

Church Calendar

Sunday, January 2, * No Sunday School

10:00 am Worship
11:15 am Coffee Hour
7:30 pm A.A. & Al Anon

Tuesday, January 4

10:00 am Free Panera

Friday, January 7

7:00 pm A.A. Meeting

Saturday, January 8

8:00 am Men's Breakfast
5-6:30 pm Community Dinner

Announcements and calendar of events
can also be found in our weekly **eNews!**

*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.

Winter Office Hours

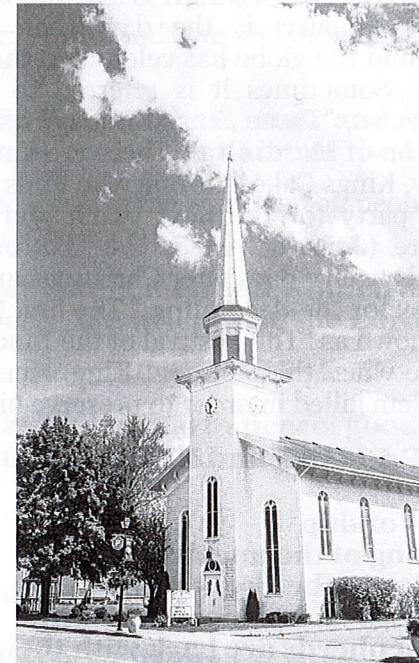
Office: Monday- Thursday 9am-1pm
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Pastor Nick: Mon-Thurs 9am-4pm
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**Please note: Pastor Nick will be on vacation from
December 27th-January 9th.

First Presbyterian Church IN VICTOR

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



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Rev. Bruce Boak – Visiting Pastor
Organist Ayn Patrowicz

Order of Worship **January 2nd, 2022, 10am**
***Please stand if you are able.**

Rev. Bruce Boak – Visiting Pastor

Rev. Boak is a retired pastor in Genesee Valley Presbytery. He is a graduate of Grove City College and Princeton Theological Seminary. Rev. Boak has served congregations in Pennsylvania and Ohio before being called to the First Presbyterian Church of Pittsford from which he was honorably retired. Bruce and his wife Martha, have a son and a daughter and three granddaughters.

This is the 1st Sunday of the New Year. It is also the week of Epiphany. Epiphany, the 6th of January, is the day when traditionally the Christian Church around the globe has celebrated the visit of the wise men from the east. Sometimes it is referred to as “Three Kings Sunday.” In New Orleans, “Three Kings Sunday” officially marks the beginning of the season of Mardi Gras. There are kings everywhere in New Orleans that day, Kings Cake (the one who finds baby Jesus in the king must host the party for the next year), and Joan of Arc on horseback everywhere (Joan of Arc is the “Patron Saint” of New Orleans). January 6 is twelve days after Christmas and in some places it is the traditional day for “de-decorating.” The first two Sundays after Christmas are also known as “The Festival of the Innocents.” This title recalls the loss of life when the paranoid King, Herod had new-born males around Jerusalem killed in order to preserve his kingship.

EPIPHANY and NEW YEAR

Preparation for Worship

**When the song of the angels is stilled
When the star in the sky is gone
When the kings and princes are home
When the shepherds are back with their flocks
the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost; to heal the broken;
to feed the hungry; to release the prisoner;
to rebuild the nations; to bring peace among the
people; to make music in the heart.**

-Howard Thurman in *Bread of Tomorrow*, ed. Janet Morley (New York: Orbis Books, 1992), p. 52.

Lectionary Readings:

Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Prelude

“I Saw Three Ships” arr. by Anna Laura Page

Morning Greetings, Joys, Concerns & Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!

**People: Glory to God in the highest! Praise God, all
the angels; praise God, all the heavenly host!**

Leader: Praise God, sun and moon; praise God, all you
shining stars!

**People: Fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind —
Let them praise the name of the Lord.**

Leader: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all
rulers of the earth!

**People: Young men and women alike, old and young
together; We will praise the Lord!**

Leader: Glory to God in the highest!

