

# *First Presbyterian Church* **IN VICTOR**

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**WHOEVER YOU ARE.  
HOWEVER YOU HAVE COME.  
YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.**



**First Presbyterian Church  
70 East Main Street  
Victor, NY 14564  
585-924-2289  
The Rev. Colin Pritchard, Pastor  
[www.victorpres.org](http://www.victorpres.org)**

**10:00 a.m. Worship**  
**Guest Preacher**

**March 1, 2020**  
**Elder Steve Song**

**PRELUDE**

“Discipleship Medley”  
arranged by Paul Tate

**CALL to WORSHIP**

Leader: Gracious God, forever seeking us,

***People: Open our minds to the truth of your care.***

L: Open our hearts to the gentle power of your love.

***P: Open our lips to share stories of faith.***

L: Open our lives to do justice and show kindness.

***P: Open our mouths to sing boldly and loudly your praises.***

**OPENING HYMN #462**      I Love to Tell the Story (Insert)

**TIME FOR SMALL DISCIPLES**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

***Merciful God, forgive us that so little of your blessing reaches others through us. We are guilty of keeping silent when a word is needed. We treat your call to be fishers of people as a nice story to be kept at a distance.***

***Forgive us, bless us, encourage us, empower us. Make us bold disciples who graciously and authentically share the good news of Jesus Christ with others in our words and our actions. In Jesus' name. Amen.***

**ASSURANCE of PARDON**

Psalm 103:12

as far as the east is from the west,

so far he removes our transgressions from us.

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

As forgiven people of God, we are freed to love and extend God's peace to others.

The peace of Christ be with you.

***And also with you.***

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

### The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

Excerpt from “Concerto in D minor”

by J.S. Bach

Alex and Ben Song, violin duet

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Most gracious God, prepare our hearts and minds to receive your words by the insight of the Holy Spirit through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE READING

John 4: 1-41

## MESSAGE

Mark #2- Intentional Authentic Evangelism  
Elder Steve Song

## HYMN OF COMMITMENT #316

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

## OFFERING

As we pray, so we offer ourselves unto God, giving of our time, talents, and resources in service to the Lord. Out of thanksgiving for all God has given us, let us freely give to share with those in need and spread the Lord's blessings to all.

## OFFERTORY

“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”  
by Cesário Gabaráin

## DOXOLOGY #592 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

## PRAYER of DEDICATION

### PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

L: Gracious God, because we are not strong enough to pray as we should, you provide Christ Jesus and the Holy Spirit to intercede for us in power. In this confidence we ask you to accept our prayers. God of mercy,

**P: *hear our prayer.***

L: Let us pray for the church.

*Silent prayer.*

L: Creator of all, you entrusted the earth to the human race, yet we disrupt its peace with violence and corrupt its purity with our greed. Prevent your people from ravaging creation, that coming generations may inherit lands brimming with life. God of mercy,

**P: *hear our prayer.***

L: Let us pray for the world.

*Silent prayer.*

L: Merciful God, since Jesus longed to protect Jerusalem as a hen gathers her young under her wings, we ask you to guard and strengthen all who live and work here. Deliver your people from jealousy and contempt that they may show mercy to all their neighbors. God of mercy,

**P: *hear our prayer.***

L: Let us pray for all families and those who live alone.

*Silent prayer.*

L: Compassionate God, your Son gives rest to those weary with heavy burdens. Heal the sick in body, mind, and spirit. Lift up the depressed. Befriend those who grieve. Comfort the anxious. Stand with all victims of abuse and other crime. Awaken those who damage themselves and others through the use of any drug. Fill all people with your Holy Spirit that they may bear each other's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ. God of mercy,

**P: *hear our prayer.***

L: Let us give thanks for the lives of the departed who now have rest in God.

*Silent prayer.*

L: Eternal God, your love is stronger than death, and your passion more fierce than the grave. We rejoice in the lives of those whom you have drawn into your eternal embrace. Keep us in joyful communion with them until we join the saints of every people and nation, gathered before your throne in ceaseless praise. God of glory, you see how all creation groans in labor as it awaits redemption. As we work for and await your new creation, we trust that you will answer our prayers with grace, and fulfill your promise that all things work together for good for those who love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**P: *Amen.***

## **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 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.***

**HYMN #371**

Lift High the Cross

**CHARGE AND BLESSING**

And now Lord, ....grant to your servants to speak your word with all boldness, while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.

