

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
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Organist: Ayn Patrowicz

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Liturgist: Sue Delmonico

Greeter/Fellowship: Jane Brame

Order of Worship

September 3, 2023, 10am

**Please stand if you are able.*

Prelude “Just a Closer Walk with Thee” arr. by Melody Bober

Welcome & Announcements

*Call to Worship

From Psalm 105

Give praise to the LORD, proclaim God’s name;
make known among the nations what God has done.
Sing to the Lord, sing praise;
tell of God’s wonderful acts.
Glory in the holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
Look to the LORD’s strength;
seek God’s face always.
Praise the LORD.

*Opening Hymn No. 376

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

*Invocation

Scripture Reading

Matthew 16:21-28

From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests, and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. “Never, Lord!” he said. “This shall never happen to you!”

Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”

Then Jesus said to his disciples, “All who want to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father’s glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done.

“Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

Unison 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; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name.
Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Passing the Peace

Children's Time

Unison Prayer for Illumination

Holy and gracious God, may your Holy Spirit give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that, with the eyes of our hearts enlightened, we may know the hope to which Christ has called us, the riches of his glorious inheritance among us, and the greatness of his power for those who believe.
Amen.

Scripture

Romans 12:9-21

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. (cont.)

Scripture (cont.)

Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. On the contrary:

"If your enemy is hungry, feed him;
if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.

In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Sermon

"A Labor of Love"

*Hymn of Response No. 400

"When We Are Living"
(Pues Si Vivimos)

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.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

*Closing Song GTG No.837 "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

*Benediction

*Postlude "Hornpipe" by GF Handel, arr. by Hal Hopson

The meal train continues for Marilyn & Larry Teel as Larry continues to heal. 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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meal train



Ways you can SERVE



Communion Preparers: 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.

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.



Congregational Support Schedule for FPOC

Thanks to generous support from many congregations, we are still in good shape with gas and grocery gift cards. **Our greatest need is cash** to pay rent, utilities, and staff wages. During and after the pandemic, 26 congregations have continued to provide financial assistance in support of our mission to end family homelessness in Ontario County. We ask each of these congregations to step up twice a year, to the degree that they can help. If you've already contributed, thank you!

FPCV week is first week of September!

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

Sept 3- 9 FPCV Host Week!!

Ways you can SERVE



**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: Trivia 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!**





Upcoming Church & Community events to add to your calendars:

Church Calendar

Sunday, September 3

Sept 3-9	*Family Promise Host Week
10 am	Sunday Worship
11:15 am	Fellowship Hour
7:30 pm	AA & Al-Anon meetings

Monday September 4 *Labor Day– Office Closed

Saturday, September 9

10 am-4 pm	*Victor Hometown Day
1 pm-6:30pm	*225th Anniversary!

Sunday, September 10

*Special **Congregational Meeting** following worship

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.



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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