

5th Sunday of Easter

May 18th, 2025

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Announcements & Affirmation of Community

Joys and Concerns

Prelude “Prelude No. 1”
by J.S. Bach, from *Das wohltempierte Klavier*.

Silent Reflection Time

Choral Introit “Great Is The Lord”
Words & Music by Michael W.
Smith & Deborah D. Smith

Call to Worship

Alleluia! Christ is alive; let all the people praise him.
Let all creation sing with joy. Alleluia!

***Hymn “For the Beauty of the Earth” #14**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, your command to love one another across all differences opens us to new horizons, yet we often respond with fear and judgement that hinders your goal for humanity. Forgive our sins, we pray, and give us a true repentance that leads to life for all creation. We pray in Jesus' name. **Amen. (Silent Prayer)**

Assurance of Pardon

***Gloria Patri** #581
 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.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading John 13:31-35 pg. 108

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem “Jesus Changed My World”
Words by Joseph D Rojahn,
Music by Lee Dengler

Second Reading Acts 11:1-18 pg. 130-131

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon **“A New Understanding”** Rev. Tim Luoma

Silent Reflection Time

***Hymn “In Christ There Is No East or West” #318**

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

Offertory Invitation

Offertory “Open the Eyes of My Heart”
#452 in hymnal, Music by Paul Baloche

***Doxology** #606
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures
here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son,
and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication**

Loving God, we give you thanks for the ministry of reconciliation to which you call us in the name of Jesus Christ and his resurrection. Accept these gifts for your mission to heal all creation. May they be a testament to your love for us as we share them in love for you; through Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

Prayer Response

“Alleluia”

Music setting by Fintan O’Carroll
& Christopher Walker

***Hymn**

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!”

#804

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

“What A Mighty God We Serve”

Traditional African Folk Song

Postlude

All are asked to remain seated for the postlude.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

PASTOR: Rev. Dr. Timothy J. Luoma

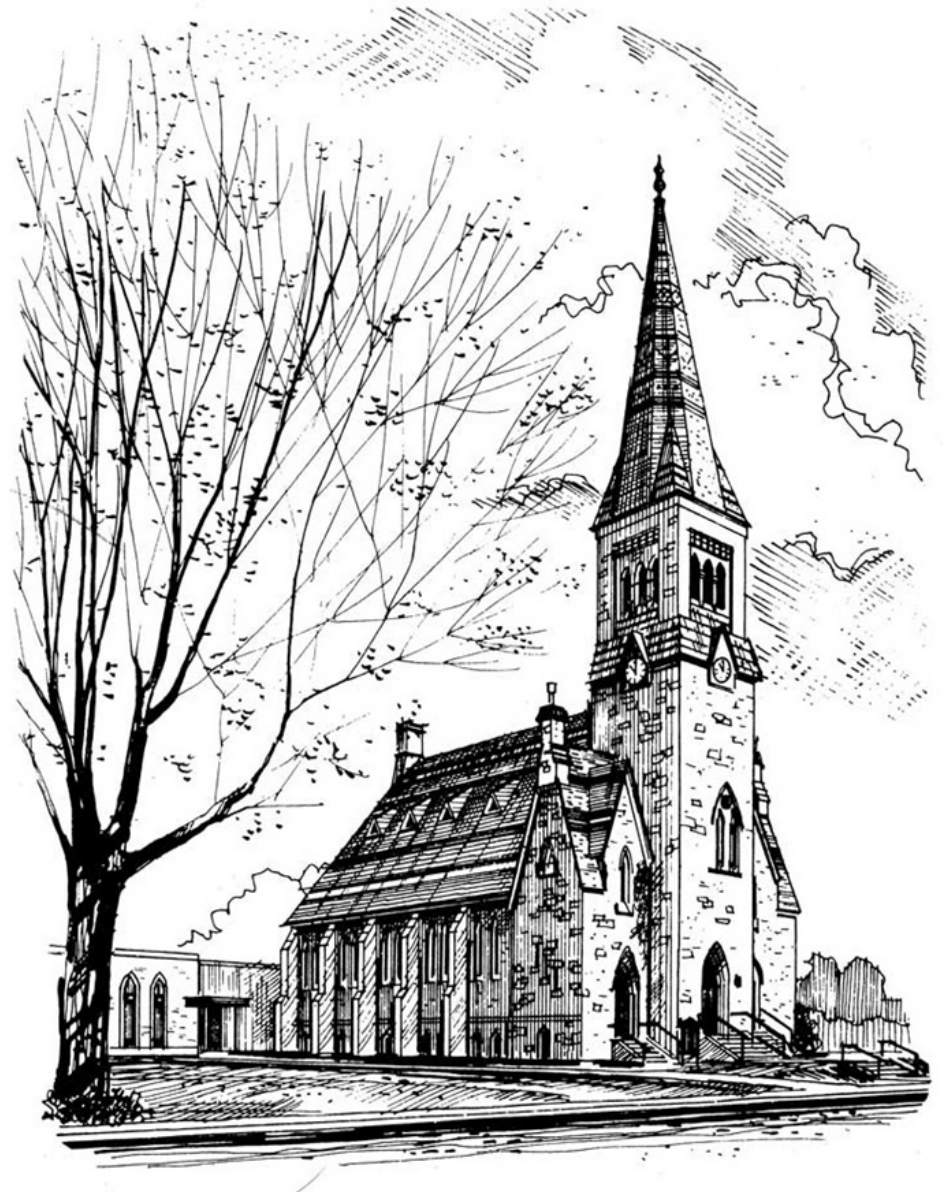
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Dr. Adrian Carr

