

# First Presbyterian Church IN VICTOR

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



## First Presbyterian Church

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Victor, NY 14564  
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**Pastor:** Rev. Michael McNamara

**Organist:** Ayn Patrowicz

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

**AV:** Bill Martz

**Greeter:** Clay Girouard

**Liturgist:** Donna Schake

**Fellowship:** Kelly Fisher & Amy Reinhardt

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**Order of Worship**

**April 7, 2024, 10am**

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

## GATHERING

**Prelude** "Alleluia! The Strife is O'er" arr. by Cindy Berry

## Welcome & Announcements

### \*Call to Worship

Psalm 133

How very good and pleasant it is  
**When kindred live together in unity!**  
It is like the dew of Hermon,  
**which falls on the mountains of Zion.**  
For there the LORD ordained a blessing,  
**Life forevermore.**

### \*Opening Hymn GTG No. 624 (vs. 1,3,4)

*"I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"*

## Gathering Prayer

### 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.**

## Assurance of Pardon

### \*Passing the Peace

## THE WORD

## 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

*Acts 4:32-35*

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

*John 20:19-29*

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

## Sermon

"Community of Believers"

## RESPONDING

\*Hymn of Response *GTG No. 295*

*"Go To the World!"*

## Offering

\*Doxology

## Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

*Sylvia Holter Nelson*

*Parents Tara Holter & Nicholas Nelson*

## Presentation

There is one body and one spirit,  
just as you were called  
to the one hope of your calling,  
**one Lord, one faith, one Baptism,  
one God and Father of all,  
who is above all and through all and in all.**

## \*Profession of Faith

*Apostles Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth,  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day He arose again;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting.  
Amen.**

## Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## Baptism

## Welcome

## SENDING

\*Closing Hymn *GTG No. 591*

*"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"*

## Benediction

## Postlude

*"Crown Him with Many Crowns"*  
arranged by David Hegert



### 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)**



## Church Calendar



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

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#### **Sunday, April 7**

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

#### **Tuesday, April 9**

9:30 am Panera  
7 pm Session Meeting  
7 pm Bridge Class

#### **Wednesday, April 10**

1 pm Blanket Squares Group

#### **Saturday, April 13**

8 am Men's Breakfast  
11 am *John Quatrano Memorial Service*  
4-7 pm Family Promise Bowl-a-thon  
5-6:30 pm Community Dinner

#### **Sunday, April 14**

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





**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!



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!**



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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 13: Sloppy Joes  
 April 20: Beef Stew  
 April 27: Chili



**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





Mark your calendars!

## *Annual Spring Clean-Up Day*

at the church will be following worship

**on Sunday, April 14.**

Yard work and cleaning opportunities inside.

Feel free to wear cleaning attire to church.

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!