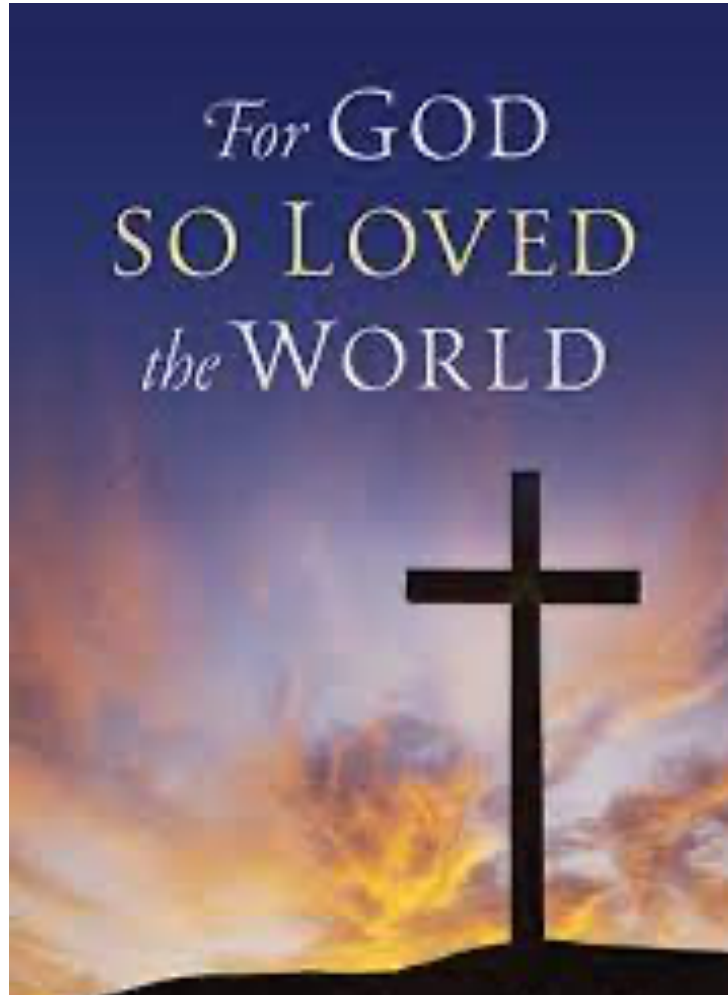


First Presbyterian Church
19 Seminary Street - Barre, Vermont



Sunday Morning Service, April 21, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Welcome!

Join us as we experience our spiritual journey through Christian community and by living God's love in word and deed.

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GATHERING

Today's hymns are from the purple Glory to God hymnal.

This service is being recorded for viewing on Facebook and on our website. Please remember to guard your privacy as best you see fit.

Gathering on Abenaki Lands

Prelude "Blessed are Those Who Live in Faith Unswerving" Johannes Brahms

Welcome and Call to Worship (From Psalm 23:1, John 10:14-16)

One: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

One: The Lord Jesus Christ is our Shepherd.

All: He lays down his life for the sheep.

One: The Lord Jesus Christ is our Shepherd.

All: He knows us, and we belong to him.

One: The Lord Jesus Christ is our Shepherd.

All: He speaks, and we listen for his voice.

One: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

◆ Opening Hymn #394 "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

1. Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone, chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one; holy Zion's help forever, and our confidence alone.
2. To this temple, where we call you, come, O Lord of hosts, and stay; come, with all your loving kindness; hear your people as we pray, and your fullest benediction shed within these walls today.
3. Here bestow on all your servants what they seek from you to gain; what they gain from you, forever with the blessed to retain; and hereafter in your glory evermore with you to reign.
4. Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son, laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one; one in might and one in glory while unending ages run!

PRAYING: CONFESSION/ASSURANCE

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *(in unison)*

Lord, bring new life and restoration where we are worn and tired.
(silence)

Lord, bring new love where we have turned hard-hearted or impatient.
(silence)

Lord, bring forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded.
(silence)

Words of Forgiveness

◆ **Passing of the Peace** - Now is the time we pass the peace saying "Peace be with you" and responding with "And also with you." When we pass the peace of Christ, we affirm that the nature of our faith is founded in the love, grace, and peace Christ continually extends to us.

LISTENING

Prayer for Illumination *(in unison)*

Lord of life, you continually renew the face of the earth, and it is your will to renew the world fallen into sin and death. Open our minds that we may discern in your word the dawning of true life, and live with Christ in this new creation.
Alleluia! Amen.

Scripture Readings 1 John 3:16-24
 John 10:11-18

Prompting "See What Love!" Rev. Deborah McKinley

RESPONDING

◆ **Hymn #343** "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life" *(verses 1, 2, 3, 6)*

1. Where cross the crowded ways of life, where sound the cries of race and clan, above the noise of selfish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of Man.
2. In haunts of wretchedness and need, on shadowed thresholds fraught with fears, from paths where hide the lures of greed, we catch the vision of your tears.
3. From tender childhood's helplessness, from human grief and burdened toil, from famished souls, from sorrow's stress, your heart has never known recoil.
6. Till all the world shall learn your love, and follow where your feet have trod; till glorious from your heaven above shall come the city of our God.

