

Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness 314

Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
 2 Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
 3 Long-ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for
 4 Long-ing for shel - ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has power to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

By blending biblical images and current vignettes in the present tense, this hymn connects Christ's promise that he is the Light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5) and his charge to his followers to be the light of the world (Matthew 5:14). This is part of the church's servant calling.



First Presbyterian
Church IN **VICTOR**

Mark your calendars: Our Annual Meeting will be held following worship on **Sunday, February 4, 2023.**

The Annual Report will be emailed to all members sometime the week before.



Preparing communion is an important but sometimes overlooked opportunity to participate in the life of the church and serve God. We are in need of volunteers to help prepare the elements for communion each month in 2024. Communion is served on the second Sunday of each month.

Use the QR code to sign up. ➡

***Want to know more about how communion is prepared? Join Brenda on **Sunday, January 14th** and learn how you too can help with this ministry.*



Liturgists/Readers & Greeters/Coffee Hour Volunteers:

Please sign up on the volunteer schedule bulletin board in the Welcome Center, or email Courtney in the office if you would like to help.



**Upcoming Church & Community events to add to your calendars:
*details on each event in your eNews***

Church Calendar

Sunday, January 7

- 10 am Sunday Worship
- 11:15am Fellowship
- 7:30 pm AA & Al-Anon Meetings

Tuesday, January 9

- 9:30 am Panera
- 7 pm Session Meeting

Saturday, January 13

- 8 am Men's Breakfast
- 5 pm Community Dinner

Sunday, January 14

- 10 am Sunday Worship
- 11:15am Fellowship
- 3 pm Carol Fowler Memorial Service
- 7:30 pm AA & Al-Anon Meetings



Welcome 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 downstairs in Corey Hall and we would love to share a coffee and a chat. If you would like to have us reach out to you in the days ahead, please fill out the Visitor Card in the pew and drop it in the Offering plate or use the *QR code below*.

If you are here with children, that is wonderful, and they are welcome too. Sunday School is offered *during the school year* during the worship service for youth ages 4 through grade 6, following the Children's Time. Youth Group Sunday School is also offered for children in 6th grade and up every other Sunday. The Infant Care Room, equipped so users can hear and watch the service, is located at the top of the eastern stairs in the back of the sanctuary.

It is good to have you here. Welcome.

Interested in becoming a member?

Please call or email our pastor, Rev. Michael McNamara