**POSTLUDE**

“Ye Servants of God”  
arranged by Roger C. Wilson

**\*\*Special thanks to Alex and Ben Song  
for playing for us today!**

A recording of today's sermon will be available at  
<https://soundcloud.com/firstpresbyterianchurchofvictor>

## **Church Calendar**

### **Sunday, March 1**

#### **Pastor Colin- Study Leave**

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| 8:30 a.m.  | Adult Study     |
| 9:00 a.m.  | Music Rehearsal |
| 10:00 a.m. | Worship Service |
| 7:30 p.m.  | A.A. & Al Anon  |

### **Monday, March 2**

#### **Pastor Colin- Study Leave**

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| 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. | Church Office Hours |
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### **Tuesday, March 3**

#### **Pastor Colin- Study Leave**

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| 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. | Church Office Hours |
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### **Wednesday, March 4**

#### **Pastor Colin- Study Leave**

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| 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. | Church Office Hours |
| 6:00 p.m.       | Lenten Supper       |
| 6:30 p.m.       | Bells Rehearsal     |
| 7:30 p.m.       | Choir Rehearsal     |

### **Thursday, March 5**

#### **Pastor Colin- Study Leave**

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| 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. | Church Office Hours        |
| 7:00 a.m.       | Men's Devotional Breakfast |

### **Friday, March 6**

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| 7:00 p.m. | A.A. |
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### **Saturday, March 7**

### **Sunday, March 8**

#### **Daylight savings**

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| 9:00 a.m.  | Music Rehearsal |
| 10:00 a.m. | Worship Service |
| 7:30 p.m.  | A.A. & Al Anon  |



### **Annual Comfort Food Cookoff:**

*March 7th* (Sat.) from 3 - 5pm at Willowbrook Church Victor.  
More information and entry forms are available on our Welcome Center table and at [familypromiseofontariocounty.org](http://familypromiseofontariocounty.org) or email [FPOCweb@fpocny.org](mailto:FPOCweb@fpocny.org)



### **Mom's Group Bible Study**

Join us for a six-session video bible study specifically to encourage and equip Moms.

Our first meeting: Today, **Sunday, March 1 right after church in Youth Room**

Child Care will be available.

Please let Cathy Martz ([cemartz33@gmail.com](mailto:cemartz33@gmail.com)) know if you are interested in attending.

## **OFFERING ENVELOPES**

Offering envelopes for 2020 are now available on the counter in the rear foyer. \*There are still a number of boxes waiting to be picked up.

If you are a regular contributor not using electronic payment or payment by mail, there should be a box there for you.



# **USHERS NEEDED**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
Starting the day with a fresh burst of sunshine, getting to know the congregation on a deeper level and making a small, short term commitment to serve the Lord are ways we can let Jesus's love shape our lives on Sunday morning.

A goal of FPCV is to be a strong, connected, faithful community where everyone knows they are welcome. One way you can help achieve that goal is to be involved--with others-- in serving the church as a short term ushers or as a receivers of tithes and offerings. These are simple tasks requiring little effort. Yet they will do much to ensure that all are welcomed and that worship takes place in community. I plan to secure the same two ushers and four offering receivers for one month's time then call for a new set of volunteers each of the following months. I will provide written instructions and verbal instruction if desired to make you confidently successful.

Since children and young adults are very adept at showing God's love, we hope many families participate together in this new venture.

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586-429-0547

## **COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP**

Coffee and fellowship are enjoyed in  
Corey Hall after worship service.  
All are welcome to join!



***\*\*Please sign up to help with Sunday coffee hour.  
Signup sheet is in the church's "Welcome Center"***

## **FOOD PANTRY ITEMS OF THE MONTH**

Shelf Stable Proteins



# Lenten Supper Series 2020



This Lent we have an exciting and informative new series of opportunities for feasting, fellowship, and education. Please plan on attending one or more of these gatherings.  
Held each **Wednesday from 6-7pm in Corey Hall.**

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## **Lenten Supper Series 2020 Registration Form**

- Mar 4- Deacons host- soup and salad menu
- Mar 11- Session hosts- menu TBD
- Mar 18- Deacons host- baked potato bar menu
- Mar 25- Choirs host- menu TBD
- Apr 1- Deacons host- breakfast menu
- Apr 8- Session hosts- menu TBD

Please check box for this week if you are planning on attending, and any other weeks if you know you will be attending those. Thank you!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE place in offering plate to register**  
*Or Email registrations to the office at*  
[office@victorpres.org](mailto:office@victorpres.org) or call 924-2289

## WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

Thank you for the gift of your presence here this morning. We are so glad you have chosen to spend this time in this space. Please know you are invited to participate in any way that is most helpful for you. You are not expected to announce your presence, but you are most welcome to reach out to anyone here. You are invited to fellowship following worship and we would love to share a treat and a chat. If you would like to have us reach out to you in the days ahead, please fill out the yellow Visitor Card in the pew and drop it in the Offering plate.

If you are here with children, that is wonderful, and they are welcome too. Worship bags for children are available in the back of the sanctuary. After the service, please take the papers home but leave the crayons. The Infant Care Room, equipped so users can hear the service, is located at the top of the eastern stairs in the back of the sanctuary. Sunday School is offered during the worship service for youth ages 4 through grade 6, following the Time for Small Disciples. You are welcome to join your child in the class, have your child remain with you during the service, or send them off to class.

It is good to have you here. Welcome.