

# *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**

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

**August 6, 2023, 10am**

### **Prelude**

“Joy” by George Winston

### **Welcome & Announcements**

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

*Isaiah 55:1-5*

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

**Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.**

Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.

**I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.**

See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

**See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.**

#### **\*Opening Hymn** *GTG No. 522*

“I Am the Bread of Life”

#### **\*Invocation**

#### **Scripture Reading**

*Genesis 32:22-31*

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had.

Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name."

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

But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him.

So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

#### **Unison Prayer of Confession**

**Sometimes we feel like Jacob, doing a lot of wrestling. Some wrestling is a waste of time, some wrestling is like a child challenging a parent. And sometimes our wrestling is with important questions of our lives. Forgive us when we waste time, when we challenge you in childish ways. Help us to remember that you are with us when we wrestle with the difficult things in our lives and forgive us for doubting you! Thank you for blessing us, even in the midst of our questions and doubts. Amen.**

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

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

#### **Children's Time**

#### **Special Music**

“Your Hands” by JJ Heller  
*Sung by Isabelle Bright*

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

**Our world is confusing and we hear contrary voices claiming to have the truth. We see the great need of people who are hungry for food and water, and for you. Please stir our hearts by your love and give us the grace to discern our place as a church and as individuals in your mission in our world. Amen**

#### **Scripture**

*Matthew 14:13-21*

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick.

(cont.)

**Scripture (cont.)**

When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves."

Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me."

Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

**Sermon**

“Wrestling with God”

\***Hymn of Response No.384** “O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”

**Offering**

\***Doxology**

\***Unison Prayer of Dedication**

**We cheerfully give our gifts and lives to you, to be used to help the hungry, the thirsty and the wrestling ones in our world. Use our tithes, gifts, offerings and our lives to carry out your love in our world. Amen**

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

\***Closing Hymn No. 525**

“Here I Am, Lord”

\***Benediction**

\***Postlude**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”  
arr. by Richard Blake

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

***AV: Brenda Dean***

***Liturgist: Bev Frost***

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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.**



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

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:*

**225**  
YEARS

**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!



## Upcoming Church & Community events to add to your calendars: *\*Summer Office Hours: Tues & Thurs 9am-2pm\**

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### Church Calendar

#### Sunday, August 6

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

#### Tuesday, August 8

9:30 am	Free Panera
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#### Saturday, August 12

8:30 am	Men's Breakfast
5-6:30 pm	Community Dinner (Summer picnic)

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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.**

**Pastor Jimmy: 585-315-9241, Pastor Joy: 585-315-7826  
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