



Are you curious about Vital Congregations and what these markers of vitality are? Do you ever want to talk about the sermon? Here is an opportunity to do both of these and to explore together in discussion who we are and who we want to be.

Why call it a "talk back?" The answer to that is fun and simple! In many ways the sermon is a chance for God and the Preacher to talk and the people to listen; but as the congregation it might feel like you don't have an opportunity to respond to everything. This is your opportunity to "talk-back" to Pastor Nick, Clay, or other VCI team members about what VCI is all about, what is being stirred within you, and ask questions in a different way.

We want everyone to engage in this material as much as possible, because we believe the more we engage the content of VCI the greater the vitality will be for everyone. Grab a cup of coffee and join us after Sunday worship in the Sanctuary, or by ZOOM with Clay on Monday eves.

Dates:

In-person, Sundays after worship: Oct. 24, 31, Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28
ZOOM, Mondays 7-8pm: Oct. 25, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

First Presbyterian Church IN VICTOR

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



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Order of Worship **October 24th, 2021, 10am**
22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude "I Surrender All" arr. by Cindy Berry

Welcome & Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Lord God, we have come to worship you as sinners
in need of your forgiveness.

**We come tired from our work,
in need of refreshment and re-creation.**

We come with worries, in need of your guidance.

**But first, please lift us out of our preoccupation
with our own needs.**

Allow us to see you with the eyes of faith, and to hear with the
ears of understanding what you say to us.

**Make us thankful for all the good we have received
from you.**

Awaken in us a longing to do what is right.

**And make us aware of the great company, past, present,
and to come, with whom we join to worship you.**

Amen.

***Opening Hymn GTG #301** "All Are Welcome"

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
all consuming hurt and pain. 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

While it is true that we have sinned, it is a greater truth that we
are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ. To all who
humbly seek the mercy of God I say, in Jesus Christ your sin is
forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

***Gloria Patri #579** "Glory Be to the Father"

Moment for All Ages

Unison Prayer for Illumination

**Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things.
Through your goodness you have blessed us with these
gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and
dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all
that you have made, for the sake of him who gave
himself for us— Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Scripture

Matthew 20:20-28

The Request of the Mother of James and John

20 Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him with
her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favor of
him. 21 And he said to her, "What do you want?" She said to
him, "Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your
right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom." 22 But Jesus
answered, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able
to drink the cup that I am about to drink?" They said to him,
"We are able." 23 He said to them, "You will indeed drink my
cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine
to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by
my Father."

24 When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two
brothers. 25 But Jesus called them to him and said, "You know
that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great
ones are tyrants over them. 26 It will not be so among you; but
whoever wishes to be great among you must be your
servant, 27 and whoever wishes to be first among you must be
your slave; 28 just as the Son of Man came not to be served but
to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

Ephesians 4:1-16

Unity in the Body of Christ

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life
worthy of the calling to which you have been called, 2 with all
humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one
another in love, 3 making every effort to maintain the unity of
the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one
Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your
calling, 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and
Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. 7 But
each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's
gift. 8 Therefore it is said,

Scripture (cont.)

Ephesians 4:1-16

“When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.”
9 (When it says, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? 10 He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) 11 The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, 13 until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. 14 We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people’s trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. 15 But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, 16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body’s growth in building itself up in love.

Sermon

“The Full Stature of Jesus Christ”

*Song of Response #435

“We All Are One in Mission”

Offering

*Doxology

*Unison Prayer of Dedication:

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us— Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors;**

**and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

*Closing Hymn #436

“We Are Your People”

*Benediction

Go out into the world in peace: have courage; hold on to what is good; return no one evil for evil; help the suffering; honor all; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
With God’s help we will.
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

Postlude

“Voluntary in d/D” by John Stanley

*Please stand if you are able.

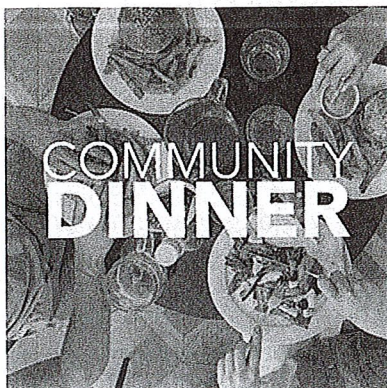


Empower Servant Leadership vs. the Pastor’s job; monopolized leadership; hiring the young, energetic pastor



“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers.” (MATT. 9:37-38)

- Identify, nurture, support the use of spiritual gifts of all people to serve; not monopolized cliques of power.
- All voices and people are necessary, and it is noticeable when people are absent/missing.
- Nurture and encourage those specifically called and gifted for pastoral ministry.



