

**First
Presbyterian
Church** IN VICTOR
WHOEVER YOU ARE.
HOWEVER YOU HAVE COME.
YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.



First Presbyterian Church

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Pastors: Rev. Dr. Jimmy Reader
& Rev. Joy Bergfalk
Organist Ayn Patrowicz

Order of Worship

May 14, 2023, 10am

6th Sunday of Easter | Mother's Day

**Please stand if you are able.*

Prelude

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”
arr. by Kenneth Kosche

Welcome & Announcements

***Responsive Call to Worship**

from Psalm 66:8-20

Praise our God, all peoples,
let the sound of praise be heard;
God has preserved our lives
and kept our feet from slipping.

**For you, God, tested us;
you refined us like silver,
and you brought us to a place of abundance.**

Come and hear, all you who fear God;
let me tell you what he has done for me.

**I cried out to the Lord with my mouth;
with praise on my tongue.**

If I had cherished sin in my heart,
the Lord would not have listened;
but God has surely listened
and has heard my prayer.

**Praise be to God,
who has not rejected our prayer
or withheld love from us!**

***Opening Hymn** *GTG No. 366* “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

***Invocation**

Scripture Reading

Acts 17:22-31

Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: “People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

“The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. God is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. (cont.)

Scripture Reading (cont.)

Rather, God gives everyone life and breath and everything else. From one ancestor God made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth and marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out and find him, though God is not far from any one of us. 'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are divine offspring.' "Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now commands all people everywhere to repent. For God has set a day to judge the world with justice by the one he appointed - and has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead."

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have often gone our own way,
not loving you as we ought,
nor loving our neighbors as ourselves.
We have too often sinned against you
in thought, word and deed
and in what we have failed to do.
Father, forgive us.
Help us to love you and our neighbors,
and to live for your honor and glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

*Passing the Peace

Children's Time

The Sacrament of Baptism

See insert

**James Kelley Aldrich
Nathan Andrew Aldrich**

Parents Meghan & Jonathan Aldrich

Unison Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, may your Holy Spirit give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that, with the eyes of our hearts enlightened, we may know the hope to which Christ has called us, the riches of his glorious inheritance among us, and the greatness of his power for those who believe. Amen.

Scripture Reading

John 14:15-21

"If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them."

Sermon

"We Are Not Orphans"

*Hymn of Response *No.400*

"When We Are Living"
(Pues Si Vivmos)

Offering

* Doxology

*Unison Prayer of Dedication

We gave you thanks, O Lord, for you have given us riches beyond measure. We can only return a fraction of what we owe you; but we ask that you will bless our offerings and help us to use them wisely in your service and for your glory. Amen.

Communion

Prayers of the People

*The Lord's Prayer – *sung, in a circle*

***Benediction**

***Postlude** "Festive Trumpet Tune" by David German

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

AV: Bill Martz

Liturgist: Heather McAdoo

Fellowship: Linda Smith & Clay Girouard



Mark your calendars!

Please join us *immediately following worship* on **Sunday May 21**, for a Congregational Meeting to elect new Deacons and Elders!

- Dave Henderson - Elder (2-year term)
- Marti Mowers - Elder (3-year term)
- Mike Reinhardt - Elder (3-year term + Clerk of Session)
- Rich Cromwell - Elder (3-year term)
- Kelly Fischer - Deacon (3-year term)
- Sue Grabowski—Deacon (3-year term)



Each **Monday night** right before they close at **9pm**, we pick up Panera donations (Victor location) to be handed out on Tuesdays at the church. We need one or two more volunteers to pick-up (no more than once a month). Please contact Brenda Dean by email at brenda.14450@gmail.com if you can help.



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!



We would like to recognize the graduating class of 2023! Do you have a 2023 graduate (High School or College) that you want to celebrate? Please email Courtney in the office (office@victorpres.org) with this information:

- Name of graduate
- Proud Parents, Grand-parents, or guardians names
- Where they are graduating from
- Degree if applicable
- What they are doing post-graduation: College or work, etc.
- Any other pertinent information about the graduate.
- A **picture** to share in the announcements!

Dear Friends of Family Promise,



We are in need of a reliable **push lawn mower** and an equally reliable **clothes dryer** - both in excellent condition - for one of our emergency apartments in Canandaigua. If you are planning an upgrade for either of those items, please consider donating your current machine to help our formerly homeless families cut the grass and dry their clothes! Call Jay at 585-905-3988



**Upcoming Church & Community events to add to your calendars:
*details on each event in your eNews***

Church Calendar

Sunday, May 14 *Mother's Day*

- 10 am Sunday Worship w/communion
- 11:15 am Fellowship Hour
& After Church Discussion Group
- 7:30 pm AA & Al-Anon meetings

Monday, May 15

- 7 pm Deacon Meeting

Tuesday, May 16

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

Wednesday, May 17

- 1 pm Blanket Squares Group

Saturday, May 20

- 5-6:30 pm Community Dinner (Ham & Potatoes)

Sunday, May 21

- 10 am Sunday Worship w/Youth Group
- 11:15 am **Congregational Meeting** & Fellowship Hour
- 7:30 pm AA & Al-Anon meetings



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 worship service for youth ages 4 through grade 6, following the Children's Time. Youth Group Sunday School is also offered for children in 6th grade and up every other Sunday. See our calendar for the schedule. You are welcome to join your child in the class, have your child remain with you during the service, or send them off to class. 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.

It is good to have you here. Welcome.

**Interested in becoming a member?
Please call or email one of our pastors.
Pastor Jimmy: 585-315-9241, Pastor Joy: 585-315-7826
pastor@victorpres.org**

