

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

Guest Preacher: Alfred Appiah

Organist: Ayn Patrowicz

AV: Brenda Dean

Order of Worship

August 27, 2023, 10am

**Please stand if you are able.*

Prelude “Trumpet Tune” by Henry Purcell, arr. by Hal Hopson

Welcome & Announcements

*Responsive Call to Worship

Isaiah 51:3-5

The LORD will surely comfort Zion
and will look with compassion on all her ruins;
he will make her deserts like Eden,
her wastelands like the garden of the LORD.

**Joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the sound of singing.**

Listen to me, my people;
hear me, my nation:
Instruction will go out from me;
my justice will become a light to the nations.

**My righteousness draws near speedily;
my salvation is on the way,
and my arm will bring justice to the nations.**

***Opening Hymn No. 138** “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

*Invocation

Scripture Reading

Exodus 1:8-2:10 (selected verses)

A new king came to power in Egypt and put slave masters over the Hebrews to oppress them with forced labor, but the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread.

Then Pharaoh gave this order to all his people: “Every Hebrew boy that is born you must throw into the Nile.”

When Miriam’s mother gave birth to a son, she placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile. Miriam stood at a distance to see what would happen to him.

Then Pharaoh’s daughter went down to the Nile to bathe, and her attendants were walking along the riverbank. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her female slave to get it. She opened it and saw the baby. He was crying, and she felt sorry for him. “This is one of the Hebrew babies,” she said.

Then his sister asked Pharaoh’s daughter, “Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?”

Scripture Reading (cont.)

“Yes, go,” she answered. So the girl went and got the baby’s mother. Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Take this baby and nurse him for me, and I will pay you.” So the woman took the baby and nursed him. When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh’s daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses, saying, “I drew him out of the water.”

Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. 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 Reading

Exodus 15:22-25

Then Moses led Israel from the Red Sea and they went into the Desert of Shur. For three days they traveled in the desert without finding water. When they came to Marah, they could not drink its water because it was bitter. (That is why the place is called Marah.) So the people grumbled against Moses, saying, “What are we to drink?” Then Moses cried out to the LORD, and the LORD showed him a piece of wood. He threw it into the water, and the water became fit to drink. There the LORD issued a ruling and instruction for them and put them to the test.

Sermon

Alfred Appiah

“From Liberation to Deprivation:
Navigating Rising Expectations in the Wilderness”

***Hymn of Response No. 563** “Lift Every Voice and Sing”

Offering

***Doxology**

*Unison Prayer of Dedication

Generous God, creator, redeemer, sustainer, at your table we present these gifts, a 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. 411** “Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

*Benediction

***Postlude** “The Rejoicing” by GF Handel, arr. by Hal Hopson



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/>



Upcoming Church & Community events to add to your calendars:

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, August 27

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

Tuesday, August 29

- 9:30 am Free Panera

Thursday, August 31

- Noon Bridge Class



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.

Any questions for Rev. McNamara can be submitted in writing to the office or PNC chair, Marti Mowers, before September 17. or can be asked at the meeting as well.

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!
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-Or- 585-259-5687



Ways you can SERVE



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**

225 YEARS

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

Events of the Day:

**10am-4pm: Booth during Victor
Hometown Day:** Set up in front of church.
Sign up to help at our booth by scanning QR
code:



**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, Sue
Toomey, Steve Simpson and more, for all of their hard work
putting together this special day!***

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

