

First Presbyterian Church IN VICTOR

WHOEVER YOU ARE.
HOWEVER YOU HAVE COME.
YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.



First Presbyterian Church

70 East Main Street
Victor, NY 14564
585-924-2289
www.victorpres.org

Pastors: Rev. Dr. Jimmy Reader
& Rev. Joy Bergfalk

Organist: Ayn Patrowicz

Order of Worship

August 20, 2023, 10am

**Please stand if you are able.*

Prelude “The Prince of Denmark’s March” by Jeremiah Clarke,
arr. by Hal Hopson

Welcome & Announcements

*Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, **that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

***Opening Hymn** *GTG No. 667* “When Morning Gilds the Skies”

*Invocation

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant--these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

Unison Prayer of Confession

We like to draw lines in the sand, or perhaps circles to exclude some folks, but you embrace all. Give us the grace today to love and seek justice and do what is right, to love kindness and walk humbly with you.

Assurance of Pardon

***Passing the Peace**

Children’s Time

Unison Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God of great mercy, break through whatever barriers prevent us from hearing your word for us today. Holy Spirit, break through our defenses and enable us to open our hearts to you. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 15:21-28

The Daughter of the Canaanite Woman

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Sermon

“Letting the Outsiders In”

***Hymn of Response**

“There Is a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

Offering

***Doxology**

***Unison Prayer of Dedication**

O God, whose giving knows no ending, instill in our hearts your joy of giving and may our world experience both the wonder of giving and receiving. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer (debts)

***Closing Hymn** *GTG No. 70*

“What Does the Lord Require of You?”

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

“Voluntary in D Major” by Marc Charpentier, arr. by Hal Hopson

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

AV: Brenda Dean

Liturgist: Dave Henderson



Scan the QR code to read all about what is happening with our local mission Family Promise!



<https://victorpres.org/family-promise-oc-news-august-2023/>

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

Carol Fowler
Kirkhaven
254 Alexander Street
Rochester NY 14607

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.



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

225
YEARS

Events of the Day:

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

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

3 pm: Scavenger Hunt...for children of all ages!

4 pm: 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.

5 pm: Congregational/Community Dinner – to conclude the day together!

A special thank you to *Linda Smith, Brenda Dean and Sue Toomey* for all of their hard work putting together this special day!!
Scan the QR code to volunteer for the Community Dinner on 9/9!



Ways you can SERVE



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.**



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!
Brenda | brenda.14450@gmail.com
-Or- 585-259-5687





Upcoming Church & Community events to add to your calendars:

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, August 20

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

Tuesday, August 22

9:30 am Free Panera

Saturday, August 26

5-6:30 pm Community Dinner (Summer picnic)

Sunday, August 27

10 am Sunday Worship (Alfred Appiah preaching)
11:15 am Fellowship Hour
7:30 pm AA & Al-Anon meetings



*The PNC is proud to introduce
Rev. Michael McNamara as the FPCV
Pastor candidate!*

- Please Join us with Pastor Mike on **September 16 from 1-3 pm** in Corey Hall for a casual Meet & Greet!
- Sunday, September 17** Pastor Mike will lead our 10am worship.
- Congregational Meeting** immediately following worship on 9/17 to vote.



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**

