

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
(*Please stand if you are able.)

April 14, 2024, 10am

GATHERING

Prelude "Thine is the Glory" arr. by Lani Smith

Welcome & Announcements

***Call to Worship** *Psalm 4 (trans Nan Merrill)*

Answer me when I call

O beloved of my heart

You enveloped me in love when I was distressed

Be gracious to me now and hear my prayer

You know that the Beloved dwells with those who are filled with love

and hears when our hearts cry out

Though you may feel angry

Do not give into fear

Commune with the Heart of your heart as you rest, in silence

Make peace with your fears and trust in Love.

***Opening Hymn** *GTG No. 234 (v. 1-2-4)*

"Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"

Gathering Prayer

Unison Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made.

Forgive us, God of Mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

Assurance of Pardon

***Passing the Peace**

THE WORD

Time with Children

Prayer of Illumination

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:36b-48

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see, for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. Yet for all their joy they were still disbelieving and wondering, and he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Sermon

"Facing Fear"

RESPONDING

*Hymn of Response *GTG No. 819*

"Be Still, My Soul"

Offering

*Doxology

*Communion Hymn *GTG No. 501*

"Feed Us, Lord"

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving (cont.)

It is truly right...

...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is the one who comes in your name.
Hosanna in the highest.**

...Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again

Gracious God, pour out...

...all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,
now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Communion

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

*Closing Hymn *GTG No. 248 "Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"*

Benediction

Postlude

"Concerto No. 2 in G Major" by J.S. Bach
arr. Hal Hopson

*Thank you to these members who are
helping with worship today-*

AV: Steve Simpson

Greeter: Clay Girouard

Liturgist: John Toomey

Fellowship: Donna Schake

Communion: Bruce & Nancy Fisher

Church Calendar



Upcoming Church & Community events to add to your calendars:

Sunday, April 14

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

Monday, April 15

- 6:30 pm Deacons Meeting

Tuesday, April 16

- 9:30 am Panera
- 7 pm Bridge Class

Wednesday, April 17

- 1 pm Blanket Squares Group

Thursday, April 18

- Noon Bridge Class

Saturday, April 20

- 9:30 am Presbytery Meeting
- 5-6:30 pm Community Dinner

Sunday, April 21

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



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Photo Release

We will be taking photos of our church community for our website,



Facebook, brochures, and other publicity related outlets. We are seeking permission from members for use of any photos containing their images, and will be sharing a *photo release form* for individual review and signature for those willing to do so, as we take photos at upcoming events.

Community Dinners are held on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Saturdays of the month from 5-6:30 pm! Take-out meals are available for people who call the church at 585-924-2289, during the Community Dinner time.

Upcoming Dates:
 April 20: Beef Stew
 April 27: Chili



CHILDREN'S Sunday School

Date	Theme
April 7	Early Believer's Share
April 14	Jesus appears to Disciples
April 21	The Good Shepherd
April 28	Love One Another



Annual Spring
 Clean-Up Day
 at the church will be
 following worship
 Today Sunday, April 14



Yard work and cleaning opportunities inside. This is a great time to come out in fellowship with others to 'shine up' the church and make it a more welcoming place for all!



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!

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**

