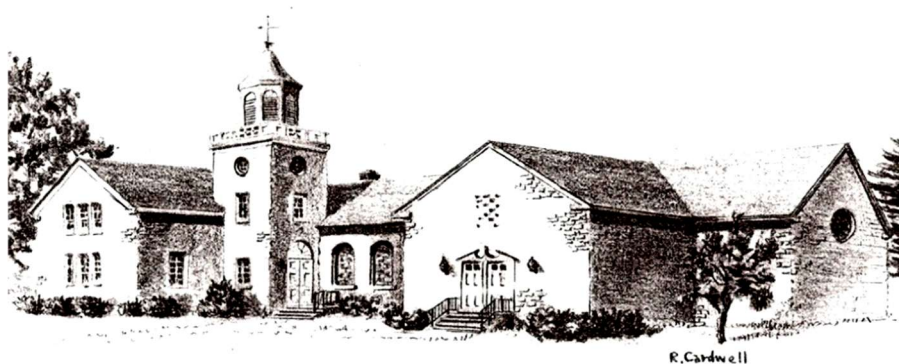


First Presbyterian Church of Dryden

Established 1808

Sunday, May 4, 2025

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 M. Brosig
"Hallelujah" by Carl Koelling

Welcome & Announcements

Choral Introit "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?" vv. 1,2
by Thomas Shepherd, et. Al & George N. Allen

Gathering Prayer

Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. Grant that we who celebrate our Lord's resurrection, may, through the renewing power of your Spirit, arise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

✠ Call to Worship Sevenfold Offering based on Rev. 5:12

Call: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!

Response: *Take the power, O Son of God.*

Call: Receive our riches, precious Messiah.

Response: *You hold all wisdom, Lord Jesus.*

Call: You are our strength, dear Savior.

Response: *Let all honor be given to Jesus.*

Call: Let all glory be placed at Christ's feet.

Response: *Praise to the Lamb who was slain!*

✠ Hymn "Freely, Freely" #447

Affirmation of Faith Phil. 2: 5– 11

Let us confess our faith and our hope in Christ.

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

Let us hold fast to the faith we profess for the One who has promised is faithful.

Welcome Friends at Home

Sharing Our Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People & *The Lord's Prayer*

God of grace, *hear our prayer.*

Children's Message

Children (PreK-5th grade) are invited to Kids' Club.

Choral Anthem	"Tis the Spring of Souls Today"	by Sir Arthur Sullivan
Scripture Reading	Matthew 16:13 - 28	NT P. 18
Message	Confession, Submission, Commission	
✝ Song	"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"	#376
Giving our Gifts	"Song of Assurance"	by Max Reger
✝ Doxology	"Gloria Patri"	# 622
✝ Prayer of Thanksgiving		
✝ Hymn	"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"	#296
✝ Blessing		
✝ Choral Benediction	"Amen, Fivefold"	by Kurt Kaiser
✝ Postlude	"I Know That My Redeemer Liveth"	by G. F. Handel

✝ All are invited to stand as they are able.

Credits: Gathering Prayer and Prayers of the People from *The Book of Common Worship*, PCUSA.

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>Usher:</u>	Gale Conway	<u>AV System:</u>	Dave & Tim Parsons
<u>Music Director:</u>	Scott Miller	<u>Organist:</u>	Michael Singbusch
<u>Kids' Club:</u>	Fran Sincerbeaux	<u>Flowers:</u>	Joan & Bob Watros*
<u>Greeter:</u>	Joan Van Vranken	<u>Liturgist:</u>	Brenda Carpenter
<u>Preacher:</u>	Gabe Carpenter		

**Flowers today are in memory of Joan's sister, Jean*

All for the glory of God.

Praise and Prayer Requests

Coleta Randolph's first surgery has been rescheduled for May 27. Her blood pressure needs to be stable to proceed.

Elizabeth Young, who some may remember from the ladies' tea, suffered a major stroke while visiting her son in Massachusetts.

