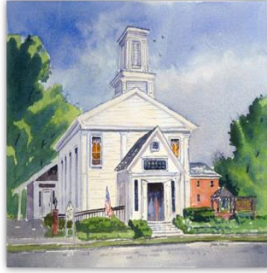


First Baptist Church of Penfield

A CONGREGATION OF THE AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES
ESTABLISHED 1804

Sunday, April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter



Welcome and Sharing within the Community

We welcome you in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. We hope and pray that God's loving spirit will be made real and meaningful for you here.

Worship today takes place both in the sanctuary
and using the Zoom platform.

Links to the online service appear on our website.

If you need to contact us, please phone or e-mail us
Church Office Hours - Monday thru Friday, 9:00am to 1:00pm

(585) 586-2876

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E-mail ~ fbpenfield@toast.net

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All who are able are invited to stand.
(All music used with permission -CCLI #997703)

PRELUDE

Voluntary in C

Travers

WELCOME

Rev. Peg Williams

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

Be Not Afraid

Caroline Cooke, soprano

Craig Courtney

THE CHIMES

Three chimes are sounded, awakening us to the presence of God, alerting us to the voice of Christ, centering us in the embrace of the Spirit. As we gather, we present ourselves “as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is our spiritual worship.”

* **RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

1 John 4:7-8; 11-12 (NRSVUE)

Penny Goodman

One: Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God.

All: Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

One: Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

All: No one has ever seen God. If we love one another, God lives in us, and God's love is perfected in us.

One: Come, worship God, who is love,

All: and follow Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(from www.rev-o-lution.org)

* **HYMN**

Gather Us In (omit v. 3)

#649

***INVOCATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Penny Goodman

Gracious God, as we gather here to worship you, we come with open hearts and minds, so that we are able to admit you into the fullness of our lives as we pray the prayer you taught us: (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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.
AMEN

SCRIPTURE

Acts 8:26-40 (NRSVUE)

Penny Goodman

ANTHEM

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Chilcott

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

You are invited to offer a joy or a concern. Please complete your prayer requests with "Lord, hear my prayer."

HYMN

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

#489

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Rev. Peg Williams

How to Tithe and Give in these Circumstances

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE** *Doxology* #34

**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 DEDICATION

YOUNG PEOPLE'S HYMN

How Great is Our God

Chris Tomlin

How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S TIME

Rev. Peg Williams

SCRIPTURE *John 8:1-11* NRSV (NRSVUE) Rev. Peg Williams

SERMON *Preaching to the Choir and Other Equally Difficult Tasks:
What does it mean to be in a relationship?*
Rev. Peg Williams

***HYMN** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* #358

***SPOKEN BENEDECTION** Rev. Peg Williams

CHORAL BENEDECTION *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* Lutkin

POSTLUDE *Allegro maestoso (from Sonata no. 3 in A major)*
Mendelssohn

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS*

Kevin Enter, Marcia Jolley, Don Jolley, Ray Gibb, Judy Gibb,
Mary Durkee, Sandy Pray, Vanessa Brotzman, Tracey Jacobs,
Audrey Stepanian, Joe McConnon, The Family of Lois Neely

*If you wish additional information on the prayer list, please contact one of the deacons: Judy McNeil, Marsha Kiriazides, Susie Sparnecht, Carol Morse.

We believe in the Power of Prayer. Prayer requests will be listed in the bulletin for one month, unless the need is resolved, or if a family member or the Deacons request an extended listing. To remove or extend a prayer request, please contact Sandra at the Church Office.

Church Announcements

If you have any information you would like to share, concerning the mission and ministry of this church, please send them to the office to be included in the bulletin by Tuesday at 9 am.

REMINDER TO ALL TEAMS

Be sure to pass along all future dates and activities to the church office so they may be placed on the general church calendar and building use plan.

PASTORAL CARE

While Pastor Steve is recovering from surgery, Pastor Peg Williams will be available for those in need of Pastoral Care. Pastor Peg can be reached at 1-919-357-6486.

