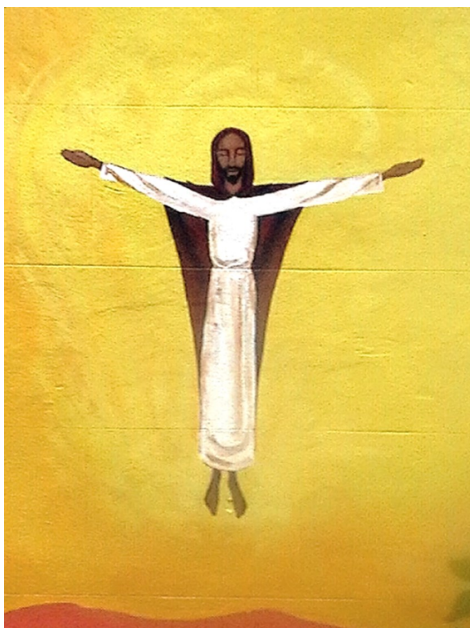


First Presbyterian Church IN VICTOR

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



First Presbyterian Church

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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: Larry Teel

Fellowship: Donna Schake & Barb Cromwell

Communion: Nancy & Bruce Fisher

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Order of Worship Ascension of the Lord

May 12, 2024, 10am

**Please stand if you are able.*

GATHERING

Prelude

"The Agincourt Hymn" by John Dunstable

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Clap your hands, all people
shout to God with songs of joy.
Lift up your hearts.

We Lift them to the Lord.

God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
Lift up your hearts.

We Lift them to the Lord.

God is ruler over all the earth;
the Lord reigns on a holy throne
Lift up your hearts.

We Lift them to the Lord.

God put this power to work in Christ,
raising him from the dead.
Lift up your hearts.

We Lift them to the Lord.

God has highly exalted him,
giving him the name above all names.
Lift up your hearts.

We Lift them to the Lord.

Jesus Christ is Lord!
Glory to God in the highest.
Lift up your hearts.

We Lift them to the Lord.

**Opening Hymn GTG No. 267 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"*

Gathering Prayer

Unison Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life, and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world, and failed to give him glory. Forgive us, and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body.

Assurance of Pardon

*Passing the Peace

THE WORD

Time with Children

Anthem *“On Eagles Wings” arr. by Douglas Warner*

Prayer of Illumination

God Most High, reigning in glory, send down your Spirit of wisdom to shine in your heavenly Word, so that we may worship you with joy, continually blessing your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Scripture Readings

Luke 24:44-53

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. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.” Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

(cont.)

Scripture Readings (cont.)

When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Sermon

“Wait, where were you looking?”

RESPONDING

***Hymn of Response** *GTG No. 260 vs.1,2,4*

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

Offering

***Doxology**

***Communion Hymn** *GTG No. 498 vs.1,3,4*

“Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken”

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

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.**

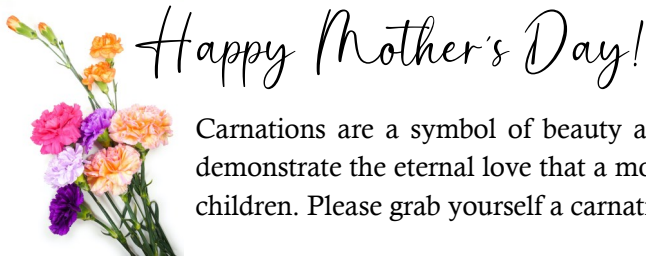
The Lord's Prayer
Breaking of the Bread
Communion
Prayer after Communion

SENDING

***Closing Hymn** *GTG No. 268 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"*

Benediction

Postlude "Crown Him Lord of All" arr. by Mary McDonald



Happy Mother's Day!

Carnations are a symbol of beauty and eternity and demonstrate the eternal love that a mother has for her children. Please grab yourself a carnation today!

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. *Blue release form on counter at the back of the sanctuary.*

CHILDREN'S
Sunday School

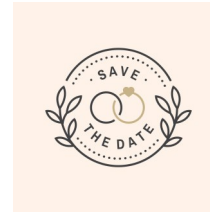
<u>Date</u>	<u>Theme</u>
May 12	Matthias Is Chosen
May 19	Filled with the Holy Spirit
May 26	Holiday– TBD

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.

On Tuesday mornings, we give out donated Panera Bread and baked goods. We are in need of zipper plastic storage bags to bag up these goodies each week for the community (sandwich and gallon sized). *Donations can be left in the welcome center.* Thank you!



Volunteer Opportunities



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!



Upcoming Church & Community events to add to your calendars:

Sunday, May 12 *Mother's Day*

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

Tuesday, May 14

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

Wednesday, May 15

- 1 pm Blanket Squares Group

Thursday, May 16

- Noon Bridge Class

Saturday, May 18

- 5-6:30 pm Community Dinner

Sunday, May 19 *Pentecost (wear red!)*

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



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



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,

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