**People: And on earth peace, good will to all! God is
with us. Christ is born. Alleluia!**

Based on Psalm 148

*** Hymn of Praise #68**

“What Star Is This”

*** Prayer of the Day (unison)**

**Holy God, we come before you in the early hours of a
new year, as fresh with possibility as the new baby we
come to worship our Savior. Overwhelm us with hope
and gladness today. Open us to a brand-new reality, to
the way things might yet be. Transform us into vibrant
witnesses as we proclaim your good news that is
ancient, yet always and ever new. Amen**

*** Call to Confession**

How often we fail to discern the times! How easily we tear down when the moment calls instead for building up! How often we speak when silence is needed! How tempting it is to look for a harvest when we have not yet planted! Let us pray for God's pardon.

*** Prayer of Confession**

O Lord, God, in the presence of the holy child, you have spoken to us with great tenderness and we have answered with callousness. We confess that we have understood and still refused your call to deal tenderly with one another, to be peacemakers in the earth, to let justice roll down as waters and slake the thirst for righteousness in your world. Forgive us, we pray, and let a new birth of love happen in our lives now as once it happened in a village stall. We pray in the name of the child who is your Christ and our Lord, Jesus. Amen.

*** Words of Assurance**

4 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, 5 in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. 6 And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" 7 So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

- Galatians 4:4-7

*** Gloria Patri #579**

Message for Children

Carol #66 (v.1,5)

"We Three Kings"

Old Testament Reading

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

Everything Has Its Time

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

- 2 a time to be born, and a time to die;
- a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
- 3 a time to kill, and a time to heal;
- a time to break down, and a time to build up;
- 4 a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
- a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
- 5 a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
- a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
- 6 a time to seek, and a time to lose;
- a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
- 7 a time to tear, and a time to sew;
- a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
- 8 a time to love, and a time to hate;
- a time for war, and a time for peace.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:13-23

The Escape to Egypt

13 Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." 14 Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, 15 and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

The Massacre of the Infants

16 When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. 17 Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

18 "A voice was heard in Ramah,
wailing and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be consoled, because they are no more."

(cont.)

Matthew 2:13-23 (cont.)

The Return from Egypt

19 When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 20 “Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.” 21 Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. 22 But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. 23 There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, “He will be called a Nazorean.”

Hymn #35 (v.1,2,5)

“In Bethlehem a Newborn Boy”

Sermon

Let’s Keep Herod in Christmas

Call for the Offering

Offertory Prayer (unison)

For all we have gathered through our toil, we give you thanks, O God. For all that we have claimed at the expense of others, we beg your forgiveness. May the mission we support through our offerings fulfill your expectations of us. It is in love that we bring these gifts to honor your majesty. Thank you for the witness of shepherds, for the faithfulness of truth-keepers, for the transformation of enemies into friends and all that you accomplish when we are open to your Spirit. Receive our lives as we dedicate these gifts to your service. Amen.

Offering

*** Doxology #592**

Intimations

Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer

*** Hymn**

“On This Day”

HYMN TO JOY

(Most will recognize this tune as “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”)

On this day of celebration, on this day when hopes are new,
God, we’ve gathered as your people, called to put our trust in you.
You have made our habitation; you have worked through history.
In your plan we find our purpose; in your love, our unity.

Long ago, you sent our Savior to this world in deep despair.
In your Word made flesh you came, our life to know, our sins to bear.
Christ has died and Christ is risen! At this New Year we proclaim:
Yesterday, today, forever — Jesus Christ is still the same!

Through two thousand years of changes, through these passing
centuries,
You have called your church to witness to Christ’s love that claims
and frees.
Each new generation hears you, each must find a fresh new way
To make known the life you offer, to the people in their day.

On this day, we pause and wonder what the future year will bring,
Yet we know you clothe each flower and you make each sparrow sing.
How much more will you protect us with your guiding, caring hand!
By your Spirit, lead us boldly in the future you have planned.

*** Charge and Benediction**

*** Postlude**

“The First Nowell” arr. by David Willcocks

***Thank you to these members who are
helping with worship today-
Liturgist: Donna Schake
Greeter & Coffee Hour: Steve Mowers***