Announcements, Joys, and Concerns

Prayers of the People (*Finishing with the Lord's Prayer, page 35. We invite you to use the words with which you are most comfortable.*)

Our Father/Mother, 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

Reflection Music "God is My Shepherd" Antonin Dvořák

Call for the Offering. (*We invite you to place your offering in the offering plate at the rear of the sanctuary. You can also give online or by mail. Thank you.*)

SENDING

Closing Hymn #802 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is!"

1. The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.
2. Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul he leadeth, and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.
3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me, and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me; thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.
5. Tough spread'st table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth; and O what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!
6. And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude "Little Prelude and Fugue in G Major" J.S. Bach

◆ **Please rise in body or spirit as you are able.**

Rev. Deborah McKinley is our Guest Minister today.
Thanks to Cathy Jamieson for leading us in worship.
Thanks to Dan Krymkowski for making music with us.

Prayers - Each week we pray for a different person or family in our church. This week we invite you to keep Lori and Mark Cayia in your prayers. Gracious Lord, we give thanks for them, and their presence in this congregation. Hold them in the palm of your hand and let them feel your love. Give them the wisdom and strength to do your will and the faith and courage to face whatever challenges may arise.

As part of being the connectional Presbyterian Church, we keep in our prayers other ministries within the Presbytery of Northern New England. This week our prayers are for the PNNE Assembly - April 25. Prayers for all: Moderator, Presbyter, Stated Clerk, and Commissioners.

Rev. Deborah McKinley



Debbie has served as a Presbyterian minister since 1982. Having retired in 2021, she served congregations in Pennsylvania, Virginia and Vermont, ranging in size from 800 members to 50 members. She also served at the General Assembly level in the Office of Worship. She received her BA at the University of California, San Diego and her M.Div. at Princeton Theological Seminary, where she served on the Board of Trustees for 22 years. She serves on the CREDO faculty as a Conference Leader for the Board of Pensions clergy-renewal program. Debbie enjoys involvement in local efforts and is currently on the Board of the Craftsbury Public library. She lives in Craftsbury, VT, and enjoys doing pretty much anything outside: walking, snowshoeing, hiking, kayaking, biking, swimming, gardening. She's a baseball fan, and regrets that so many of the Red Sox games are blacked out on her primary streaming service.

Announcements

The Annual Retreat for Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of Northern New England will be May 10-11, 2024. It will take place at the Calumet Lutheran Camp and Conference Center in Freedom, NH. The theme of the retreat is "Make a Joyful Noise" and there will be lots of singing, in addition to other fun activities, such as a Women of the Bible Fashion Show (Friday night). Registrants may come for Friday night and Saturday, or just for the day on Saturday. For more information please contact Janet Fuhrmeister.

Springtime Pipe Organ Concert and Ice Cream Social will be at Ryegate Presbyterian Church, 48 South Bayley Hazen Road, Ryegate Corner, VT, at 2PM on Saturday, April 27th. Premelia S. Sears and David F. Sears, who have performed all over the northeast, will share a wide selection of classical music on the Buffington pipe organ built about 1855. Directed by Kimberly Whitehead, the Chancel Choir of the First Congregational Church of Milford, NH will sing four mid-20th century full-spirited songs. Plan for an hour of specially selected music topped off by a yummy ice cream sundae.

Online Security - If you choose to protect your online security by changing your screen name, please send a **chat message** upon logging into our zoom service. Josh will then know that it is you and can admit you to the service.

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CHURCH SESSION & DEACONS

Building - Lee Aura Bonamico

Faith Development - Cathy Jamieson (chair), Janet Fuhrmeister

Fellowship - Lee Aura Bonamico, Janet Fuhrmeister

Finance - Cathy Jamieson (chair), Diane Nichols-Fleming

Flood Recovery Sub Committee – Diane Nichols-Fleming, Cathy Jamieson, Dottie Ricks, Lee Aura Bonamico, Sylvia Mitton

Nominating - Lee Aura Bonamico, Cathy Jamieson

Outreach - Jim Nichols-Fleming (co-chair), Roxanne Casadonte (co-chair), Dottie Ricks

Personnel - Chris Fuhrmeister (chair), Jim Nichols-Fleming

Worship - Dan Krymkowski (chair), Dottie Ricks

Deacon - Sylvia Mitton (chair)

Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC) - Barb Bernatchy, Marcia Cochran, Rachel Hickory, Dan Krymkowski, Diane Nichols-Fleming, Katherine Paterson, Dottie Ricks

OUR CHURCH

Administrative Assistant - Cindy Hooker

Music Director - Dan Krymkowski

Custodian - Jennifer Milne

Organist - Dan Krymkowski

Pianist - Alison Cerutti

Treasurer - Kathy Adams

Deacon of the Month - Barbara Bernatchy

Elder of the Month - Cathy Jamieson



As a Matthew 25 church, First Presbyterian, Barre works to engage the community, dismantle structural racism, and eradicate systemic poverty.

First Presbyterian Church, Barre is part of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and is a congregation in the Presbytery of Northern New England.

UPCOMING GUEST SPEAKERS

April 28 - Theresa Lever
May 5 (Communion) - Rev. Carol Ann Barker
May 12 - Rev. Dr. Lawrence Jones
May - 19 Rev. Simon Ruth de Voil

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Session, (as scheduled)
Deacons, 1st Monday, 7:30 p.m. (*No meetings in July and August*)
Outreach, 1st Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
Book Group, 4th Tuesday
Meditation Group, Thursdays, 10 a.m.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

April 26th - Bruce Donovan

UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES

No Anniversaries in April

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