

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

April 28, 2024, 10am

(*Please stand if you are able.)

GATHERING

Prelude

“Prelude in Classic Style” by Gordon Young

Welcome & Announcements

*Call to Worship

Psalm 22 (trans. Nan Merrill)

To you, O Beloved, I lift up my voice

In the midst of the great congregation

For you promise to remain

With those whose love is steadfast

Those who seek you shall sing praises

Your heart our dwelling place forever

All the ends of the earth shall remember

And turn towards Love's way

*Opening Hymn *GTG No. 463 v. 1-2-5*

“How Firm a Foundation”

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.

*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

John 15:1-8

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

Sermon

“Spiritual Gardening”

RESPONDING

***Hymn of Response** *GTG No. 727*

“The Servant Song”

Offering

***Doxology**

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

SENDING

***Closing Hymn** *GTG No. 761*

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

Benediction

Postlude

“Toccata in G Major” by Theodore DuBois

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

AV: Bill Martz

Greeter: Sue Toomey

Liturgist: Larry Teel

Fellowship: Sue Toomey & Donna Schake

Church Calendar



Upcoming Church & Community events to add to your calendars:

Sunday, April 28

10 am Sunday Worship

11:15 am Fellowship

7:30 pm AA & Al-Anon Meetings

Tuesday, April 30

9:30 am Free Panera

7 pm Bridge Class

Thursday, May 2

Noon Bridge Class

Sunday, May 5

9 am Session Meeting (confirmation)

10 am Sunday Worship w/Confirmation

11:15 am Fellowship– confirmation celebration

12:30 pm Girl Scouts

7:30 pm AA & Al-Anon Meetings





First Presbyterian Church IN VICTOR

Dear Friend of Family Promise,

With support from this incredible community, we exceeded our \$20,000 Family Promise Week fundraising goal. This windfall will pay the rent and keep the lights on at the four emergency apartments we currently use to shelter families experiencing homelessness. We are truly thankful!



Thanks to all in our congregation that supported the bowling tournament and Family Promise donation week!

Gratitude Always,
The staff at Family Promise of Ontario County
Jay, Donna, Kate, Jasmine, Melissa, and Todd

Volunteer Opportunities


Sunday, April 28 - Seneca 7 Around-the-Lake Relay, 4:00-8:00 p.m. at Watershed Brewing, 3543 East Lake Road, Geneva. Family Promise provides a team of five volunteers to help with this festive road race; in return the race organizers (and sometimes one or more of the race teams) make a generous donation to FPOC.

Saturday, June 15 - FLX Pride Festival at Lakefront Park in Geneva, 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. We will need volunteers to set up, staff, and take down a Family Promise information table in 2 hour shifts.

Sunday, June 30 - Family Fun at Lincoln Hill Farms! Come join us for sunshine, music, food, games, and raffles at Lincoln Hill Farms overlooking Canandaigua Lake! Come and play, or come and help us staff information tables, talk about our mission, and sell raffle tickets!



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

 *This is the Meal Train for *Brenda Dean* who is having hip replacement surgery on May 1st*

What is Meal Train?

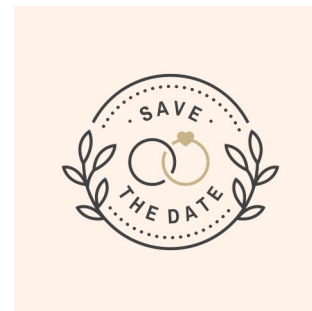
There are times in our lives when friends and family ask, "What can I do to help out?" The answer is usually to help them with a meal. When many friends provide support through a meal, Meal Train keeps everyone organized.



2024 Graduates!

We would like to recognize the graduating class of 2024! Do you have a 2024 graduate (High School or College) that you want to celebrate? Send your info to Courtney in office– *slips are at the back of the sanctuary.*





Save the Date!

The Wedding of Alfred & Jennifer
June 15, 2024, 11 am
First Presbyterian Church in Victor
Reception in Corey Hall immediately following ceremony

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:

- May 11: Chicken Soup & Salad
- May 18: Ham & Scalloped Potatoes
- May 25: Menu TBD

CHILDREN'S
Sunday School

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



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**

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