



Radio Station **87.9 FM**

Prelude *“I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord”*
J.. Carter

Welcome, Announcements, & Blessing

“I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt... I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them.” Exodus 3: 7a, 8a

Call to Worship

Votum: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth. **Amen.**

Leader: We gather in worship today because we’re called to leave our “Egypt” behind.

People: Trusting in God, we step into the unknown.

Leader: Though the way is uncertain, God is our guide.

People: We worship and give thanks to you, O Lord, our Deliverer!

***Opening Hymn** *“Give Thanks”*
3X, first with vocalist and then twice with the congregation

Prayer of Confession & Call New Living

Waymaker, we confess today of our fear of leaving the familiar, even when it binds us. We hold onto our Egypts, doubting your promise of freedom. Give us grace for we are fickle. Help us to boldly follow you and leave behind what holds us captive. Amen.

***Passing the Peace** (during the passing of the peace, children please come forward for a message and blessing.)

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us greet one another with a honk of the horn and hand-sign of peace.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

beep
beep



Children's Message & Blessing

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, we long to go back to our old ways. Help us to stand our ground and watch for your rescue. Amen.

Sermon Text Exodus 14:10-14 (CEB)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon *Why is leaving Egypt so hard?*

A Prayer of Blessing on the Word

***Offertory & Eucharistic Hymn**

Come With Me For The Journey Is Long

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give our thanks to the Lord our
God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and
praise.**

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.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver
us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and
the glory,
forever. Amen.**

***Sending Hymn**

“They Marched Beneath the Cloud of God”

KINGSFOLD

***Charge & Blessing**

May the Lord bless you and keep you;
May the Lord’s face shine upon you and be
gracious to you;
May the Lord smile toward you, and give you
peace.

***Postlude** *Postlude on KINGSFOLD* *A. Fedak*

Preacher: Rev. Trey Tirpak

Liturgist: Peter Pagery

Keyboard: Iteke Prins

Vocalist and/or specialist: Glenn Claydon,
vocalist

Audio/Visual: Joshua Bliss, Stephen Reohr

Note: Note: After Lemonade Lull, you’re invited to join Rev. Trey in the chapel for a discussion of Part 1 of the book *Leaving Egypt, which is the basis for August’s sermon series. You don’t need to have read to join the discussion!*





Some of our pantry team. They are a dedicated bunch, determined to address the issue of hunger in our neighborhood with dignity and love. We are blessed twice weekly by their efforts to the glory of God!



CENTERING PRAYER

**Each Wednesday
at noon**

The First Church in Albany
110 North Pearl St.
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Join us for the wonderful practice of
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Prayer helps you to focus on your
connection to God and find peace in your
spiritual journey.

Centering Prayer is a good way for us to
strengthen our prayer muscle. Led most
often by Senior Minister Rev. Dr. Mashona
Walston of First Church, everyone is
welcome!

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I want to let you know that the NY State Council of Churches trip to Israel-Palestine, originally planned for September, has been rescheduled for April 22 - May 1, 2025. Attached is a flyer with information. If you are thinking of participating and/or would like more information, please let me know.

I am also writing to let you know that I will be joining another faith leaders' delegation to Palestine-Israel in a few weeks. This one is being organized by Christians for a Ceasefire in response to a [call from Palestinian Christians](#) who are asking their fellow Christians "to join us here, to pray with us, to walk with us, and to stand with us in our struggle for justice and peace." The delegation will be led by staff from the [Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center](#) in Jerusalem. Sabeel is also helping to coordinate another larger interfaith delegation with Rabbis for a Ceasefire later in August.

We will be meeting with human rights and faith based organizations within Palestinian and Israeli communities. We also hope to meet with families of both Israeli and Palestinian hostages.

You can learn more (and if you choose, make donation to Sabeel to help support such delegations) here: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/team/2661990a-eb83-4e77-967e-347d6f195051>

Feel free to share information about the NY State Council of Churches trip with others who may be interested, but for security reasons please use your discretion in sharing information about the August peace delegations.

Sincerely, John (Paarlberg)

Holy Land Pilgrimage



New York State
Council Of Churches

April 22 - May 01, 2025

From New York, NY (JFK)

Other Cities Available

Package Price: \$3690

Package Price Includes:

- Round trip airline ticket
- Double occupancy accommodations
In Luxury hotels each night
- Breakfast, lunch, and dinner
- Ten days sightseeing in modern, air-
conditioned private bus
- English speaking Christian tour guide
- Jerusalem
- Bethlehem
- Sea of Galilee
- Jericho
- Nazareth



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THE FIRST CHURCH IN ALBANY



MON

12

PANTRY 9 AM

TUE

13

**CONSISTORY MTG
6 PM**

WED

14

PANTRY 9 AM

CENTERING PRAYER 12 PM

AA MEETING 12 PM

THU

15

**HOT DOGS IN THE
PARK 11:30AM**

SUN

18

**DRIVE-IN WORSHIP 10 AM
(FOLLOWED BY LEMONADE LULL)**

NOTE: REV. WALSTON WILL BE AWAY THE MONTH OF AUGUST.



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Give Thanks

C7 F C/E Dm Am

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One;

Detailed description: This system contains the first two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature. It features a melody line with eighth and quarter notes, and a chord line with chords C7, F, C/E, Dm, and Am. The bottom staff is in bass clef and provides a simple bass line with quarter and eighth notes.

Bb F Eb C9

give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son.

Detailed description: This system contains the second two staves of music. The top staff continues the melody and chord progression with chords Bb, F, Eb, and C9. The bottom staff continues the bass line.

