

# 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

August 13, 2023, 10am

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

**Prelude** “Processional on ‘Ora Labora’” arr. by Hal H. Hopson

### Welcome & Announcements

#### \*Responsive Call to Worship

*From Psalm 85*

I will listen to what God the LORD says -  
who promises peace to the people, God’s faithful servants—  
but let them not turn to folly.

**Surely salvation is near to those who fear the Lord,  
that God’s shining light may dwell in our land.**

Love and faithfulness meet together;  
righteousness and peace kiss each other.  
Faithfulness springs forth from the earth,  
and righteousness looks down from heaven.

**The LORD will indeed give what is good,  
and our land will yield its harvest.  
Righteousness goes before the Lord  
and prepares the way for God’s steps.**

**\*Opening Hymn No. 361 (Vv.1,2,5)** “How Firm a Foundation”

#### \*Invocation

#### Scripture Reading

*1 Kings 19:9-18*

The word of the LORD came to Elijah: “What are you doing here?”

He replied, “I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.”

The LORD said, “Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.”

Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.

Then a voice said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”  
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### **Scripture Reading (cont.)**

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The LORD said to him, "Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha to succeed you as prophet. Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel—all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal."

### **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**

### **Special Music**

"You Say" by Lauren Daigle  
*Sung by Isabelle Bright*

### **Unison Prayer for Illumination**

**Draw us close, Holy Spirit, as the Scriptures  
are read and the Word is proclaimed. Let the  
word of faith be on our lips and in our hearts,  
and let all other words slip away. May there  
be one voice we hear today — the voice of  
truth and grace. Amen.**

### **Scripture**

*Matthew 14:22-33*

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear. But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

"Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water."

"Come," he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"

Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"

And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

### **Sermon**

"Take a Chance"

### **\*Hymn of Response No.335**

"Though I May Speak"

### **Offering**

### **\*Doxology**

### **\*Unison Prayer of Dedication**

Gracious God, accept these gifts, and with them our lives, to be used in your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Communion**

### **Prayers of the People**

### **\*Closing Song - The Lord's Prayer (sung by congregation)**

### **\*Benediction**

### **\*Postlude**

"Awake the Trumpet's Lofty Sound"  
arr. by Hal H. Hopson



**Upcoming Church & Community events to add to your calendars:**

*\*Summer Office Hours: Tues & Thurs 9am-2pm\**

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**Church Calendar**

**Sunday, August 13**

- 10 am Sunday Worship w/Communion
- 11:15 am Fellowship Hour
- Noon-6 pm AA District Meeting
- 7:30 pm AA & Al-Anon meetings

**Tuesday, August 15**

- 9:30 am Free Panera

**Wednesday, August 16**

- 1:00 pm Blanket Squares Group

**Thursday, August 17**

- Noon Bridge Class

**Saturday, August 19**

- 9 am– Noon **\*Elder & Deacon Retreat**
- 5-6:30 pm Community Dinner (Summer picnic)

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

***AV: Bill Martz***

***Liturgist: Kathie Jacobs***

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**Ways you can SERVE**

The V-F Food Cupboard is not collecting and distributing school supplies as they have in the past. **The Spot** is taking this over for Victor students. If you would like to donate, please scan the QR code. Donations can be dropped off to the Victor Town Hall, Starbucks (200 High Point Drive) or Howard Hanna (49 West Main St.) throughout the month of August.



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**On September 9th, FPCV will be celebrating 225 years!**

*Events of the Day:*



**History Presentation of the First Presbyterian Church in Victor** - David Henderson and Babette Huber (Historian for the Town and the Village of Victor)

**Organ and Piano Concert** – Ayn Patrowicz, our longtime organist/pianist, will treat us to a selection of special music.

**Scavenger Hunt...**for children of all ages!

**Gathering** – We will be recognizing those who have contributed in so many ways to who we are today, including past Pastors and people who have been under our care.

**Congregational/Community Dinner** to conclude the day!

We hope you will join us!

**\*\*A special thank you to Linda Smith and Brenda Dean** for all of their hard work putting together this special day!!\*\*

Scan the QR code to volunteer for the Community Dinner on 9/9!



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

Carol Fowler  
Kirkhaven  
254 Alexander Street  
Rochester NY 14607

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We are in need of additional volunteers to help prepare the elements for communion each month this Fall/Winter. **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.**

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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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-Or- 585-259-5687



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](mailto:pastor@victorpres.org)**

