



**Upcoming Church & Community events to add to your calendars:
*details on each event in your eNews***

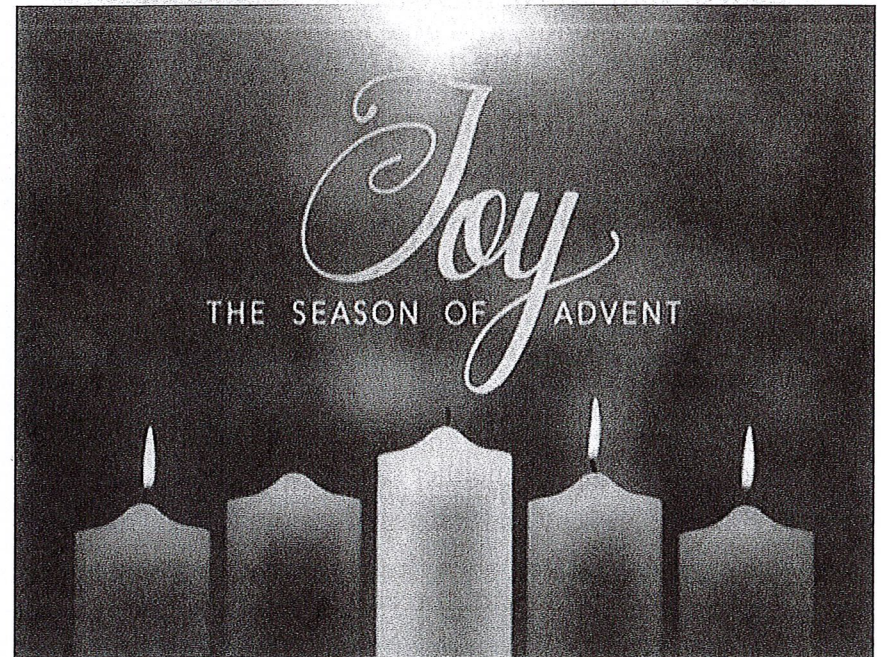
Church Calendar

- 12/11** 10am Worship w/Sunday School (Jonah)
 11am Fellowship Hour, Advent Book Study,
 & Choir Practice
- 12/12** 7pm Session Meeting
- 12/17** 10-3pm GV Handspinners
 5-6:30pm Community Dinner (Baked Ziti)
- 12/18** 10am Worship w/Sunday School (Isaiah's Words)
 11am Fellowship Hour, Advent Book Study,
 & Choir Practice
- 12/21** 1-2:30pm Blanket Squares Group
- 12/24** 7pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Service
- 12/25** 10am Christmas Day service (YouTube)

****Every Tuesday, 10am, FREE Panera on back porch***

****No Sunday School 12/25 or 1/1***

***First
Presbyterian
Church*** IN VICTOR
**WHOEVER YOU ARE.
HOWEVER YOU HAVE COME.
YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.**



First Presbyterian Church
70 East Main Street
Victor, NY 14564
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Pastor Nick Dorland
Organist Ayn Patrowicz

Order of Worship December 11, 2022, 10am
3rd Sunday of Advent
***Please stand if you are able.**

Prelude “Breath of Heaven”, arr. by Lloyd Larson

Welcome & Announcements

Unison Prayer of Invocation

Father in heaven, our hearts desire the warmth of your love, and our minds are searching for the light of your Word. Increase our longing for Christ, our Savior, and give us the strength to grow in love, that the dawn of his coming may find us rejoicing in his presence and welcoming the light of his truth. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

We light these candles as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

Advent means coming.

We are preparing for the full coming of God’s kingdom:

‘The nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.’

‘The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.’

‘The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing.’

Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

—from Isaiah 2:4; 11:6; 35:1-2

***Opening Hymn GTG#88**

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”
(vv.4-6)

Moment for All Ages

Unison Prayer for Illumination

O God, our beginning and end, by whose command time runs its course: bless our impatience, perfect our faith, and, while we await the fulfillment of your promises, grant us hope in your Word. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 11:2-11

Messengers from John the Baptist

2 When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples 3 and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” 4 Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: 5 the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, those with a skin disease are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. 6 And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

Jesus Praises John the Baptist

7 As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? 8 What, then, did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. 9 What, then, did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. 10 This is the one about whom it is written, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’

11 “Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist, yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

Sermon

“Rejoice and Behold”

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Creator of the cosmos, Breath of heaven, Lover of us all, you are our praise, our life, our joy.

You are there through desert wanderings and willful murmurings, rebellious running and tears of complaint.

You are there when sorrow becomes our daily food; you rescue us from ruin and anoint us with blessing. (cont.)

Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come. Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever!

Rising Sun, Soaring Spirit, Radiant Lord, you are there in stable and temple, river and hillside, cross and tomb and even beyond the grave. You are there in shining glory, overcoming death and welcoming us to life.

You meet us in the breaking of bread, you pour out the wine of salvation; you feed us with grace and overwhelm us with love.

According to Christ's commandment:

We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory.

By your Spirit, make these gifts your body and your blood. By your Spirit, make us one with you and with each other. By your Spirit, make us strong that we might share your love with your blessed and broken world.

Fount of mercy, Fire of justice, dearest Friend, bind us to you and send us out to seek and serve and sing your praise, until you gather us up in glory and bright, unending song. **Amen.**

Communion

Communion Hymn #513 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

Offering

***Doxology**

***Unison Prayer of Dedication**

O Mighty One, you have done and are doing great things for us, and holy is your name. Bless all we offer you—ourselves, our time, and our possessions— that through us your grace and favor may be made known to all the world, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

A voice is crying in the wilderness: let us prepare the way of the Lord.

God of our salvation, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the church . . . Let us be a sign of your promised realm and make us ready to meet our Savior Christ when he comes again in glory.

God of our salvation, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world . . . Make a way in the wilderness of this world. Bring justice and equality to every land and let all creatures know your saving love.

God of our salvation, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this community . . . Send messengers of your way among us to kindle in us a passion for what is right and cleanse us from all corruption.

God of our salvation, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for loved ones . . . Let your tender mercy shine on them. Give light to those who wait in darkness and guide their feet into the path of peace.

God of our salvation, **hear our prayer.**

Prepare your way in us, O Lord, that we may rejoice and be glad when your reign of glory comes; through Jesus Christ our Lord...

***Passing the Peace**

***Closing Song #14**

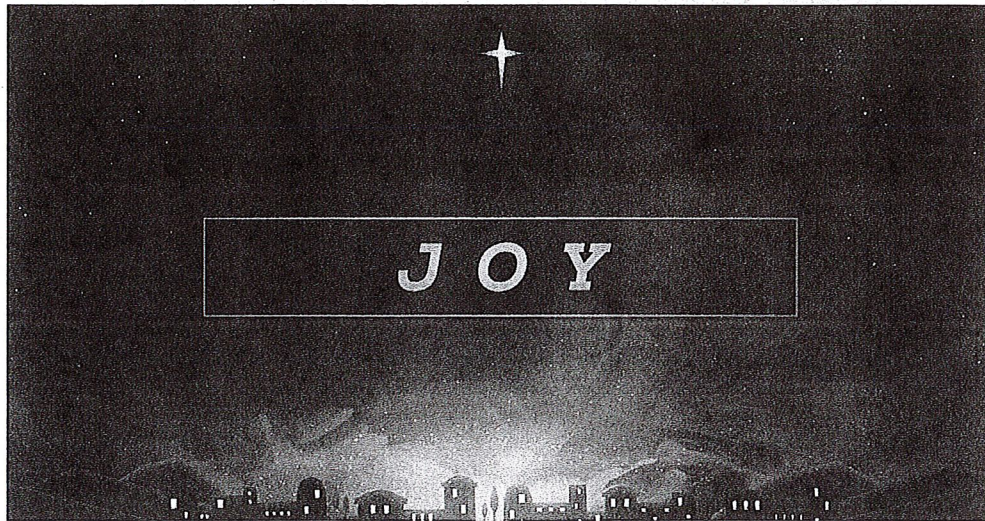
"Savior of the Nations Come"

