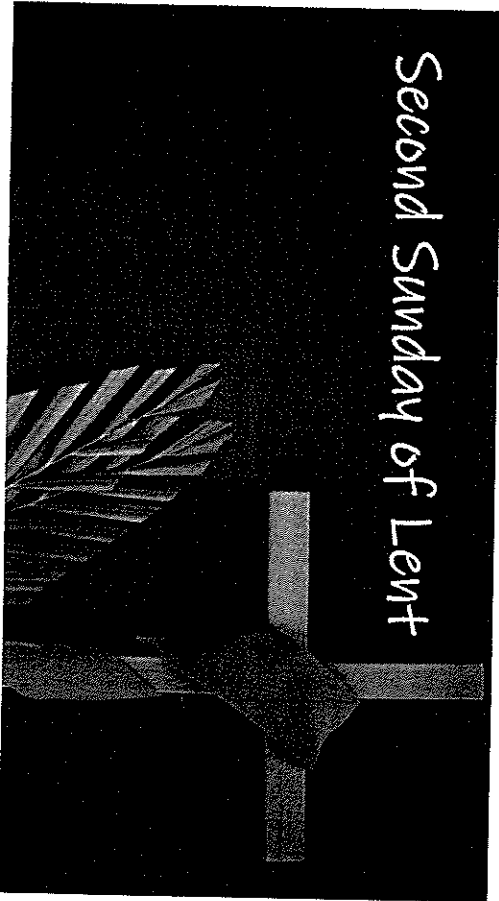


First Presbyterian Church IN VICTOR

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

Second Sunday of Lent



First Presbyterian Church

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Pastors: Rev. Dr. Jimmy Reader

& Rev. Joy Bergfalk

Organist Ayn Patrowicz

Order of Worship **March 5th, 2023, 10am**
2nd Sunday in Lent

***Please stand if you are able.**

Prelude "Beneath the Cross" Keith & Kristin Getty
arr. by Lloyd Larson

Welcome & Announcements

***Responsive Call to Worship**

I lift up my eyes to the hills—
where does my help come from?

(Psalm 121)

**My help comes from the LORD,
the Maker of heaven and earth.**

God will not let our feet slip—
the one who watches over us will not slumber;
indeed, the Lord who watches over the people
will neither slumber nor sleep.

**The LORD watches over you—
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;
the sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.**

The LORD will keep you from all harm—
and will watch over your life;
the LORD will watch over your coming and going
both now and forevermore.

***Opening Hymn No.263** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Scripture Reading

Genesis 12:1-4a

The LORD had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your
people and your father's household to the land I will show
you.

² "I will make you into a great nation,
and I will bless you;

I will make your name great,
and you will be a blessing.

³ I will bless those who bless you,
and whoever curses you I will curse;
and all peoples on earth
will be blessed through you."

⁴ So Abram went, as the LORD had told him.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have often gone our own way,
not loving you as we ought,
nor loving our neighbors as ourselves.
We have too often sinned against you
in thought, word and deed
and in what we have failed to do.
Father, forgive us.

Help us to love you and our neighbors,
and to live for your honor and glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

***Gloria Patri No. 579**

***Passing the Peace**

Anthem

"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

arr. by Ronald Turner

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Unison Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that as the Scriptures are read
and your Word is proclaimed,
we may hear with joy
what you say to us today. Amen.

Scripture Reading

John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who
was a member of the Jewish ruling council. ² He came to
Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a
teacher who has come from God. For no one could
perform the signs you are doing if God were not with
him."

³ Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the
kingdom of God unless they are born again."

⁴ "How can someone be born when they are old?"

Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second
time into their mother's womb to be born!"

(cont.)

Scripture Reading (cont.)

⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' ⁸The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."
⁹"How can this be?" Nicodemus asked.

