

# *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**

**July 30, 2023, 10am**

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

**Prelude** “Oceans (Where Feet May Fail) with It Is Well with My Soul” arr. by Bethany Smith and Mary McDonald

### **Welcome & Announcements**

#### **\*Call to Worship**

*From Psalm 119:129-136*

Your statutes are wonderful;  
therefore I obey them.  
The unfolding of your words gives light;  
it gives understanding to the simple.  
I open my mouth and pant,  
longing for your commands.  
Turn to me and have mercy on me,  
as you always do to those who love your name.  
Direct my footsteps according to your word;  
let no sin rule over me.  
Redeem me from human oppression,  
that I may obey your precepts.  
Make your face shine on your servant  
and teach me your decrees.

#### **\*Opening Hymn No. 339**

“Be Thou My Vision”

#### **\*Invocation**

#### **Scripture Reading**

*Romans 8:26-39*

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit intercedes for us through wordless groans. And the one who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God’s people in accordance with the will of God.

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

#### **Scripture Reading (cont.)**

Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: “For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

#### **Union Prayer of Confession**

**Compassionate God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you  
with our whole heart and mind and strength.  
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
In your mercy forgive what we have been,  
help us amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be,  
so that we may delight in your will  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

#### **\*Passing the Peace**

#### **Children’s Time**

#### **Unison Prayer for Illumination**

**Gracious God, give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may receive what you have revealed, and do what you have commanded. Amen.**

**Scripture**

*Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52*

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.”

He told them still another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

“Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all these things?” Jesus asked.

“Yes,” they replied.

He said to them, “Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.”

**Sermon**

“God’s Abundance”

**\*Hymn of Response No. 276**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

**Offering**

**\*Doxology**

**\*Unison Prayer of Dedication**

**Generous God, creator, redeemer, sustainer, at your table we present our offering, symbol of the work you have given us to do; use it, use us, in the service of your world to the glory of your name. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer**

**\*Closing Song No. 333**

“Seek Ye First”

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

“In Thee is Gladness” arr. by Paul Manz

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

***AV: Bill Martz***

***Liturgist: Sue Delmonico***

***Greeter/Fellowship: Linda Smith & Barb Cromwell***

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Great news! Larry is home! For those who do not know, Larry had surgery at the beginning of June. A leg nerve suffered some damage following back surgery and he's been recovering at the Friendly Home. Marilyn and Larry could use a little help from their friends while his recovery continues so I have set up a meal train.

Please scan the QR code to sign-up!

Meals must be gluten-free and they like fresh fruits and vegetables.

Any questions, please feel free to contact me!

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# Ways you can SERVE

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



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.**

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## Church Calendar

### Sunday, July 30

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

### Tuesday, August 1

9:30 am Free Panera

### Thursday, August 3

Noon Bridge Class

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## Upcoming event for Summer:

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



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.



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Carol Fowler is now at Kirkhaven Senior Living and would appreciate cards and visits!

Carol Fowler  
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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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