

**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
7th Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2023, 10am

**Please stand if you are able.*

Prelude "Great is Thy Faithfulness" arr. by Jack Schrader

Welcome & Announcements

***Responsive Call to Worship**

from Psalm 68

May the people be glad
and rejoice before God;
may they be happy and joyful.

**Sing to God, sing with praise to God
whose name is the LORD.**

A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows,
is God in holy dwellings.
God sets the lonely in families,
and leads out the prisoners with singing.

**You, our God, go out before your people,
You give abundant showers, O God;
you refresh your weary inheritance.**

Sing to God, all kingdoms of the earth,
sing praise to the Lord,
Proclaim the power of God,
whose majesty and power is in the heavens.

**You, God, are awesome in your sanctuary;
the God of Israel who gives power and
strength to the people.
Praise be to God!**

***Opening Hymn No. 108**

"Christ Is Alive!"

***Invocation**

Scripture Reading

1 Peter 5:6-11

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand,
that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on
him because he cares for you. Be alert and of sober
mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring
lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing
firm in the faith, because you know that the family of
believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind
of sufferings. And the God of all grace, who called you to his
eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little
while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm
and steadfast. To God be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Unison Prayer of Confession

**God of mercy,
you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.
We confess that we have sometimes strayed
from you and turned aside from your way.
We have too often failed in love, neglected
justice, and ignored your truth.
Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.
Return us to paths of justice through Jesus
Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

***Passing the Peace**

Children’s Time

Unison Prayer for Illumination

**Eternal God,
your Spirit inspired those who wrote the Bible
and enlightens us to hear your Word fresh each
day. Help us to rely always on your promises in
Scripture. In Jesus’ name we pray.
Amen.**

Scripture Reading

Acts 1:6-14

Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord,
are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to
Israel?”

He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or
dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you
will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on
you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in
all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

After he said this, he was taken up before their very
eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

They were looking intently up into the sky as he was
going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood
beside them. “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you
stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who
has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in
the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill
called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day’s walk from
the city. (cont.)

Scripture Reading (cont.)

When they arrived, they went upstairs to the
room where they were staying. Those present were Peter,
John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas,
Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and
Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. They all joined
together constantly in prayer, along with the women and
Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

Sermon

“Joined Together”

***Hymn of Response No. 343**

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

Offering

*** Doxology**

***Unison Prayer of Dedication**

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

Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer

***Closing Song No. 335**

“Though I May Speak”

***Benediction**

***Postlude “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” arr. by Cindy Berry**

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

AV: Brenda Dean

Liturgist: Clay Girouard

Fellowship: Karen Tripp, John & Sue Toomey



Today!

Please join us *immediately following worship* today 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)



The Deacons Fund is alive and well at the First Presbyterian Church. We provide gas cards and emergency help to people who come to our church for emergency needs. There are Deacon Fund envelopes in the sanctuary pews. We greatly appreciate all donations. Please use the envelopes provided in the pews and the donations can be put in the offering plates during worship or mailed to the church office.

Thank you for your generosity!



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

Preparing communion is an important but sometimes overlooked opportunity to participate in the life of the church and serve God. We are in need of additional volunteers to help prepare the elements for communion each month. Please sign up on the volunteer schedule bulletin board in the Welcome Center, or email Courtney in the office if you would like to help.





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

Church Calendar

Sunday, May 21

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

Tuesday, May 23

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

Thursday, May 25

- Noon Bridge Class

Saturday, May 27

- 5-6:30 pm Community Dinner (Pizza)

Sunday, May 28

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

*Church Office Closed for Memorial Day, Monday May 29



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**