¹⁰"You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? ¹¹Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. ¹²I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? ¹³No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. ¹⁴Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him."
¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Sermon

"Born of the Spirit"

***Hymn of Response No. 319**

"Spirit of Gentleness"

Offering

***Doxology**

***Unison Prayer of Dedication**

O God, most merciful and gracious,
of whose bounty we have all received,
accept this offering of your people.
Remember in your love those who have brought it
and those for whom it is given,
and so follow it with your blessing
that it may promote peace and goodwill among all
peoples, and advance the kingdom of our Lord and
Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

***Closing Song No. 324**

"Open My Eyes, that I May See"

***Benediction**

Postlude "Trumpet in Dialogue" by Louis Nicolas Clerambault

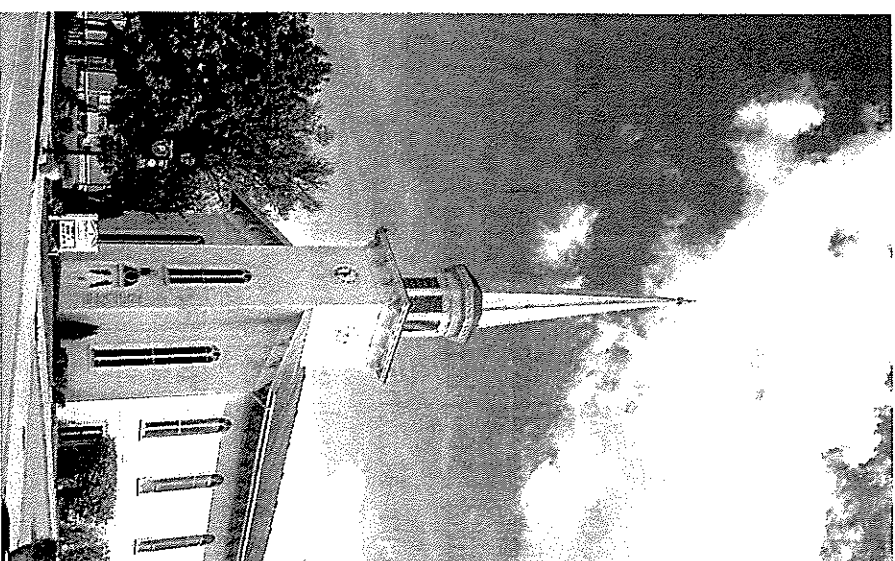
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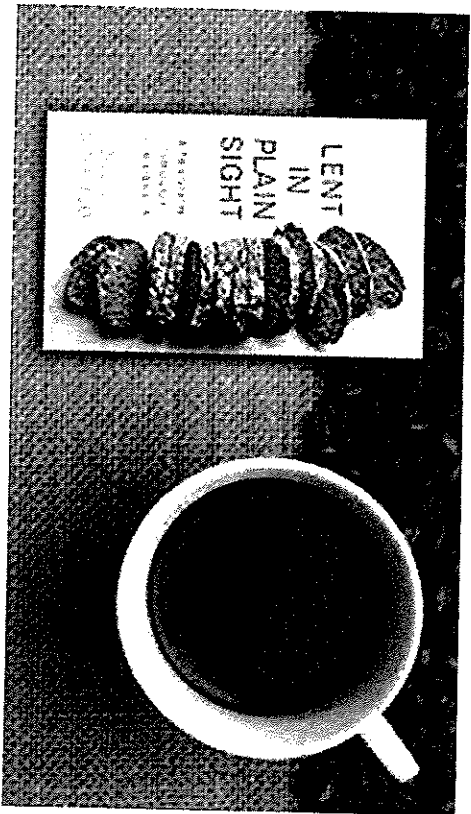
helping with worship today-

AV: Brenda Dean

Liturgist: Dean Cornwall

Greeters & Fellowship: Donna Schake & Alison Simpson





Lent Book Study

Grab a cup of coffee after worship and join us for a 7-week study on the book *Lent in Plain Sight* by Jill J. Duffield. The study will run on Sundays from February 19th through April 2nd. Topics for each week include:

- ✓ Week One, Feb 19 & 26: **Dust and Ash Wednesday**
- ⇒ Week Two, March 5: **Bread**
- Week Three, March 12: **Cross**
- Week Four, March 19: **Coins**
- Week Five, March 26: **Shoes**
- Week Six, March 2: **Oil**
- Week Seven, April 16: **Holy Week and Easter Sunday**



