

First Presbyterian Church of Dryden

Established 1808

Sunday, February 4, 2024
Matthew Gibbons, guest preacher



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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" by Ross James Root

GATHERING TOGETHER

Welcome & Announcements

Choral Introit "Precious Lord, Take My Hand," v. 1

by Thomas A. Dorsey & George N. Allen

Gathering Prayer

DRAWING NEAR TO GOD

✚ Gathering Scriptures

from Psalm 121

Call: Lift your eyes to the hills, where does our help come from?

Response: Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Call: The One who keeps us will not slumber.

Response: Behold, our Protector shall neither slumber nor sleep.

Call: The Lord shall preserve us from all evil.

Response: *The Lord shall preserve our souls.*

Call: Lift your eyes to the hills, where

Response: *Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.*

✚ Song of Praise “Trading My Sorrows” by Darryl Evans

Liturgy – Words of the People

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

They are there in the Bible: men and women who are as weak, as foolish, as prone to sin as we are. Every page, every story reveals to us our brokenness. Yet every page, every story tells us of the One who longs to make us whole. Let us confess our sins, and clear the way for God's reconciling love to work within us. Please join me, as we pray. [Thom Shuman, Lectionary Liturgies]

O God, sometimes your expectations are too difficult for us to accept. It's hard for us to give up control. It's hard for us to take the first step if we don't have the answers to all our questions. It's hard for us to risk all when so much of our lives is filled with uncertainty. Forgive us when we do not yield to you as Lord. Grant us courage to follow your leading with confidence in your promise to provide a way through even the most difficult situations. [Hmltcs]

The psalmist assures us that God's goodness and mercy will follow us, even pursue us, all the days of our life. As God's forgiven people, receive this goodness and mercy and live a new life in the grace of Jesus Christ. [FOTW-WC.A1.4thLent]

Thanks be to God who gives us mercy through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Welcome Friends at Home

Sharing Our Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People

Call: Save us, O Lord,

Response: we come to you.

HEARING THE WORD

Children's Message	Courageous Faith	
Children (PreK-5th grade) are invited to Kids' Club.		
Choral Anthem "If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee"		by Georg Neumark, arr. Jody W. Lindh
Prayer for Illumination		
Scripture Reading	Matthew 5:10-12	NT p. 4
Message	Suffering: The Unwanted Gift	
RESPONDING TO THE LORD		
Hymn of Response	It Is Well with My Soul	#493
Invitation to the Offering		
Giving our Gifts		
† Doxology	Gloria Patri	# 622
† Prayer of Thanksgiving & <i>The Lord's Prayer</i>		
SENDING WITH THE SPIRIT		
† Closing Hymn	"Be Still My Soul"	#347
† Choral Benediction "God Be with You Till We Meet Again," v. 3		
by Jeremiah E. Rankin & William G. Tomer		
† Postlude		
† All are invited to stand as they are able.		

Welcome to our Church!

Thank you for worshiping 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

<u>Ushering:</u>	Joyce Day	<u>AV System:</u>	Tim & Dave Parsons
<u>Organist:</u>	Michael Singbusch	<u>Flowers:</u>	Dave & Kathleen Gross*
<u>Guest Preacher:</u>	Matthew Gibbons	<u>Kids Church:</u>	Dan Carpenter
<u>Liturgist</u>	Brenda Carpenter		

*Flowers today are in honor of Scout Sunday

All for the glory of God.

Credits: Gathering Prayer, Prayer of Confession, Prayer of Illumination, and Prayer of Thanksgiving adapted from *Homiletics Online*. Call to Confession by Thom Shuman. Assurance of Pardon and Prayers of the People from *Feasting on the Word – Worship Companion*, Year A.

Bulletin

This week's happenings

Sun. Feb. 4	9:15 a.m.	Choir rehearsal
	10:30 a.m.	Worship/Guest Preacher Matthew Gibbons
	11:30 a.m.	Choir rehearsal Ministry Committee Meeting
Mon. Feb. 5	11:00 a.m.	Kitchen Cupboard
Tue. Feb. 6	11:00 a.m.	Revelation Study
Wed. Feb. 7	5:00 p.m.	Kitchen Cupboard Bulletin Deadline
Fri. Feb. 9	11:00 a.m.	Kitchen Cupboard

Super Bowl Sunday (February 11)

In celebration of the Super Bowl, we will have a **Breakfast Bowl!**

You will find two boxes in the Fellowship Hall – one for each team competing (49ers and Chiefs). Please bring in your non-perishable breakfast item(s), such as syrup, cereal, oatmeal, etc. and place them in the box that represents your team.

Let's fill up those team boxes! All food collected will go to the Kitchen Cupboard.



Ladies' Tea

February 17th, 2024, 2:00 p.m.

The Fellowship Hall, Dryden Presbyterian Church

Bring a friend for goodies, tea and fellowship.

Sign up on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

Prayer and Praise

We are grateful that, although many of us have been hit by COVID and other viruses lately, no-one has been seriously ill or hospitalized.

Let us continue to pray for the people of Ukraine, Israel and Palestine and for continued safety for **Aleeza Bravershteyn**, who is still in Jerusalem.

We continue to pray for **Cindy Price**, **Jessica's Aunt Kim**, and **Rhonda Haftman**, all in treatment for cancer.

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

Barb Davidson's new address will be 2250 N. Triphammer Road, #C-5, Ithaca, NY 14850. She asks for continued prayer for her son, Tom.

If you would like to list a prayer request,
please contact the church office at
607-844-8321 or
drydenpresoffice@gmail.com



‘Tis still the season.

Due to the increased incidence of illness in the area,

masks are recommended and available in the fellowship hall.

Trading My Sorrows

Chorus:

I'm trading my sorrows, I'm trading my shame,
I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord.
I'm trading my sickness, I'm trading my pain,
I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord.

Bridge:

Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord;
Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord;
Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord, Amen.

Verse:

I'm pressed but not crushed,
Persecuted, not abandoned,
Struck down but not destroyed;
I am blessed beyond the curse,
For His promise will endure,
That His joy's gonna be my strength.

Though the sorrow may last for the night,
His joy comes with the morning.

Bridge

Verse

Chorus

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It Is Well with My Soul

Verse 1:

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
“It is well, it is well with my soul.”

Refrain:

It is well (It is well) with my soul, (with my soul,)
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Verse 2:

Though Satan should buffet, tho’ trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

Refrain

Verse 3:

My sin – O, the bliss of this glorious thought,
My sin – not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

Refrain

Verse 4:

And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
“Even so” – it is well with my soul.

Refrain

Text: Horatio G. Spafford

Music: *Ville Du Havre*, Philip P. Bliss

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, 2nd century

Music: *Meineke*, Christoph Meineke

Be Still, My Soul

Verse 1:

Be still, my soul! the Lord is on thy side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to thy God to order and provide;
In every change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul! thy best, thy heavenly Friend
Thro' thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Verse 2:

Be still, my soul! thy God doth undertake
To guide the future as He has the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul! the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Verse 3:

Be still, my soul! the hour is hastening on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul! when change and tears are past,
All safe and bless-ed we shall meet at last.

Text: Katharina von Schlegel; translated by Jane L. Borthwick

Music: *Finlandia*, Jean Sibelius