ORDER OF SERVICE 14th Sunday after Pentecost

September 14th, 2025 **GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME**

Announcements & Affirmation of Community

Joys and Concerns

Prelude "The Color of Love"

By Dr. Adrian Carr, from the album First Light.

Silent Reflection Time

Choral Introit "Oh How He Loves You and Me"

By Kurt Kaiser

#12

Call to Worship

Rejoice with me, people of God.

God has gathered us in from the wilderness.

Rejoice with me, people of God.

God has swept away the darkness of the night.

Rejoice with me, people of God.

Today, there is joy in the presence of the angels.

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" *Hymn

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Creator of the universe, we imagine that we are in familiar territory, that we know what to expect of this hour, that we will leave much the way that we came. Do not abandon us to our foolishness. In judgement, illumine our darkness. In mercy, bear us home- until we recognize your presence wherever evil is confronted, truth is spoken, and life is restored. (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

First Reading Luke 15:1-10 pg. 78

Leader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem "For Everyone Born"

> Words by Elena Murray, Music by Brian Mann

> > pg. 208

Second Reading 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Leader: The Word of the Lord for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

"For Sinners Only" Rev. Tim Luoma Sermon

Silent Reflection Time

*Hymn "To God Be the Glory" #634

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

Offertory Invitation

Offertory "Jesus Loves Me!"

> Words by Anna Barlett Warner & David Rutherford McGuire, Music by William Batchelder Bradbury

*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

Holy one, receive these offerings as you receive our lives. Gather our false starts and uncertain efforts, our generosity and our reluctance. Enliven us with your breath and make your purposes known that our lives might show forth your glory. For we pray in the name of Jesus and by the power of your Spirit. **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 "Prayers of the People"

Matthew, Music by Bonnie Johansen-Werner

*Hymn "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" #132

*Benediction

Benediction Response "Open Our Eyes"

Words & Music by Bob Cull

Postlude

All are asked to remain seated for the postlude.



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Happy Birthday!

Stephanie Cutaiar	9/14	Lorena Burgin	9/14
Kimberly Larsen	9/16	Sara Black	9/26
Linda Voss	9/27	Christopher Booth	9/27
Donna Corodimas	9/28	Grace Duley	9/29
Mike Berry	9/29	Marjorie Mapstone	9/30
Stephen Krieg	9/30	Cindy Malchoff	9/30

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention: North Country Out of the Darkness Walk

The Capital Region NY Chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention is hosting the North Country Out of the Darkness Walk on September 20th, 2025 in Lake Placid at the Olympic Oval. If you are interested in participating, they are encouraging people to create teams with their friends and loved ones to show your support. For more details, please visit afsp.org/crny

Adult Church School

It's time to go back to school for all ages! At our church, an adult class begins on Sunday, September 21st, at 9 AM in the Church Library. The lesson is self-contained each week, participants are welcome to come whenever their schedule allows. Sally Meisenheimer and Anne Bailey teach the class, and all are welcome to join us. Email Sally at sally.meisenheimer@yahoo.com to receive the lesson via email and read it in advance.

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The toddler room and crib room are available for parent use with your very young children. Please ask an usher for directions.

Guests are encouraged to join us for Fellowship Time after Worship Service.

PRAYER FAMILIES FOR THE WEEK of September 14th, 2025

Jack & Peg Myers Joe & Nancy Odnoha Nancy Olsen Cindy Paolicelli

PRAYER CONCERNS

Matt Burgin and family

Barbara Thompson

John Mazur

Tish Landis

Bob K Cindy & Ron Howell

This Sunday we thank:

WORSHIP LEADER: Jim Snook

USHERS: Dana Jeweler & Donna Hanrahan FELLOWSHIP: Back to Church Picnic ZOOM COORDINATOR: Jennie Booth

Worship Leaders

Sept 21- Zaidee Laughlin Sept 28- Carla Hausrath

Fellowship time

Sept 21-Sept 28-

Ushers

Sept 21-Sept 28-

Zoom Coordinators

Sept 21- Jim Snook Sept 28- Jennie Booth

Fellowship Time

Hosts are needed for fellowship time. Please consider stepping up and signing up. If you would like to host *Fellowship Time*, please sign up in Fellowship Hall or by contacting the church office via phone at 518-561-3140 or by e-mail at office@presbyplatt.org

Back to School & Back to Church Picnic: Today

TO: Everyone, young and young at heart

Today is our Back to School & Back to Church Picnic following our 10am worship service, either outside on the lawn or in Fellowship Hall depending on the weather.

Grilled burgers and hot dogs will be provided. We hope you brought a side dish or dessert to share! Chalk will be provided, and congregation members and any guests are encouraged to Chalk The Walk for Suicide Prevention. Grab a piece and write or draw on the sidewalks around First Presbyterian Church!

Sing for Unity

Trinity Church is organizing a community concert/sing-along that is being done across the globe called "Sing For Unity" It's being done on the UN International Day For Peace, September 21st, 2025 at 2pm.

Choir

Choir is back in session, and we are always looking for new members. Please feel welcome to join us at 6pm on Thursdays and before worship on Sunday mornings and bless us with your gifts of music!

Period Music At Battle Of Plattsburgh Weekend

A new tuneful element has been added to this year's Battle of Plattsburgh Commemoration Weekend: a series of free concerts, open to the public, with all performances taking place in the sanctuary of the Trinity Episcopal Church in Plattsburgh. *Today, Sunday, September 14th*, they will be hosting:

A Masterpiece Returned: Vivaldi's Four Seasons, featuring Marilyn Reynolds performing the herculean solo part in Vivaldi's beloved concertos representing each of the four seasons, joined by musicians of Champlain Strings, *I p.m.*

Music For Three: Beethoven & More, featuring the all-star lineup of violist Patricia McCarty, guitarist Bill Zito, and flutist Robin Cameron-Phillips presenting Beethoven's extraordinary *Serenade*, *Opus 8*, along with trio sonatas by Georg Philipp Telemann, Tomaso Albinoni, and more, *3 p.m.*

Sunday, Sept 14:	9:00 am 10:00 am 11:15 am	Choir Practice Worship Service Back to School Picnic
Tuesday, Sept 16:	10:30 am Noon	Bible Study AA Meeting
Wednesday, Sept 17:	1:45pm 7:00 pm	Parkinsons Support Group Plattsburgh Table Tennis
Thursday, Sept 18:	9:15 am Noon 6:00 pm	Quilting Group AA Meeting Choir
Sunday, Sept 21:	9:00 am 9:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	Choir Practice Adult Church School Worship Service Congregation Meeting