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

Church Calendar

Sunday, March 5th

2nd Sunday in Lent

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

Tuesday, March 7th

- 10 am Free Panera
- 7 pm Bridge Class

Wednesday, March 8th

International Women's Day

Saturday, March 11th

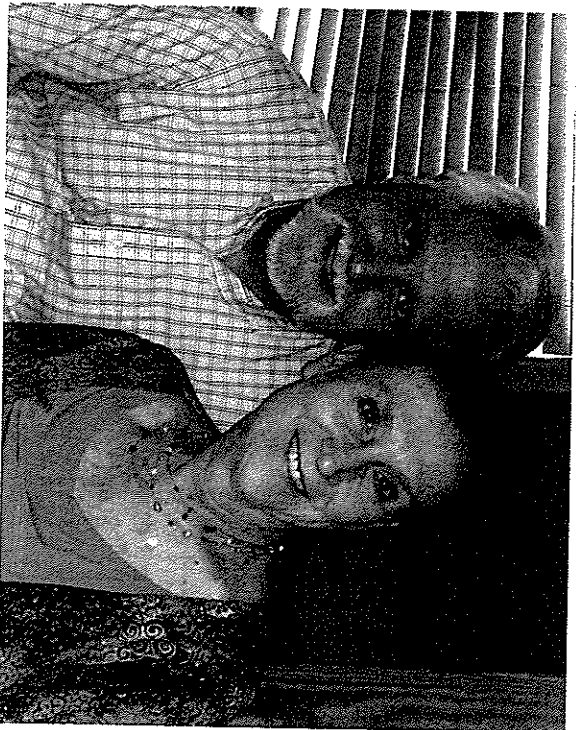
- 8 am Men's Breakfast
- 5-6:30 pm Community Dinner

Sunday, March 12th *Daylight Savings

3rd Sunday in Lent, Communion

- 10 am Sunday Worship (Youth Group during worship)
- 11:15am Fellowship Hour & Lent Book Study
- 7:30pm AA & Al-Anon meetings

****Welcome our New Temporary Pastors:
Rev. Dr. Jimmy Reader & Rev. Joy Bergfalk!***



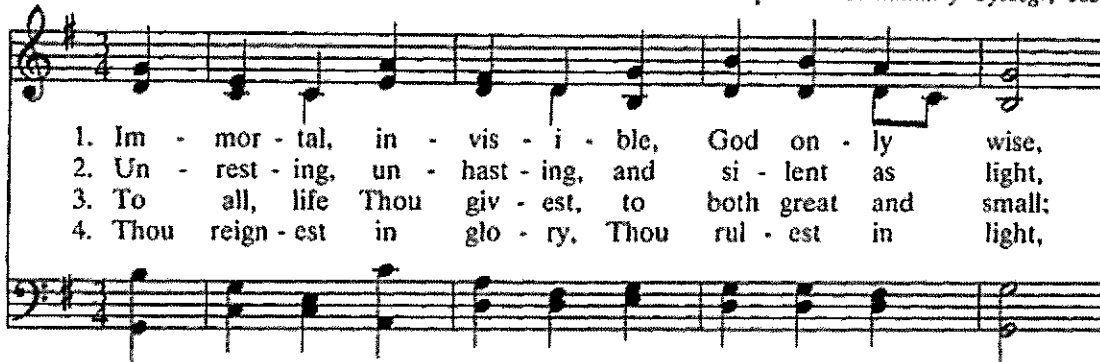
The Rev. Dr. Jimmy Reader and Rev. Joy Bergfalk prefer to be called Jimmy and Joy. Married since 1999, they have a blended family of eight children and 37 grandchildren living in several states. As co-pastors, they bring a combined 93 years of ministry to their pastoral work in Victor.

After decades of ministry in Kansas, Jimmy served as interim pastor at four Presbyterian churches and retired in 2021 from the United Church of Pittsford. Joy served Baptist and Presbyterian churches in Minnesota, Iowa, and New York, and has preached at dozens of churches in recent years while being the executive director of the Coffee Connection, a non-profit business empowering women in recovery from addiction, trauma, and incarceration. Both are ordained American Baptist clergy.