Kate White, Dottie's daughter, will have surgery for eyelid cancer on May 5.

Robyn Day is having a difficult time with nausea and is not having chemo right now. Please continue to pray for relief from the nausea and that the tumor doesn't grow.

Please keep Couch family friends, **Lori** and **Ron**, in your prayers as both deal with cancer.

Please continue to pray for **Jeff Rabideau**, who has brain cancer.

Dryden neighbor, **Joanne**, is diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer.

Melissa (Tesoriero) Crawford is being treated for a brain tumor.

Let us continue to pray for **our nation** and her leaders.

Please consider adding your name to serve in one of these ways.

- ❖ Usher
- ❖ Liturgist
- ❖ Greeter
- ❖ Providing flowers
- ❖ Joes & Doughs



Calendar

Sun. 05/04	Pastor Nancy on Vacation
9:15 a.m.	Choir
10:30 a.m.	Worship/Gabe Carpenter, Guest Preacher
11:30 a.m.	Joes & Doughs
11:45 a.m.	Ministry Committee Meeting
Mon. 05/05	Pastor Nancy returns from Vacation
9:30 a.m.	Zoom Exercise
11:00 a.m.	Kitchen Cupboard
Wed. 05/07	Bulletin Deadline
5:00 p.m.	Kitchen Cupboard
Thu. 05/08	9:30 a.m. Zoom Exercise
Fri. 05/09	11:00 a.m. Kitchen Cupboard
Sun. 05/11	9:15 a.m. Choir
10:30 a.m.	Worship/Mothers Day and Members' Anniversary/Reaffirm Baptism
11:30 a.m.	Joes & Doughs
11:45 a.m.	Ministry Committee Meeting

Safe **O**ptions **S**upport

Catholic Charities is seeking sleeping bags, blankets, or complete tent sets for the street homeless. See the flyer in the Fellowship Hall for much needed items.

You can drop them off at 49 Grant Street Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays 8:00 – 2:00; or call 607-742-9095 to make other arrangements.

Freely, Freely

Verse 1:

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name,
I've been born again in Jesus' name;
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His love as He told me to:

Refrain:

He said, "Freely, freely you have received –
Freely, freely give;
Go in My name and, because you believe,
Others will know that I Live."

Verse 2:

All pow'r is giv'n in Jesus' name,
In earth and heav'n in Jesus' name;
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His pow'r as He told me to:

Refrain

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Verse 1:

I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
No turning back, no turning back.

Verse 2:

The world behind me, the cross before me;
The world behind me, the cross before me;
The world behind me, the cross before me,
No turning back, no turning back.

Verse 3:

Tho' none go with me, I still will follow,
Tho' none go with me, I still will follow,
Tho' none go with me, I still will follow,
No turning back, no turning back.

Verse 4:

Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
No turning back, no turning back.

Text: Source unknown

Music: *Assam*, Folk melody from India, arranged by Eugene Thomas

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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, 2nd century
Music: *Meineke*, Christoph Meineke

We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

Verse 1:

We've a story to tell to the nations
That shall turn their hearts to the right,
A story of truth and mercy,
A story of peace and light,
A story of peace and light.

Refrain:

For the darkness shall turn to dawning,
And the dawning to noonday bright,
And Christ's great kingdom shall come to earth,
The kingdom of love and light.

Verse 2:

We've a song to be sung to the nations
That shall lift their hearts to the Lord,
A song that shall conquer evil
And shatter the spear and sword,
And shatter the spear and sword.

Refrain

Verse 3:

We've a message to give to the nations
That the Lord who reigneth above
Hath sent us His Son to save us,
And show us that God is love,
And show us that God is love.

Refrain

Verse 4:

We've a Savior to show to the nations
Who the path of sorrow hath trod,
That all of the world's great peoples
Might come to the truth of God,
Might come to the truth of God.

Refrain