

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
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Order of Worship

July 16, 2023, 10am

**Please stand if you are able.*

Prelude "10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)", arr. by Carol Tornquist

Welcome & Announcements

*Call to Worship

Isaiah 55:10-13

As the rain and the snow
come down from heaven,
and do not return to it
without watering the earth
and making it bud and flourish,
so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,
so is my word that goes out from my mouth:
It will not return to me empty,
but will accomplish what I desire
and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.
You will go out in joy
and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and hills
will burst into song before you,
and all the trees of the field
will clap their hands.

*Opening Hymn *GTG No. 80*

"You Shall Go Out With Joy"
(Sing twice)

*Invocation

Scripture Reading

Romans 8:1-11

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God. (cont.)

You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

Union Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God,
in whom we live and move and have our being,
whose face is hidden from us by our sins,
and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of
our hearts:
Cleanse us from all our offenses,
and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain
desires, that with reverent and humble hearts
we may draw near to you,
confessing our faults,
confiding in your grace,
and finding in you our refuge and strength;
through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen**

Assurance of Pardon

***Passing the Peace**

Children's Time

Unison Prayer for Illumination

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the
power of your Holy Spirit, that as the
Scriptures are read and your Word is
proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you
say to us today. Amen.**

Scripture

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. Then he told them many things in parables, saying:

(cont.)

“A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. Whoever has ears, let them hear.”

“Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.”

Sermon

“Do We Understand?”

***Hymn of Response #335**

“Though I May Speak”

Offering

***Doxology**

***Unison Prayer of Dedication**

**O Lord, giver of life and source of freedom,
I know that all I have received is from your
hand. You call us to be stewards of Your
abundance, the caretakers of all you have
entrusted to us.
Help us to always use Your gifts wisely
and teach us to share them generously.
May our faithful stewardship bear witness
to the love of Jesus Christ in our lives. Amen.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

*Closing Song No. 361 (vv.1-2) "How Firm a Foundation"

*Benediction

*Postlude "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"
arr. by Wilbur Held and Robert Hobby



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

AV: Brenda Dean

Liturgist: Heather McAdoo



Tuesday, July 25, 2023



We are in need of additional volunteers to help prepare the elements for communion each month this Fall. **Communion will be served on the second Sunday of each month.**



We are also in need of Greeters and Coffee Hour Volunteers! 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.

Family Promise Bed Race –
Tuesday, July 25 @7 pm!

This is a fun event and our church has entered a bed the last six years! This is a major fundraiser for FP and the more beds the merrier! Please consider donating to our team "Bryant's Hoopsters"! See Rich Cromwell for details.
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<https://www.familypromiseontariocounty.org/amazing-bed-race>



Upcoming Church & Community events to add to your calendars:
details on each event in your eNews
Summer Office Hours: Tues & Thurs 9am-2pm

Church Calendar

Sunday, July 16

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

Tuesday, July 18

9:30 am Free Panera

Wednesday, July 19

1 pm Blanket Squares Group

Thursday, July 20

Noon Bridge Class

Saturday, July 22

5 pm Community Dinner

Upcoming Dates for Summer:

Tuesday, July 25, 7 pm: FPOC Bed Race

Saturday, August 19, 9 am-Noon: Elder & Deacon Retreat



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. Youth Group Sunday School is also offered for children in 6th grade and up every other Sunday. 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.
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