C Am Dm7 Gm7 C7

And now let the weak say, "I am strong!" let the poor say, "I am

Detailed description: This system contains the third two staves of music. The top staff features chords C, Am, Dm7, Gm7, and C7. The bottom staff continues the bass line.

Fmaj7 Dm7 Eb 1 C9

rich be-cause of what the Lord has done for us!"

Detailed description: This system contains the fourth two staves of music. The top staff features chords Fmaj7, Dm7, Eb, and a first ending marked '1 C9'. The bottom staff continues the bass line.

2 C9 *Optional D.C.* 3 C9 *Last time* F Bb F

us. us. Give thanks.

Detailed description: This system contains the final two staves of music. The top staff has a first ending marked '2 C9 Optional D.C.' and a second ending marked '3 C9 Last time', followed by chords F, Bb, and F. The bottom staff continues the bass line.

Come with Me for the Journey Is Long



1. Come with me for the jour-ney is long, Come with me for the
 2. Pray with me for the jour-ney is long, Pray with me for the
 3. Sing with me for the jour-ney is long, Sing with me for the



jour-ney is long. Jour-ney, jour-ney, jour-ney, jour-ney, jour-ney is long;
 jour-ney is long.
 jour-ney is long.



Jour-ney, jour-ney jour-ney jour-ney, jour-ney is long. jour-ney is long.

PRAYERS, CONCERNS & JOYS

- The Zetterholm-Bliss family in the loss of a beloved family member.
- Donna Linen's health concerns, friend of the Dorn's.
- The Monthie and Stallmer families in the passing of Kathy Stallmer, mother-in-law of Peter Monthie.
- John and loved ones in the passing of Rev. Harlan Ratmeyer.
- Rev. David Cooper, having fallen and broken his hip. He is in considerable and continual pain.
- Judith Utley-Suess and Rev. LeRoy Suess in the passing of Judith's brother John.
- Donald is in the hospital. Husband to Susan and father to Patti.
- Jojo, friend of Rev. Trey, and her family, for the loss of a baby.
- Joanne Farrell and John Patterson
- Teresa Wheeler's grandmother Cindy, with health concerns
- Donna Jones
- Edie Leet, for healing and steady recovery after surgery.
- Michelle Williams, for recovery
- Matt, cousin of Barb Andrews with health issues
- Mia Westman
- Becky Gardner
- Ginny Giguere
- Donna Schultz
- Carol LaBatte
- Sam, son of Barb and Dave Andrews, with continued health concerns
- Ken Lucas, friend of Philip Labatte
- For Jennifer Recene Gallagher
- Alexis Parry, niece of Cheryl Gowie
- Gail Santimaw, friend of Judith Utley-Suess
- Harold Bushnel
- Alex Bliss
- Mary Weijola
- Cheryl Gowie
- Anthony, of the Brown Family
- Olivia Gaydushek
- Ministers, staff, and leaders of First Church as they move forward into our everchanging world.
- Those dealing with natural disasters exasperated by climate change.
- Prayers for Ukraine, Israel and Palestine and all areas of conflict across the globe. May we all remember to lead with love.
- For an end to gun violence here in Albany, in the U.S., and around the world.
- U.S. Federal, State and Local Elections

If you have a concern or joy you would like to share with our church family, email office@firstchurchinalbany.org or call the office at 518-463-4449

They Marched Beneath the Cloud of God

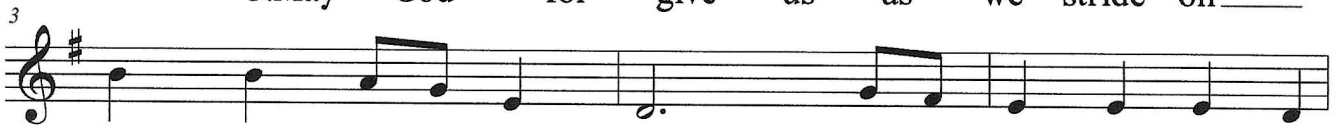
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1. They marched be - neath the cloud of God through
2. God's pres - ence dwelled in Mo - ses' tent, and ___
3. May God for - give us as we stride on ___



des - erts to ___ be free, a - cross the sea - bed
through him led ___ and where and ___ where God moved, the
our own des - ert way, for ___ we may not see



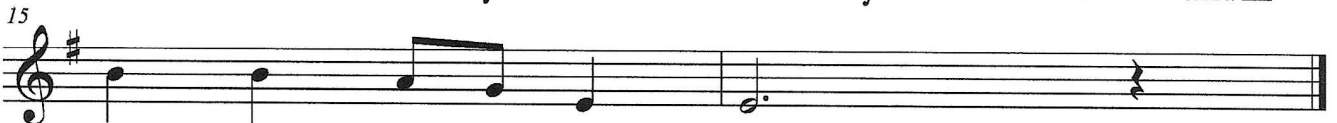
went dry - shod to ___ find their lib - er - ty. They
peo - ple went, led ___ on by fire and smoke. A -
doubt and pride that ___ plague us yet to - day. O ___



ate the man na God had rained to ___ feed them o on their
long the path so ma - ny died re - call their ___ faith - less -
God, show us ___ in sign - posts past, the cloud and ___ fire and



walk, on ___ that same jour - ney ___ God sus - tained with
ness: the sins of fear and ___ doubt and pride, o -
sea, how we may find Your way at last and ___



wa - ter from ___ the rock.
mis - sion and ___ ex - cess.
live e - ter ___ nal ly.