

Church Calendar

Sunday, December 12

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

Tuesday, December 14

10:00 am Free Panera

Friday, December 17

7:00 pm A.A. Meeting

Saturday, December 18

10-2 pm GV Handspinners
5-6:30 pm Community Dinner

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

Winter Office Hours

Office: Monday- Thursday 9am-1pm
office@victorpres.org

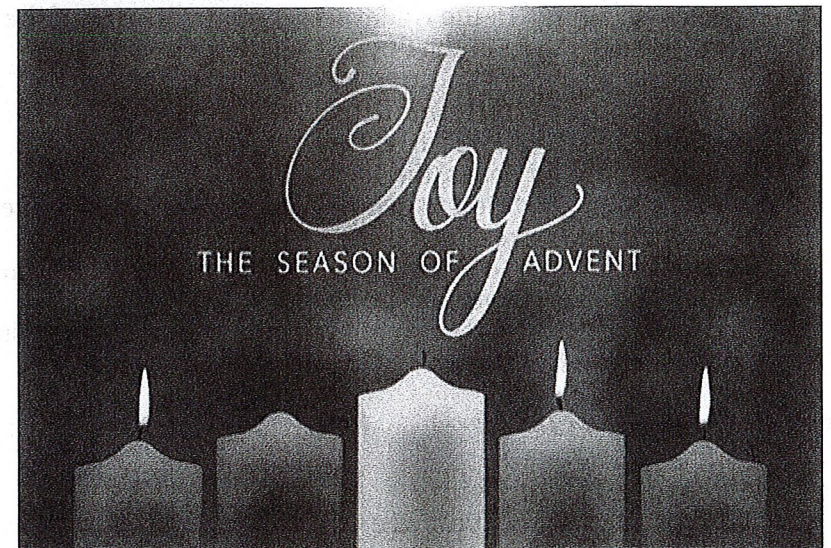
Pastor Nick: Mon-Thurs 9am-4pm
pastor@victorpres.org

*Thank you to these members who are
helping with worship today-
Liturgist: Clay Girouard
Greeter & Coffee Hour: Kelly Fisher*

*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.

First Presbyterian Church IN VICTOR

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



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Pastor Nick Dorland
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Order of Worship
3rd Sunday of Advent

December 12, 2021, 10am
***Please stand if you are able.**

Prelude "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" arr. by Mark Hayes

Welcome & Announcements

Moment for Mission Family Promise of Ontario County

***Lighting of the Advent Wreath** Fisher-Forkell Family

The Advent wreath is a circle with no beginning and no end.
It is a symbol of God's unending love and faithfulness.

**Isaiah the prophet calls us to prepare for the coming
of Jesus by making straight all that is crooked.**

A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the
Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

**Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."**

Let us prepare for Jesus, the Christ,
who is anointed by God to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the broken-hearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners.

**For as a garden causes seeds to grow,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.**

***Opening Hymn #14** "Savior of the Nations, Come"

Unison Prayer of Confession:

**God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all
nations under your rule.**

**We confess that we have not expected your kingdom,
for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised
judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors,
abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace.**

**In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to
welcome your way, and to seek things that will
endure when Christ comes to judge the world.**

Assurance of Pardon

Every valley is lifted up; every mountain, made low. Now the
glory of the Lord is revealed, for the mouth of the Lord has
spoken. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

Gloria Patri

#579 Glory Be to the Father

Moment for All Ages

Unison Prayer for Illumination

**Holy God, our hope and strength, by the power of
your Spirit prepare the way in our hearts for the
coming of your Word, so that we may see the
glorious signs of your promise fulfilled; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Scripture Readings

Zephaniah 3:14-20

A Song of Joy

14 Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!

15 The Lord has taken away the judgments against you,
he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.

16 On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
Do not fear, O Zion;

do not let your hands grow weak.

17 The Lord, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;

he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing
18 as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it.

19 I will deal with all your oppressors
at that time.

And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.

20 At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says the Lord.

(cont.)

Luke 3:7-18

7 John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. 9 Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

10 And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" 11 In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." 12 Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" 13 He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." 14 Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

15 As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, 16 John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 17 His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

18 So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Sermon "He proclaimed the Good News"

Song of Response #10 "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

Offering

Special Music "Prepare the Way of the Lord" by Lloyd Larson
Steve Song, soloist

***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

Gathered here, in the house of the Lord, let us pray for the coming of Christ's realm.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer...**

Bring peace, O God, to the world you have made: the peace that passes understanding and the promise of your new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is coming in glory to reign.

