

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 2, 2023, 10am

**Please stand if you are able.*

Prelude "God of Our Fathers", arr. by Mary McDonald

Welcome & Announcements

*Call to Worship

From Psalm 89

I will sing of the LORD's great love forever;
with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known
through all generations.

**I will declare that your love stands firm forever,
that you have established your faithfulness in
heaven itself.**

Blessed are all who have learned to acclaim you,
who walk in the light of your presence, LORD.

**We rejoice in your name all day long;
we celebrate your righteousness.
For you are our glory and strength.**

***Opening Hymn No. 411**

"Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

*Invocation

Scripture Reading

Romans 6:12-23

Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.

What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? By no means! Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance. You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.

I am using an example from everyday life because of your human limitations. Just as you used to offer yourselves as slaves to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer yourselves as slaves to righteousness leading to holiness. (cont.)

When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Union Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith.
Do we hold back the force of your Spirit among us?
Do we listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, and live as a people made one in Christ?
Have mercy on us, O God.
Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

***Passing the Peace**

Children's Time

Unison Prayer for Illumination

Almighty God, in you are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Open our eyes that we may see the wonders of your Word; and give us grace that we may clearly understand and freely choose the way of your wisdom; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture

Psalm 13

How long, LORD? Will you forget me forever?
How long will you hide your face from me?
How long must I wrestle with my thoughts
and day after day have sorrow in my heart?
How long will my enemy triumph over me?

(cont.)

Scripture (cont.)

Look on me and answer, LORD my God.
Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death,
and my enemy will say, "I have overcome him,"
and my foes will rejoice when I fall.
But I trust in your unfailing love;
my heart rejoices in your salvation.
I will sing the LORD's praise,
for he has been good to me.

Sermon

"How Long, O Lord?"

***Hymn of Response** *GTG No. 825* "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"

Offering

***Doxology**

*Unison Prayer of Dedication

**Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation;
through your goodness we have this money to offer, the fruit of our labor and of the skills you have given us. Use us and our possessions to do your work in the world. Blessed be God for ever.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

***Closing Song** *No. 564* "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

*Benediction

***Postlude** "Battle Hymn of the Republic"
arr. by Mary McDonald

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

AV: Brenda Dean

Fellowship: Barb Cromwell & Linda Smith

Liturgist: Beverly Frost



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 2

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

Tuesday, July 4 | Independence Day

9:30 am Free Panera
 Office Closed

Saturday, July 8

8 am Men's Breakfast
 5 pm Community Dinner

Upcoming Dates for Summer:

Sunday, July 9, from 1:00 to 8:00:
 FPOC Family Fun Day @ Lincoln Hill Farms

Tuesday, July 11: Maggie's Kids Day

Tuesday, July 25, 7 pm: FPOC Bed Race

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

***Stay tuned for our 225th Anniversary Celebration information, happening on Saturday, September 9!!**

Maggie's Kids are back, and we need your help!

Maggie's kids will be returning this Summer and FPCV will be hosting on **July 11th!** It will be a fun-filled day of crafts, games, music, Bible Study, and play, play, play.

DONATE! Our church has been asked for some food items. Please sign-up with QR code below if you can contribute! We also need volunteers to help serve on 7/11 from 10-3 and people to meet at church on Monday eve to assemble lunches!





Elders & Deacons: Mark your calendars!

***This retreat will take place of the August meetings**



Family Fun Days at Lincoln Hill Farms are a blast for everyone! Lincoln Hill Farms has invited Family Promise to raise awareness and raise money on **Sunday, July 9, from 1:00 to 8:00.**

Come join us for live music, craft brews for those who partake, food specials, and more! We will host a silent auction, a 50/50 raffle, and a quilt raffle to raise funds for our mission to end family homelessness in Ontario County.



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.
 585-370-0839 richcromwell94@gmail.com

<https://www.familypromiseontariocounty.org/amazing-bed-race>



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.
 Pastor Jimmy: 585-315-9241, Pastor Joy: 585-315-7826
 pastor@victorpres.org**

