

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

July 14, 2024, 10am

**Please stand if you are able.*

GATHERING

Prelude

"God is Here" arr. by Lloyd Larson

Welcome *GTG No. 399*

"God Welcomes All"

Announcements

Call to Worship

Psalm 24 (trans. Nan Merrill)

The earth is yours O Giver of Life, in all its fullness and glory,

the world and all those who dwell therein

For you have founded it upon the seas

and established it upon the rivers

who shall ascend your hill, O Gracious One?

and who shall stand in your holy place?

All who have clean hands and pure hearts,

**who do not lift up their souls to what is false,
nor make vows deceitfully.**

All will be blessed by the Heart of Love, and renewed through forgiveness.

Such is the promise to those who seek Love's face.

*Opening Hymn *GTG No. 35* *"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"*

Gathering Prayer

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of an injured world. The profits and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

Assurance of Pardon

Passing the Peace

THE WORD

Time with Children

Prayer of Illumination

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Readings

2 Samuel 6:12b-19

It was told King David, "The Lord has blessed the household of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him because of the ark of God." So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing, and when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatted calf. David danced before the Lord with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting and with the sound of the trumpet.

As the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window and saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord, and she despised him in her heart.

They brought in the ark of the Lord and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it, and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the Lord. When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord of hosts and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

Mark 6:14-29

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus's name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead, and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." (cont.)

And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests, and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved, yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

Sermon

"Tales of the Dance"

RESPONDING

***Hymn of Response** *GTG No. 649 (vs. 1,2,3) "Amazing Grace"*

Offering

***Doxology**

***Communion Hymn** *GTG No. 507 (vs. 1,2,3)*

"Come to the Table of Grace"

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 to give you praise.....

...joining our voices with the heavenly choir :

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

You are Holy Lord...
...Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your...
...**Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Communion

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

*Closing Hymn *GTG No. 157 (v. 1-3-4-5)*
"I Danced in the Morning"

Benediction

Postlude *"Come Sing, O Church, In Joy!" arr. by Franklin Ritter*

***Thank you to these members who are
helping with worship today-
AV: Steve Simpson***



Upcoming Church & Community events to add to your calendars:

Sunday, July 14

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

Tuesday, July 16

9:30 am Free Panera

Wednesday, July 17

1 pm Blanket Squares Group

Saturday, July 20

5-6:30 pm Community Dinner (Hots/Hamb, Mac 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 -looking for 1-2 people to learn our AV system!**
Please utilize the sign-up sheets in the Welcome Center where you are able. Thank you!



REV UP YOUR RUNNERS AND GET READY TO RACE BEDS!

Calling all local businesses to join in our fun-filled event that will support families facing homelessness!

Fun Team Building for a Great Cause!



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Land of Legends Raceway

\$50 Registration Fee

www.familypromiseontariocounty.org

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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