

# First Presbyterian Church IN VICTOR

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



## First Presbyterian Church

70 East Main Street  
Victor, NY 14564  
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www.victorpres.org

**Guest Preacher:** Dean Cornwell

**Organist:** Ayn Patrowicz

**Order of Worship**  
(\*Please stand if you are able.)

**April 21, 2024, 10am**

### GATHERING

**Prelude** "Jesus Shall Reign" arr. by Cindy Berry

### Welcome & Announcements

#### \*Call to Worship (Thom M. Shuman)

In the presence of God, we gather:

**people burdened and looking for comfort;  
folks whose spirits need a makeover.**

Like little children, we surround God:

**hoping for that touch which will refresh us;  
longing to be embraced in arms of love.**

We look, and find a feast has been prepared for us.

**bread which will give us life anew;  
the cup which overflows with grace and hope.**

#### \*Opening Hymn *GTG No. 187*

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

### Gathering Prayer

#### Unison Prayer of Confession (Thom M. Shuman)

**You long to fill us with your comfort and peace,  
Still Waters of Grace, but we continue to take on  
more anxiety, more worry, more fear. You would  
comfort us in the gentleness of your hope, but we  
welcome the embrace of a world spinning more  
and more out of control. You would feed us with  
more than we need, but we continue to hunger for  
the sweet sensations offered to us by temptation.**

**You keep your promises and offer us forgiveness  
and mercy all the days of our life. May we keep  
our eyes focused on the path you have shaped for  
us; may we listen to the call of the Good Shepherd  
who leads us into your joy, that kingdom  
prepared for us by Jesus Christ, our Lord and  
Savior.**

#### Assurance of Pardon

This is the good news: wherever we are, God is with us;  
whoever we are God forgives us, and offers us new life.  
Surely goodness and mercy are the companions we have  
been longing for, faithful friends as we continue our  
journey as God's people. Amen.

#### \*Passing the Peace

## THE WORD

### Time with Children

### Prayer of Illumination

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any voices but your own, so that we may hear your Word and also do it; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Scripture Readings

**Acts 4:5-12**

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are being questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are being asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' "There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

**John 10:11-18**

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

### Sermon

*"Feel the Love"*

## RESPONDING

\*Hymn of Response *GTG No. 610*

*"For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"*

Offering

\*Doxology

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

## SENDING

\*Closing Hymn *GTG No. 802 (vs. 1-4 & 6)*

*"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"*

Benediction

Postlude *"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"* arr. by John Purifoy

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

**AV:** Bill Martz

**Greeter:** Clay Girouard

**Liturgist:** Dave Henderson

**Fellowship:** Barb Cromwell & Donna Schake

# Church Calendar



## Upcoming Church & Community events to add to your calendars:

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### Sunday, April 21

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

### Monday, April 22

- Earth Day*
- \*Church Office Closed\*

### Tuesday, April 23

- 9:30 am Panera
- 7 pm Bridge Class

### Saturday, April 27

- 5-6:30 pm Community Dinner

### Sunday, April 28

- 10 am Sunday Worship
- 11:15 am Fellowship
- 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.

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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 27: Chili
- May 11: Menu TBD
- May 18: Ham & Scalloped Potatoes
- May 25: Menu TBD

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## 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



Mark your calendars! Please join us immediately following worship on **Sunday, May 19**, for a Congregational Meeting to elect new Deacons and Elders!

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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](mailto:pastor@victorpres.org)**

