

PRAYER PROFILE: FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PITTSFORD

Did you know?

- First Presbyterian Church of Pittsford is the “tallest” building in the lovely village of Pittsford on the Erie Canal
- The two-year search for a new pastor is complete and started March 15--the last in-person worship service before N.Y. State restrictions came into effect

We pray for all churches currently still seeking pastors. **We pray** with thanks for the diligence and hard work of our Pastor Nominating Committee, and for the anticipation, expectation and joy of the congregation.

Although the Corona Virus has now caused the cancellation of in-person worship, Pittsford Pres has quickly adapted to on-line Sunday services and many members are making the transition to virtual worship. Music is an integral part of our church’s culture and we are blessed to have our talented music staff participate in live-streamed services, and help our wonderful temporary supply clergy in designing this new kind of worship. **We pray** for all people of faith who currently do not have access to regular worship. **We pray** with thanks for the blessings of AV equipment and our energetic staff, and for encouragement as we develop plans to maintain contact with our members and neighbors. **We humbly pray** for discernment to develop a common spiritual life with our congregation.



Through online conferencing programs, Bible studies, staff meetings, and Lenten small groups are continuing to happen. Like many congregations, dozens of people are quickly acquiring new computer skills! **We pray** for all churches to continue nurturing delight in the love, care, and healing of Jesus Christ in new ways.

Pittsford Pres values its young people and one of the most exuberant celebrations of this can be seen and experienced at LOGOS (a mid-week program including play, music, Bible study, and dinner). Many adults engage with our youth to develop their religious education, their engagement in “community service,” and their passion for life and for each other. **We pray** for all children and youth at this stressful time and for continued success with these learning opportunities for our own young people.

Pittsford Pres has a strong commitment to mission, both sending volunteer workers and donating financially to over 20 agencies, such as Cameron Community Ministries, RAIHN, Pittsford Food Cupboard, St Joseph’s Neighborhood Center, the Judicial Process Commission, East House, and the Good News Jail Ministry. We also run our own Backpack Program which distributes nutritious food to low-income, inner-city school children every weekend. In addition, we send mission teams every year to PDA disaster relief sites, to Jamaica where our youth run a sports camp for children living in poverty, or to Kenya where we work at an orphanage for 200 abandoned children. **We pray** for all agencies serving marginalized people at this time and that Pittsford Pres’ enthusiasm for mission will not diminish during the current health crisis.

First Presbyterian Church of Pittsford is one of our larger congregations, but its heart for the ministry of Jesus Christ is easily translated to smaller churches. Want to find out more? Ask them!

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Pastoral Staff: Rev. Jim Widboom, Rev. Carol Anne Strawbridge, and Rev. Steve Michie—all serve as temporary supply pastors

Clerk of Session: Janette Henderson

Worship: Normally two services on Sunday, 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m.; during COVID-19 restrictions, via live stream at 10 a.m. only @ pittsfordpres.org/live

Mission Statement: We are a caring community, growing spiritually as disciples of Jesus Christ. Together we spread the good news of Jesus through worship, fellowship, education, prayer, and especially mission.