***Benediction**

May Jesus Christ, the sun of righteousness, who comes with healing in his wings, fill you with the joy and peace that passes all understanding. The blessing of God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Postlude

"The Angel Gabriel", arr. by Anna Laura Page



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

AV: Bill & Samantha Martz

Liturgist: Donna Schake

Greeter & Fellowship:

Karen Tripp

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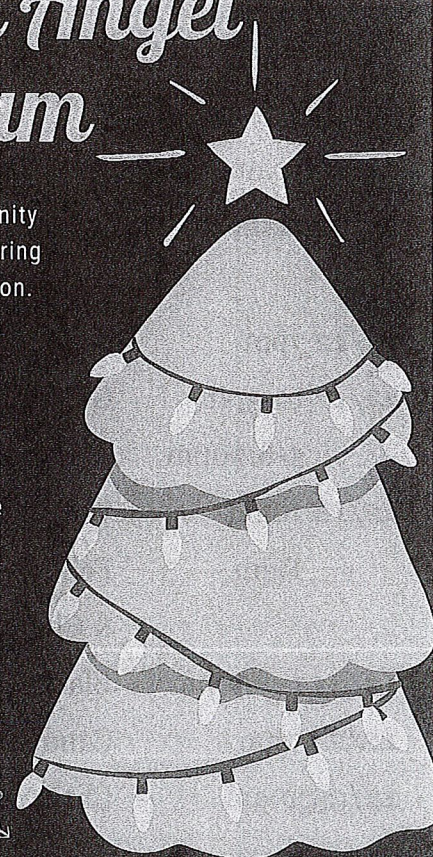
The Victor/ Farmington Angel Tree Program

We rely on the generosity of the community to contribute gifts to our program and bring joy to families in need this holiday season.

**Sign-up to give at:
bit.ly/donateangeltree2022**

Additional details for gift needs and dropoff information can be found on the site. Please check back as the needs list will be updated as new applications are received.

Questions?: Email us at
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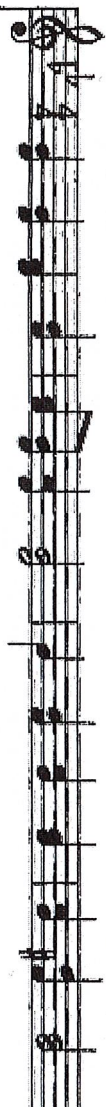
Savior of the Nations, Come

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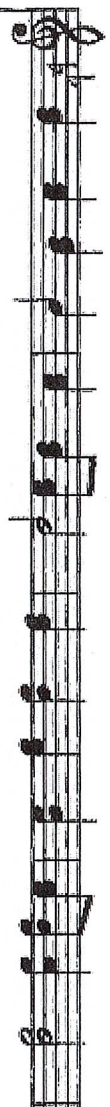
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Allr. Ambrose of Milan, 4th century
Para. Martin Luther, 1524
Trans. William Morton Reynolds, 1850

Based on plainsong melody
Eyn Enchiridion, Erfurt, 1524
As in *Songs of Syon*, 1910



1. Saw - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make here Your home.
2. From the God-head forth You came, And re - turn un - to the same,
3. You, the cho - sen Ho - ly One, Have o'er sin the vic - tory won.
4. Bright-ly does Your man - ger shine, Glo - rious is its light di - vine.



Mar - vel - now, O heav'n and earth, That the Lord chose such a birth.
Cap - tive lead - ing death and hell. High the song of tri - umph swell!
Bound-less shall Your king - dom be; When shall we its glo - ries see?
Let not sin o'er - cloud this light; Ev - er be our faith thus bright.