CLERK OF SESSION: Judy Bunnell

CO-MODERATORS OF DEACONS: Karen Merrill & Dianne Root

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Sadie Prinsen

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Happy Birthday!

Amber Guay	5/18	Cathy Ellis	5/18
Doris Pomerance	5/19	Jacqueline Curilla	5/21
Jackie Walker	5/25	Diana Ashline-Beaudet	5/26
Olivia Burgin	5/26	Matt Burgin	5/26
Erin Malchoff	5/26	Ethan Luoma	5/28
Diane Cohen	5/29	Brittany DuBrey	5/30

Coppelia

Adirondack Dance Company is presenting the premiere of *Coppelia* and an Evening of the Arts on May 30th at 7pm at Giltz Auditorium. Their school program will cover the history of ballet by a dancer followed by the performance in the auditorium.

Tickets will be available soon. For more information, please contact Jean Choe at 518-420-5398.

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PRAYER FAMILIES FOR THE WEEK of May 18th, 2025

Judy Bunnell
Matt & Lorena Burgin
George & Harriet Burrell
George & Noel Cacchio

PRAYER CONCERNS

Matt Burgin and family	Peg & Jack Myers
Barbara Thompson	John Mazur
Joy Mazur	Cathy McCormack (Pastor Tim's cousin)
Hanna Millhollen	Donna Corodimas

This Sunday we thank:

WORSHIP LEADER: Dana Jeweler

USHERS: Howard & Sara Black

FELLOWSHIP: Dianne & Morris Root

ZOOM COORDINATOR: Jim Snook

Worship Leaders

May 25- Stuart Voss
June 1- Karen Merrill

Fellowship time

May 25- Spring Potluck Luncheon
June 1-

Bible Study

Our last Bible Study meeting of the season will be May 20th, 2025 at 10:30 am in the Memorial Room.

Ushers

May 25- Alan & Jennie Booth
June 1- Bill & Kerry Haley

Zoom Coordinator

May 25-Jennie Booth
June 1- Carl Payne

Fellowship Time

If you would like to host ***Fellowship Time***, please sign up in Fellowship Hall or by e-mail at office@presbyplatt.org

The office will be closed Thursday, May 22nd through May 26th for Memorial Day weekend. We hope you all have a great holiday weekend!

Church Spring Cleanup

Friday, May 30th – 9:30 am -11:30 am

Saturday, May 31st – 9:30 am – 11:30 am

Some of the activities include raking, pruning, mulching, sweeping, washing windows, along with many other possibilities! Join in the fun to spruce up the church and grounds! All sorts of jobs for all sorts of skills! Contact Bill Merrill at bkrlmerrill@verizon.net or call 518-578-7321 to sign-up!

End of Choir Season

Today is the last day for the season of having the Choir participate in worship services before taking their Spring/Summer break. We thank all of our choir members for their participation and for helping create beautiful music for our worship services!

Spring Potluck Luncheon

The Deacons will be hosting a Spring Potluck Luncheon after Worship Service next Sunday, May 25th.

May 25th is Pastor Tim's last Sunday in the pulpit before his Sabbatical Leave, making it a good time to gather in fellowship and wish him well with his plans. Please join us and bring a dish if you are able.

Sunday, May 18:	9:00 am	Choir Practice
	9:00 am	Adult Church School
	10:00 am	Worship Service
Monday, May 19:	6:00 pm	Session
Tuesday, May 20:	9:30 am	Staff Meeting
	10:30 am	Bible Study
	Noon	AA Meeting
	1:30 pm	Knit'n'Twit
	4:30 pm	Personnel Meeting
	6:00 pm	Building & Grounds Meeting
Wednesday, May 21:	1:45 pm	Parkinsons Support Group
	7:00 pm	Plattsburgh Table Tennis
Thursday, May 22:	Noon	AA Meeting
Sunday, May 25:	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:15 am	Spring Potluck Luncheon