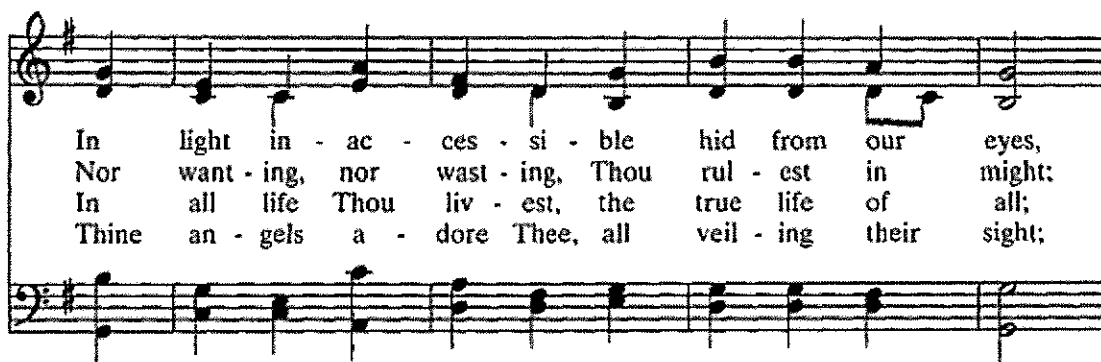
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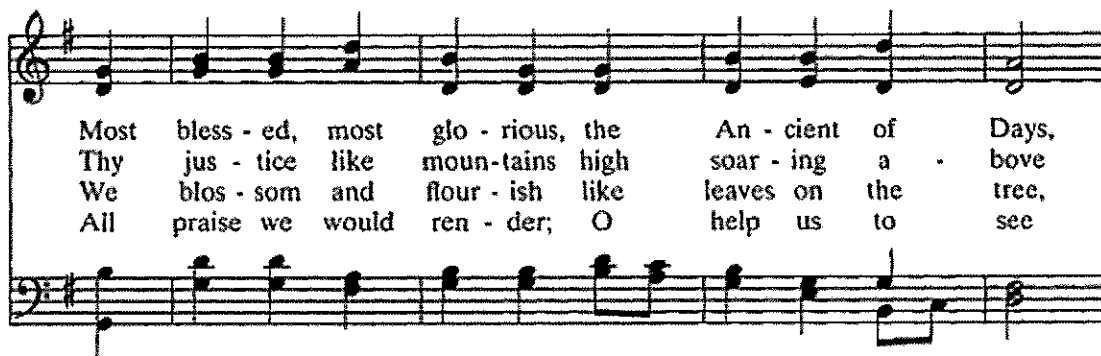
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Welsh folk melody
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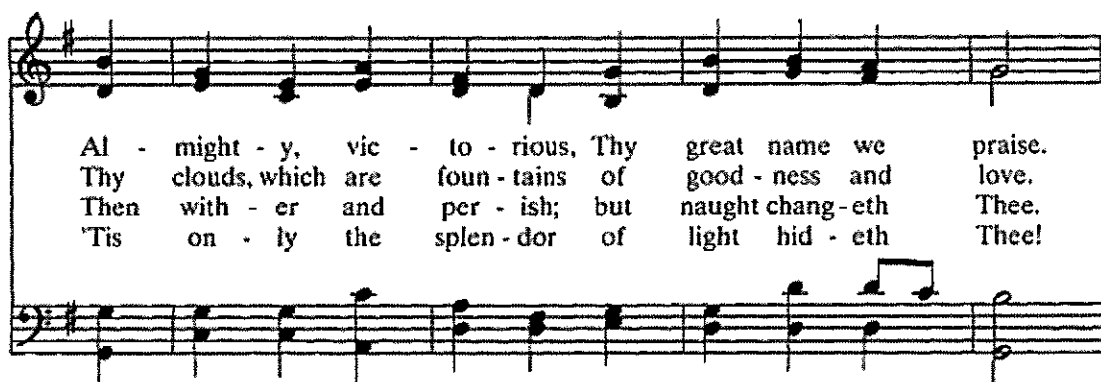
1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3. To all, life Thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4. Thou reign - est in glo - ry, Thou rul - est in light,



In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;
In all life Thou liv - est, the true life of all;
Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;



Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

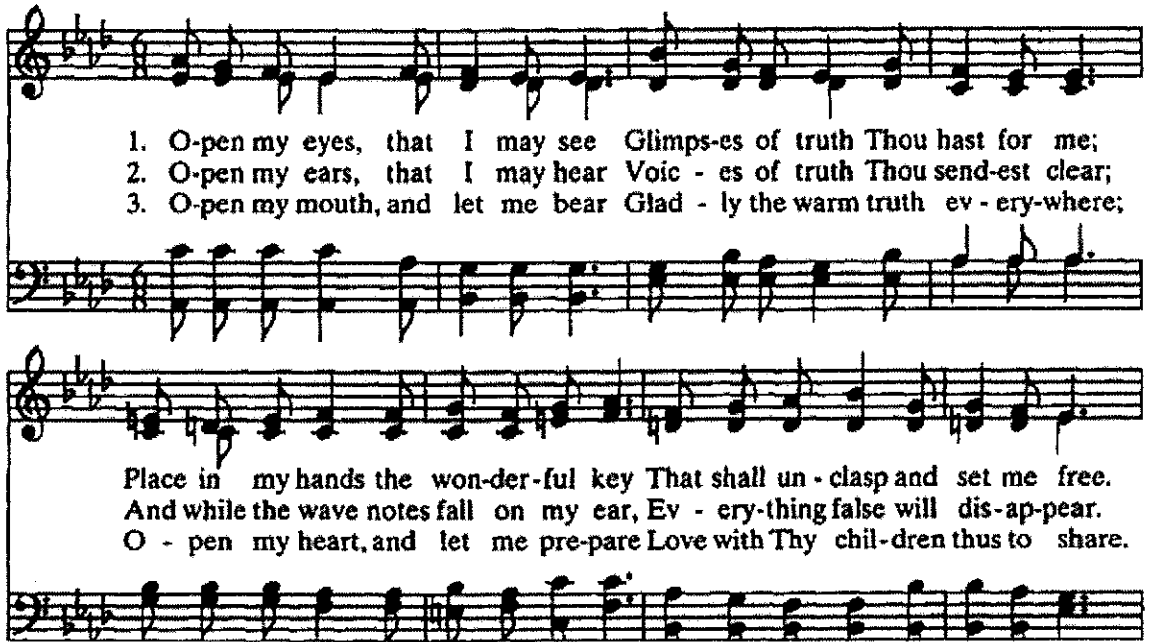


Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.
Thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
Then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth Thee.
'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth Thee!

OPEN MY EYES 8.8.9.8 with refrain

Clara H. Scott, 1895

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1. O - pen my eyes, that I may see Glimps - es of truth Thou hast for me;
 2. O - pen my ears, that I may hear Voic - es of truth Thou send - est clear;
 3. O - pen my mouth, and let me bear Glad - ly the warm truth ev - ery - where;

Place in my hands the won - der - ful key That shall un - clasp and set me free.
 And while the wave notes fall on my ear, Ev - ery - thing false will dis - ap - pear.
 O - pen my heart, and let me pre - pare Love with Thy chil - dren thus to share.

Refrain HOLY SPIRIT



Si - lent - ly now I wait for Thee, Read - y, my God, Thy will to see;

eyes,
 O - pen my ears, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
 heart,

Spirit

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Spir - it, spir - it of gen - tle - ness, Blow through the

wil - der - ness, call - ing and free, Spir - it,

spir - it of rest - less - ness, Stir me from plac - id - ness, Wind,

wind on the sea.

1. You moved on the wa - ters, You called to the
2. You swept through the des - ert, You stung with the
3. You sang in a sta - ble, You cried from a
4. You call from to - mor - row, You break an - cient

deep, sand, hill, schemes, Then You coaxed up the moun - tains From the
And You gift - ed your peo - ple With a
Then You whis - pered in sor - row - lence When the
Froth the bond - age of sor - row The

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val - leys of sleep, And o - ver the
law and a land, And when they were blind
chap - tives dream still, And down in the cit -

ons ed y sions, You With their Our
called i - dol - s and a - gain
men clear their eyes.

wake from your slum - bers
spoke through Your proph - ets
blew through Your de - ci - sions
bold new de - ci - sions

rise on your wings;
o - pen their eyes;
rush of the wind.