

First Presbyterian *Church* IN **VICTOR**

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

Dear Members and Friends of the First Presbyterian Church in Victor,

Earlier today, November 22, 2020 I was presented as a candidate for the position of Pastor and Head of Staff for The Presbyterian Church in Geneva, NY. At a congregational meeting following worship, the members of GPC extended to me an offer to be their next installed pastor. I have accepted that offer and position. I am profoundly called into this new ministry even as I know it will require my departure from Victor. My service in Geneva is anticipated to begin on February 1, 2021.

On October 1, 2004 I began my ministry here as the pastor of this great community of faith. My wife Dina was pregnant at the time with our son, Ian. He will turn 16 in January. Our children have been raised in the community of Victor and the fellowship of this church. Thank you for your deep kindness, flexibility, and support that has allowed this to be a wonderful environment in which they could be formed.

Over the course of this time, we as a church community have accomplished much and journeyed far together. I will not take this space to list all the good we have shared, for I do not intend to send you a book. I do, however, need to acknowledge the holy work you have allowed me to share in, and the holy moments God has granted us all along the way.

I personally have grown and been shaped by this time together. Because of this ministry and you people I trust that I am a better man, a more committed disciple, and a wiser pastor than when I began. I thank you for smoothing my edges, lifting my spirit, sharing in worship and mission, and caring for me well. You are and will ever be a foundational part of my story of faith.

That story now will turn the page to a new chapter.

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While specific details regarding the dissolution of my pastoral relationship here at FPCV will need to be negotiated with your Session, the Presbytery of Genesee Valley, and approved by you at a congregational meeting, I anticipate remaining in service here through the end of 2020. I expect to lead my final worship service in Victor on Christmas Eve.

We will have one more season of Hope, Peace, Joy, Love, and celebrating the arrival of the Christ child together. How good it is to know there will come a day when all things are complete in the Lord. How good it is to know that on this day we are already in the presence of Grace. God so loves the world, this church, and you, that Christ has come, Christ is risen, and Christ will come again. This is God's church, and you are God's people in God's care. That will never change.

It is with the deepest gratitude that I, and my family, offer you our thanks for the love, joy, support, and grace you have offered us in these 16 years of walking together.

I will be available in these next weeks ahead as you may wish process, pray, and step forward into the reality of this transition. But for now, I simply say thank you and may the peace of Christ be with you all.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pastor Colin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rev. Colin Pritchard