

# LIFELONG Discipleship Formation vs.

complacent "Christian" piety, simply teaching good morals, or offering the latest programs

- "The righteousness that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness of God based on faith." (PHIL. 3:9B)
- From the cradle to the grave seeking to be formed for right living with God and with all people.
- Faith seeking understanding, cultivating wisdom, and actively following Christ. It is not an extra-curricular activity nor merely head-knowledge.
- Discipleship awakened and engaged in issues facing today's culture: injustice, inequality, divisive segregation, oppression, suffering, abuse of creation.
- Discipleship formed and strengthened in the community of Christ and permeates daily practices and daily living.

# **Vital Congregations Initiative**

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.

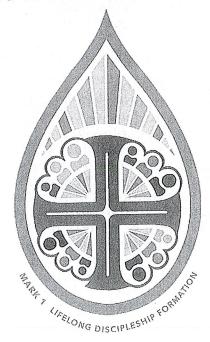
# **Upcoming Dates:**

In-person, Sundays after worship: Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28

**ZOOM**, Mondays 7-8pm: Nov. 8, 15, 22, 29 Meeting ID: 881 0880 7850 Passcode: 206152

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



First Presbyterian Church 70 East Main Street Victor, NY 14564 585-924-2289 www.victorpres.org Pastor Nick Dorland Organist Ayn Patrowicz Order of Worship November 7, 2021, 10am 24th Sunday after Pentecost Commitment Sunday

Prelude

Let Us Break Bread Together" arr. by John Carter

## Welcome & Announcements

\*Call to Worship

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before the Lord with thanksgiving and extol God with music and song.
This is the day the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

\*Opening Hymn #434 "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"

**Unison Prayer of Confession** 

God of grace, we confess that we have elevated the things of this world above you. We have made idols of possessions and people and used your name for causes that are not consistent with you and your purposes. We have permitted our schedules to come first and have not taken the time to worship you. We have not always honored those who guided us in life. We have participated in systems that take life instead of give it. We have been unfaithful in our covenant relationships. We have yearned for, and sometimes taken, that which is not ours, and we have misrepresented others' intentions.

Forgive us, O God, for the many ways we fall short of your glory. Help us to learn to live together according to your ways through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

# **Assurance of Pardon**

The God who challenges us is also the God who encourages us. The God who confronts us is also the God who accepts us. Be assured that God is with us even now, accepting, guiding, and forgiving. **Thanks be to God.** 

\*Gloria Patri #579

"Glory Be to the Father"

# **Moment for All Ages**

**Unison Prayer for Illumination** 

Eternal God, in the reading of the Scripture, may your Word be heard; in the meditations of our hearts, may your Word be known; and in the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown. Amen.

# Scripture

Deuteronomy 6:1-10
The Great Commandment

6 Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that the Lord your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, 2 so that you and your children and your children's children may fear the Lord your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. 3 Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

4 Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. 5 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. 6 Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. 7 Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. 8 Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, 9 and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

**Caution against Disobedience** 

10 When the Lord your God has brought you into the land that he swore to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you—a land with fine, large cities that you did not build

# Micah 6:8

8 He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Sermon

"That it May Go Well with Us"

**Affirmation of Faith: Apostles Creed** 

# **Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise...

Therefore we gladly join our voices to the song of the church on earth and in heaven: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Communion Song (insert)

"Behold the Lamb" (v.1-3)

Communion

Communion Song (insert)

"Behold the Lamb" (v.4)

Offering \*Doxology

\*Unison Prayer of Dedication:

Dear God, receive our offering. Guide those who use it, that it may help to bring fullness of life to those who live in need and long for our care. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

We praise and thank you, O Lord, that you have fed us with your Word and at your table. Grateful for your gifts and mindful of the communion of your saints, we offer to you our prayers for all people. God of compassion, we remember before you the poor and the afflicted, the sick and the dying, prisoners and all who are lonely, the victims of war, injustice, and inhumanity, and all others who suffer from whatever their sufferings may be called.

[Silence]

O God the Creator, we pray for all nations and peoples. Take away the mistrust and lack of understanding that divide your creatures; increase in us the recognition that we are all your children.

[Silence]

(cont.)

O Savior God, look upon your church in its struggle upon the earth. Have mercy on its weakness, bring to an end its unhappy divisions, and scatter its fears. Look also upon the ministry of your church. Increase its courage, strengthen its faith, and inspire its witness to all people, even to the ends of the earth. [Silence]

Author of grace and God of love, send your Holy Spirit's blessing to your children here present. Keep our hearts and thoughts in Jesus Christ, your Son, our only Savior,

who has taught us to pray:

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 #391

"Take My Life" (v.1,2,4)

### \*Benediction

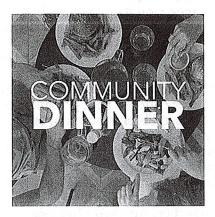
May the blessing of God, the giver of every good and perfect gift; and of Christ, who summons us to service; and of the Holy Špirit, who inspires generosity and love, be with us all.

**Postlude** 

"In Thee is Gladness" arr. by Paul Manz

\*Please stand if you are able.

Thank you to these members who are helping with worship todau-Liturgist: Larry Teel Greeters: Beverly Frost & Cheryl Nichols Coffee Hour volunteers: Michael & Amy Reinhardt



Community Dinners have begun again at church and are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 <u>share their</u> <u>musical talents</u> during the Community Dinners! If you are able to share your talents during the dinners, <u>please call, text or email Karen Hansen:</u> 585-703-7432 / Karenhansen7@hotmail.com

# **Church Calendar**

Sunday, November 7 (Daylight Saving)

10:00 am

Worship

11:15 am

Coffee Hour

11:15 am

VCI Sermon Series "talk-back"

7:30 pm

A.A. & Al Anon

# Monday, November 8

7:00 pm

VCI Sermon Series "talk-back"- ZOOM

# Tuesday, November 9

10:00 am

Free Panera

# Wednesday, November 10

6:00 pm

Girl Scout presentation

7:30 pm

Administrative Committee Meeting-ZOOM

# Thursday, November 11

Veterans Day

# Friday, November 12

7:00 pm

A.A. Meeting

# Saturday, November 13

10-2 pm

Genesee Valley Handspinners

5-6:30 pm

Community Dinner

# 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.

# Behold The Lamb

Words and Music by Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend

