

# THE UNITED CHURCH

PRESBYTERIAN – AMERICAN BAPTIST

November 3, 2024

**PRELUDE:** *“Berceuse” by Louis Vierne*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GREETING**

## OUR PREPARATION

**Focus of the day:** Legacy - Our actions today impact future generations.

**INTROIT:** (11:00) *“There’s a Quiet Understanding”* (hymn #788)

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Come, let us gather to celebrate the story of our faith,

**People:** Where we recount God’s promises kept from generation to generation.

Leader: Come, with spirits ready to receive the blessings of our Father,

**People:** Where we embrace the legacy of those who walked before us in faith.

**All:** United in Christ, let us worship God, whose stories are woven into our very lives, continuing the work of redemption and grace.

**HYMN:** #66 *“The God of Abraham Praise”* CCLI Song #484742, Public Domain. #11593017

**\*OPENING PRAYER:** Gracious God, as we enter into Your presence this day, we come with thankful hearts for the gift of Your Word and the story of Your people. Inspire us through Your Spirit to grasp the breadth of Your mercy and the depth of Your love as revealed through generations. Weave our stories into Your grand narrative of redemption and hope. As we turn to You in prayer, let us remember the words Jesus taught us, as we sing together...

**\*HYMN #632:** *“THE LORD’S PRAYER”*

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**\*GLORIA PATRI:** #807

## GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

(The scripture readings will be read during the sermon today)

**ANTHEM:** (11:00) *“Walk by Faith”* by Joel Raney

United Church Choir

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**Sermon**

**“Blessings, Legacy, and the Lion of Judah”**

(Genesis 49)

Pastor Wade Allen

## OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

**\*HYMN:** #700 *“We Are God’s People”*

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**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**OFFERTORY:** *“God Moves in a Mysterious Way”* by C. S. Lang

**\*DOXOLOGY:** #809

**COMMUNION**

**\*HYMN:** #733 *“We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations”*

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**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** *“We all believe in one God”* by Johann Sebastian Bach

*\* indicates an invitation to stand for those who are able and comfortable doing so.*

*Our prayers and sympathy are with Adam Thorman, whose grandfather, James Thorman, passed away on October 26th. Please keep the Thorman family in your prayers during this difficult time.*

*Our prayers and sympathy are with Karen Roaix, whose nephew, Torrance Coleman, passed away on October 21st. Please keep the family in your prayers during this difficult time.*

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

**Health concerns:** Karen Mount, James Sheppard, Linda Gilbert, Jessica Canham (Sharyn's daughter), Bob White (Linda Bailey's brother-in-law), Mary Jane Laird, Denice Bailey Tautges, Tom Babcock (friend of Jenny Caron), Maverick, Carly, and Jenson Ferrante (family of Ardelle Bigos), Maryanne Fox (friend of Ardelle Bigos), Doug Cubbison (Connie Frye's brother), Edwin Gregory (friend of Royal Purdy), Erik Keating (son of Al & Dawn Rossi), Kiana Rae Moore (MacKenzie Brown's cousin), Louise Huck, Catherine Kurzdorfer (Adam Thorman's mother), Carolyn Verspoor, Marcus (friend of Sandi DiCicco), Denise Loy (friend of Kory Massey), David Sanford, Jovannie Ramirez (Karen Roaix's grandson), Steve Sedlock (Nancy Tharp's brother), Clancy Cragle (Michelle's grandfather), the Herin Family (relatives of Kathie Meredith), Jack Schermond

**Cancer:** Jon VanBlargan (spinal cancer at Highland Hospital), Laura Fiorito (daughter of Charles and Patti Cagwin), David Gerstner (Nancy's husband), Ruth Krop (friend of MacKenzie Brown), Tane Robinson (friend of Ryan Marshall), Regina Allen, Christina Tharp (daughter of John and Nancy), Douglas Cook (Jen Eveleigh's brother), Rod Gifford (cousin of Joyce Laursen), Martha Ashley, Beth Smythe, Keith Laursen (Joyce's brother-in-law), Sasha (friend of Megan French), Mark Schreier (Virginia Holroyd's friend), Amy Jelensperger (Sheppard family), John Tornow (friend of Elaine Allen), Susan Hennessy (Jen Eveleigh's sister), Rich Crowley (Steve & Beth Smythe's friend), Tom & Monica Yurik (Bruce & Deb Gardner's friends), Deb Dawson (Steve Smythe's niece), Roderick Simonds (father of Natalie Clark), Rob Stults (cousin of Wade & Christy Allen), Dawn Miller, David Pagoda (Eveleigh family friend), Jim Davis (Scott's father), Stephen Carges (Paula Traber's brother)

**Recovering:** Wendy Stoddard, Sara Scharr, Arlene Willett

**Comfort and Peace:** Harriet Morgan (Megan French's grandma), Mary Zimmerman (Wendy Bacon's mother)

**MILITARY SERVICE:** JJ Callard (USN) just graduated bootcamp, US Army LT1 Andrew Marlin (Tyler Bosecks husband) home from deployment, LTJG Nick Castiller (USN), MAC Adam Thorman (USN), E6 Cody Wells (USN) home from deployment, TSgt Timothy Peck (USAF)

**MISSIONARIES:** Carlos Bonilla & Mayra Giovanti – the BGs (Central/South America), Tim & Patti Long (Baja Mexico), Shelvis & Nancy Smith-Mather (S Sudan refugees in Uganda), Ryan & Alethia White (Berlin)

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## Some more upcoming dates you might want to put on your calendar (watch the Monthly Memo or future Lamplighters for details!):

