

First Presbyterian Church IN VICTOR

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



First Presbyterian Church

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Order of Worship
5th Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2024, 10am

**Please stand if you are able.*

Prelude

“Prelude in E Minor” by J.S. Bach

Welcome & Announcements

***Litany for Lent**

Lord Jesus Christ,
You clothe us in your righteousness,
even when we give you a crown of thorns
Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Lord Jesus Christ,
You bless us with your word,
even when we mock and curse you.
Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

***Opening Hymn** *GTG No. 692*

“Spirit, Open My Heart”

Psalm 51:1-8

Refrain: “Lord, I call to you; O hear my cry”

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
**Wash me through from my wickedness,
and cleanse me from my sin.**
For I know my offenses,
and my sin is ever before me.
**Against you only have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak
and right in your judgement.**

R: “Lord, I call to you; O hear my cry”

Indeed I was born steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my mother’s womb.
**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom deep within.**
Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me and I shall be purer than snow.
**Let me hear joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

R: “Lord, I call to you; O hear my cry”

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have Mercy, O God, forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our savior.

Hymn *GTG No. 423 (v.1) "Create In Me A Clean Heart, O God"*

Assurance of Pardon

*Passing the Peace

Time with Children

Prayer of Illumination

Gracious God, our way in the wilderness, guide us, by your Word, through these 40 days, and minister to us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may be reformed, restored, and renewed; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Scripture Readings

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

John 12:20-33

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew, then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain, but if it dies it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

John 12:20-33 (cont.)

"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say: 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Sermon

"Developing a Relationship"

***Hymn of Response** *GTG No. 835*

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

Offering

*Doxology

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn** *GTG No. 69*

"Here I Am, Lord"

or PH No. 525

Benediction

Postlude

"Fugue & Harmonization on 'St. Anne'"
arr. by Hal H. Hopson



Upcoming Church & Community events to add to your calendars:

Sunday, March 17 5th Sunday in Lent

- 10 am Sunday Worship
- 11:15 am Fellowship & Lent Book Study
- 11:30-1:00 pm Confirmation Class
- 7:30 pm AA & Al-Anon Meetings

Monday, March 18

- 6:30 pm Deacon's Meeting

Tuesday, March 19

- 9:30 am Panera

Wednesday, March 20

- 1 pm Blanket Squares Group

Thursday, March 21

- Noon Bridge Class

Saturday, March 23

- 5-6:30 pm Community Dinner

Sunday, March 24 Palm Sunday

- 9 am Palm Sunday Breakfast
- 10 am Sunday Worship
- 11:15 am Fellowship & Lent Book Study
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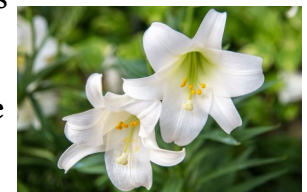
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Come celebrate Palm Sunday at church on **March 24 at 9:00am** with an amazing *Palm Sunday Breakfast!* We will be serving Danish, fruit, pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, coffee, and juice! Please contact Rich Cromwell if

you would like to setup or help cooking starting at 8:15. We will be doing a Free Will Offering at each of the tables to help offset the cost of the breakfast!

We are offering lilies at \$11 each to decorate the sanctuary for Easter worship. Proceeds from lily sales will be used for our church mission activities. Please place your order by **March 24th**. ***Order forms are at the back of the Sanctuary.**





2024 Bowl-A-Thon Knock Down Pins to Lift Up Families

Family Promise of Ontario County will be hosting our first ever bowl-a-thon, at Roseland Bowl in Canandaigua. Join us for bowling, dinner, raffles, prizes, and a whole

lot of fun. On Saturday, April 13th 2024 Family Promise of Ontario County is hosting a Knock Down Pins to Lift Up Families Bowl-A-Thon at Roseland Bowl in Canandaigua from 4 to 7 pm.

All money raised will help support Family Promise of Ontario County programs. Cost is \$40 per person or \$200 per team of five, and will include bowling, shoes, (soft) drinks, and the finest of bowling cuisine... PIZZA and salad!



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. 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, or feel free to use the nursery through the door to the left at the front of the sanctuary at any point during the service. It is good to have you here. Welcome.

Interested in becoming a member?

Please call or email our pastor,

Rev. Michael McNamara

585-924-2289, pastor@victorpres.org



Volunteering is a great way to get plugged into our church, feel like part of a community, and serve Jesus at the same time. God has uniquely equipped every person in the Church with specific skills and gifts. As Christians, we are tasked with utilizing these gifts in our community and within our local church. Using your God-given skills as a volunteer is a fantastic way to serve the church while simultaneously lightening the load of a church's staff.

Each Sunday we need support with:

- Greeters
- Liturgists
- Coffee hour
- Communion prep (once a month)
- AV

Please utilize the sign-up sheets in the Welcome Center where you are able. Thank you!