While he is recovering, Pastor Steve will not be in the office, but is expected to return June 4 (or sooner, if he feels good enough to return to work, in which case the congregation will be notified).

Date	Prepare Proclaim Presentation	Run Zoom	Camera & Participants
Apr/28	Gregg Goodman	Gregg Goodman	Penny Goodman
May/5	Jeff Phillips	Jeff Philips	Sarah Phillips

THIS Sunday – April 28, 2024

Usher – Marie Foltz

Reading – Penny Goodman

Young People's Time – Rev. Peg Williams

Coffee Time – TBD

Adult Discussion – Ginna Blackman

Next Sunday – May 5, 2024

Usher – Don Fox

Reading – Debbie Lochner

Young People's Time – Rev. Peg Williams

Coffee Time – Karen Waterman

Adult Discussion – Pat Holderbaum

This Week at First Baptist Church of Penfield

Sun Apr/28	<u>Morning Worship</u> Rev. Peg Williams	9:30 am	Sanctuary & Zoom
	<u>Coffee Hour</u>	10:30 am	NFH
	<u>Adult Discussion</u>	11:15 am	NFH & Zoom
Wed May/1	<u>Bible Club</u>	6:00 pm	Zoom Only
	<u>Chancel Choir</u>	7:30 pm 8:45 pm	Sanctuary
Thurs May/2	<u>Missions Meeting</u>	10:30 am	Zoom
	<u>Men's Lunch</u>	Noon	Riki's
	<u>Bell Choir</u>	6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Choir Room
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CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Steven D. Brotzman ~ Pastor
 Dr. Naomi Gregory ~ Organist, Music Director
 Caroline Cooke, Caroline Duers, David Griffith ~ Choral Scholars
 Saundra Augustus ~ Office Assistant
 Laura Swail ~ Nursery Care
 Meho & Hava Kapidzic ~ Church Custodians

Welcome Back Rev. Peg Williams!

Our Guest Pastor

How to Join Sunday Worship Service by Phone

**Dial in by phone to join each Sunday's virtual service
starting at 9 am**

Phone Users Dial

+1 646 876 9923 US (New York)

When prompted, punch in this meeting ID -----> 839 345 585

When prompted, punch in -----> #

Today's Adult Discussion

NFH and Zoom 11:15am

April 28 Philip Yancey *Prayer: Does it Make a Difference? -
Keeping Company With God* -- Ginna
(Tech Support: Gregg Goodman)

Wednesday Zoom Prayer Group

Not meeting this week.

Resumes when Pastor Steve is sufficiently recovered. We will notify the church at that time.

1:00 pm Prayer Group:

Zoom Computer Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/950690121>

Phone users dial: 1-646-876-9923

When prompted, enter **Meeting ID: 950 690 121**

Bible Club Meeting

Wednesday - Time: 6:00 pm

Zoom only until Pastor Steve is sufficiently recovered.

We will notify the church at that time.

How to join us online:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86182075740>

Meeting ID: 861 8207 5740

Call-in:

+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

+1 646 931 3860 US

Meeting ID: 861 8207 5740

Health Safety

For the latest info on COVID-19, please go to the Center for Disease Control Website ([cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov)) for weekly Updates of the COVID-19 level, or call the CDC at 1-800-232-4636 for updates.

Who We Are

The First Baptist Church of Penfield was established in 1804 in what is now an eastern suburb of Rochester, New York.

We are affiliated with American Baptist Churches of the Rochester/Genesee Region, and nationally with the American Baptist Churches, USA.

We welcome all to worship with us. Our congregation is a gathering of people who are diverse in theology and political opinions, but who are all seeking to know God in a deeper and more meaningful way.

The First Baptist Church of Penfield continues to include all who seek Jesus as Lord - regardless of race, class, gender, disability, place of origin, or sexual orientation, identity, or expression.