Community Dinners have begun again at church and are held on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Saturdays of the month from 5-6:30 pm!

Take-out meals will be available for people who call the church at 585-924-2289, during the Community Dinner time. Dinners will be brought out to your car.

November dates: 13th (Thanksgiving menu), 20th (menu TBD), 27th (Spaghetti Carbonara)

Musical Volunteers Needed!



We are looking for people who are willing to **share their musical talents** during the Community Dinners! If you are able to share your talents during the dinners, **please call, text or email Karen Hansen: 585-703-7432 / Karenhansen7@hotmail.com**

Church Calendar

Sunday, October 24

10:00 am Worship
11:15 am Coffee Hour
11:15 am VCI Sermon Series "talk-back"
11:30 am Trunk-or-Treat event with VUMC
7:30 pm A.A. & Al Anon

Monday, October 25

7:00 pm Worship Committee Meeting
7:00 pm VCI Sermon Series "talk-back" on ZOOM

Tuesday, October 26

10:00 am Free Panera

Friday, October 29

7:00 pm A.A. Meeting

Fall Office Hours

Office: Mon-Thurs 9am-1pm
Pastor: Mon-Thurs 9am- 4pm

*The "Quiet Room" is available for anyone feeling the need to go to someplace quiet with their child(ren) but don't want to miss out on the service to do so. The audio of the worship is on a speaker in the room and the window overlooks the sanctuary.

Announcements and calendar of events can be found in our

*Thank you to these members who are
helping with worship today-
Liturgist: Sue Delmonico
Deacon Greeters: Kelly Fisher & Nancy Fisher*

Let Us Build a House

All Are Welcome

Capo 3: (A7) (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (Bm) (Bm)
 C7 F C F B^b C Dm

- 1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can
- 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are
- 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa-ter,
- 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be-yond the
- 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and

(D) (A) (D) (Bm7) (Em) (A)
 F C F Dm7 Gm C

safe - ly live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell
 strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek
 wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground
 wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach,
 vi - sions heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed

(Em) (A7) (G) (D) (F#m) (Bm)
 Gm C7 B^b F Am Dm

how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and

(Em) (A) (D) (G)
 Gm C F B^b

vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we
 strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us
 laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this

Refrain
 (D) (G) (F#7) (Bm) (Bm)
 F B^b A7 Dm Dm Dm

love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
 share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are wel - come;
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 house pro-claim from floor to raf - ter:

(F#m) (Em) (D) (Em) (A7) (D) (G) (D) (A7)
 Am Gm F Gm C7 F B^b F C7

all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place.

We All Are One in Mission

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Menningen ms., 17th century
Harm. George Ratcliffe Woodward, 1904

Rusty Edwards, 1986; alt.

1. We all are one in mission, We all are one in call,
 2. We all are called for service To witness in God's name;
 3. Now let us be united And let our song be heard.

Our varied gifts united By Christ, the Lord of all.
 Our ministries are different, Our purpose is the same:
 Now let us be assembled For God's redeeming word.

A single, great commandment - sion compels us from above
 To touch the lives of others By God's surprising grace
 We all are in mission, We all are one in call,

To plan and work together That all may know Christ's love.
 So every folk and nation May feel God's warm embrace.
 Our varied gifts united By Christ, the Lord of all.

We Are Your People

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Brian Wren, 1973

WHITEFIELD Irregular

John W. Wilson, 1980

1. We are Your peo - ple:
 2. Called to por - tray You,
 3. Glad of tra - di - tion,
 4. Joined in com - mu - ni - ty,
 5. Lord, as we min - is - ter

Lord, by Your grace,
 help us to live
 Help us to see
 break - ing Your bread,
 in dif - ferent ways,

You dare to make us Christ to our neigh - bors
 Clos - er than neigh - bors, o - pen to stran - gers,
 In all life's chang - ing where You are lead - ing,
 May we dis - cov - er gifts in each oth - er,
 May all we're do - ing show that You're liv - ing,

of ev - ery a - ble to
 Where our best
 will - ing to
 meet - ing Your

1. na - tion and race.
 2. clash and for - give.
 3. ef - forts should be.
 4. lead and be led.
 5. love with our praise.

1,5 2,3,4 D.C.