***Closing Song #13**

"Prepare the Way"

***Benediction**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Alleluia!** Prepare the way of the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"From Heaven Above" arr. by Gordon Young

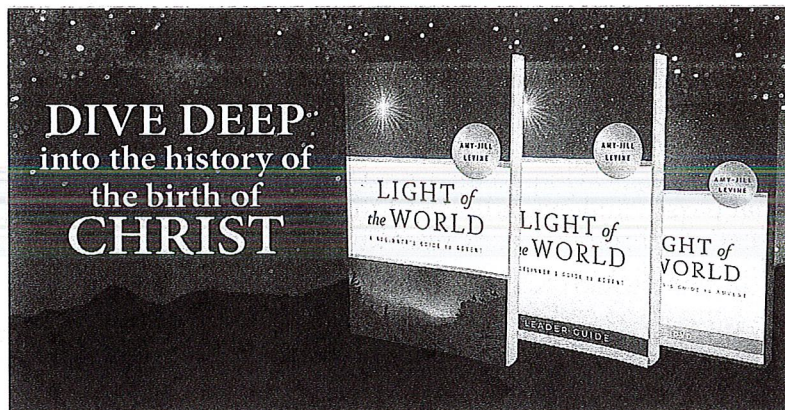


Our virtual host week is coming to an end, Dec. 5 - 12, and in lieu of on-site dinners, activities, and overnight support, Family Promise is requesting gift cards from Tops and Wal-Mart so families can purchase their own food supplies. Cards or monetary donations can be mailed to Family Promise 185 N Main St Canandaigua 14424 attn: Dave Simmons.

Many thanks to all those who donated to a Family Promise family we adopted for the Christmas season, so our church could purchase gifts for the two children and parents. We collected close to \$400 and bought clothes, toys, and gift cards to make their Christmas season that much merrier! Thanks again!

Speaking of the Christmas season, thanks to Nancy & Bruce Fisher and Barb Cromwell who helped decorate the FP Day Center this past week! Family Promise staff and guests were very appreciative of the Christmas trees, mantle decorations and wreaths that were put on display!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all for helping homeless children and their families in Ontario County!
God Bless, Rich Cromwell



Book Study: "Light of the World" by Amy Jill Levine.
 4-week study, following Sunday worship,
 during the 4 weeks of Advent

"How much do you love the Christmas story? Have you ever wanted to know more about it, appreciate its significance for the first audience hearing it? Join our Advent book study "Light of the World" written by Jewish scholar and professor Amy Jill Levine. Amy calls herself the "unorthodox orthodox Jewish scholar" which is a fun way to say that she practices Judaism but teaches to and for both Jewish and Christian audiences. I appreciate her scholarship, humor, and the videos I have watched of her in this series and I cannot wait to join together in this study. Together with Amy and all of you, I believe we will grow in understanding, cultural and religious awareness, and our faith around these wonderful Christmas stories that are all about Jesus who is the "Light of the World."

Upcoming dates of study: December 12, 19, after Sunday worship



Sunday School News

During the month of December, both classes will meet in the PreK-2 room. We will be practicing our Christmas Presentation and making crafts for the residents of The Legacy Senior Home. *I am proud to announce that we collected 25lbs of crayons for the Crayon Initiative. Thank you to everyone who donated.*

Masks are still required for Sunday school attendance.

Date	Lesson
December 12, 2021	Practice presentation
December 19, 2021	Christmas Presentation/Crafts
December 26, 2021	NO Sunday School

- December 12th - Practice presentation in sanctuary after service
- December 19th - Christmas Presentation
- December 24th - Christmas Eve service
- December 25th - Christmas Day
- December 26th - No Sunday School

Prepare the Way

BEREDEN VÅG FÖR HERRAN 7.6.7.6.7.7 with refrain

Frans Mikael Franzen (1771-1847)
Adapt. Charles P. Price, 1980; alt. 1989*Then Swenska Psalmboken, 1697*
Alt. American Lutheran Hymnal, 1930

1. Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, Your Christ is draw - ing near!
2. Christ brings God's rule, O Zi - on; He comes from heaven a - bove.
3. Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; Your Sav - ior's rule em - brace.

Let ev - ery hill and val - ley A lev - el way ap - pear.
His rule is peace and free - dom, And jus - tice, truth, and love.
And tid - ings of sal - va - tion Pro - claim in ev - ery place.

Greet One who comes in glo - ry, Fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, For grace and joy a - bound - ing.
All lands will bow re - joic - ing, Their ad - o - ra - tion voic - ing.

Refrain

ADVENT

O blest is Christ that came In God's most ho - ly name.

The musical score consists of two systems. The first system has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The second system has a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes.

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Savior of the Nations, Come

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NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND 7.7.7.7

Attr. 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. Sav - 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.

The musical score is in 4/4 time and has a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of four systems of music, each corresponding to a verse of the hymn.

Mar - vel - now, O heaven 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.

The musical score is in 4/4 time and has a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of two systems of music for the final verse.

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

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Charles Coffin, 1736
Trans. John Chandler, 1837; alt.

Musikalisches Handbuch, 1690
Harm. William Henry Monk, 1847; alt.

1. On Jor - dan's bank the ery our An -
 2. Then cleansed be ev - ery our sin; cry
 3. We hail You as You, Lord, Make
 4. All praise to You, e - ter - nal Son, Whose

noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and heark - en,
 straight the way for God with - in, And let us all our
 ref - uge, and our great re - ward; O let Your face up -
 ad - vent has our free - dom won, Whom with the Fa - ther

for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
 hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.
 on us a - shine And fill the world with love di - vine.
 we a - dore, And Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.