keep **Dave Gross** in your prayers as he continues to battle long term health issues.

Barb Davidson would appreciate prayer for reconciliation in relationships and job hunting.

Pray for Israel and the people of Hamas, and all those caught in the crossfires.

If you would like to list a prayer request,  
please contact the church office at  
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# Happy the Home When God Is There

## Verse 1:

Happy the home when God is there  
And love fills everyone,  
When with united work and prayer  
The Master's will is done.

## Verse 2:

Happy the home where God's strong love  
Is starting to appear,  
Where all the children hear His fame  
And parents hold Him dear.

## Verse 3:

Happy the home where prayer is heard  
And praise is everywhere,  
Where parents love the sacred Word  
And its true wisdom share.

## Verse 4:

Lord, let us in our homes agree  
This blessed peace to gain;  
Unite our hearts in love to Thee,  
And love to all will reign.  
Amen.

Text: Henry Ware, Jr.; altered by Bryan Jeffery Leech

Music: *St. Agnes*, John B. Dykes

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# Alleluia

Verse 1:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Verse 2:

He's my Savior...

Verse 3:

He is worthy...

Verse 4:

I will praise Him...

Text and Music: *Alleluia*, Jerry Sinclair

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## Gloria Patri

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.

Text: *Gloria Patri*; Traditional, 2<sup>nd</sup> century  
Music: *Meineke*, Christoph Meineke

# They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Verse 1:

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

Refrain:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Verse 2:

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:

Refrain

Verse 3:

We will work with each other, we will work side by side,  
We will work with each other, we will work side by side,  
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride:

Refrain

Verse 4:

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,  
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son,  
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:

Refrain