Nov 8 – Patriotic Organ Concert

Nov 9 – Church Game Night

Dec 6 – Christmas Organ Concert

Dec 14 – Church Game Night

Dec 15 – Christmas Pageant

Dec 15 – FLSO Concert

## ***Highlights for This Week!***

- **Please consider a donation to The Stewards Assistance Fund collection** in today's Offering. This fund helps support our church families in times of financial distress. Monies can be placed in the offering plate. Be sure to note checks that are intended for the Assistance Fund. Any loose change will also be collected towards the fund. Thank you!
  - We are collecting **stocking stuffers** for our **Youth Club** stocking project. All items need to fit in a small stocking (5 inches wide) and are needed by **tomorrow**. Items needed are: hair accessories, matchbox cars, jewelry, trading cards, watches, bouncy balls, jump ropes, gum, candy, small books, small games, crayons, pencils, pencil sharpeners, erasers, socks, gloves/mittens, hats. Please see Deb Marshall with any questions.
  - We need **7 dozen brownies** for **Youth Club** dessert on **Wednesday, November 6** (delivered by 4pm). If you have time to bake a dozen or two, please let Deb Marshall know.
  - **Greeter/Offering Coordinator for November is Dan Frye**. If you are interested in serving on one or both of these teams, or have questions about signing up for a time slot, please see Dan.
  - **Poinsettia order forms are now available! Orders are due by Due December 1**. Help us decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas season by purchasing a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one. The plants will adorn the church starting December 13 and will remain on display through our Christmas Eve service. After the service, you are welcome to take your poinsettia home. Each poinsettia costs \$11 per plant. You can return your order form and payment to the offering plate, drop it off at the Church Office, or mail it in.
  - **The Care Ministry is excited to introduce a new initiative: The Transportation Team!** Our mission is to provide reliable transportation, helping individuals access medical care, doctor appointments, and other essential needs while fostering care, connection, and support within our church community. A special thank you to Margie Wall, our Transportation Team Coordinator, for leading this important effort! Our goal is to build a team of 15 volunteers who can be contacted when needs arise. Volunteers will have the flexibility to accept opportunities based on their availability, making it easy to serve when it works best for them. Please contact Margie Wall or Christy if you are interested in serving on this team.
  - Come join us for a fun **family game night** next **Saturday, Nov 9th** from **6:30-8:30 pm** in the Fellowship Room. Feel free to bring a friend or a game or snack to share!
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**Nursery care** is offered during both services (8:45 & 11:00) and during the Sunday school hour (9:45-10:45) for those too young to attend Sunday school so that parents may attend Adult classes or help in the children's program.

**8:45 Service Nursery** ~ a combined nursery meets in room 11.

**9:45 Sunday school Nursery** ~ meets in room 10, the infant nursery.

**11:00 Service Nurseries** ~ Both the Infant/Toddler Nursery (Room 10) and the Preschool Nursery (Room 11) are available.

**Children's Time** ~ There is no Children's Time today. Worship packets are available for children to use during the service. Please feel free to keep the coloring and activity sheets and return the rest to the basket after the service. Thank you!

**ARE YOU VISITING US TODAY?** If so, WELCOME to the United Church, we are so glad that you have chosen to worship with us. We invite you to check out our Welcome Table found in our Welcome Center, and to pick up a blue bag for yourself/your family to take home and to learn a little bit more about us. Please fill out a visitor card and drop it in the collection plate or mail in. **We are so happy that you joined us today and look forward to seeing you again soon!**

**Youth Club - our after school ministry for 2nd-8th graders**

Wednesdays, after school - 6:30pm

Our night includes: Recreation, Worship, Bible study, and Family Time (dinner)

**Parent Help this week:**

**Snack** - Hess

**Kitchen help** - Beyrle, James, Hess, Nearpass

Any questions? Please see Deb Marshall

**"Weekend to Remember" Marriage Retreat by FamilyLife**

Free to a couple that can use it! Two church members received the pass as a gift but aren't able to fit it in their schedule. Contact the church office if you can!



**Weekend to Remember**  
by FamilyLife

The gift card covers the registration fee for a couple (\$300-\$350) at any of the scheduled "Weekend to Remember" locations and dates between now and December 31, 2024. For full details, visit this website: <https://www.familylife.com/weekend-to-remember>. The website provides itineraries and FAQs for the weekends, and lists all available dates and locations, as well as bios of the speakers planned for each. Registrations for the retreat using the gift card can be done through the website. Optional hotel arrangements can also be done through the same website, if desired. Ask Carolyn in the office if you are interested.



**Worshipping ~ Growing ~ Reaching ~ Caring**

**Waiting is usually hard.** Election day 2024 in the US has not arrived and we already look forward to learning the results.

In Nicaragua missionary Christy Lafferty and the AMOS staff wait for recent governmental communication clarification. **Pray** for the upcoming AMOS board meeting in the US seeking to discern God's leading to assist rural communities. We serve as we wait.

In South Sudan and Sudan missionaries Shelvis and Nancy Smith-Mather work with refugees fleeing competing military factions. **Pray** for church leaders to serve faithfully and effectively as they wait.

In Western Europe missionaries Alethia and Ryan White serve with church leaders trying to meet the immediate needs of displaced families from Ukraine and multiple African countries. **Pray** for the refugees as they seek a safe home and for the Whites as they serve.

In Gaza, Lebanon, and Israel people wait for conflict cessation. In Haiti and Ukraine some wait for refugee sponsors and for safety in their country. **Pray** for native clergy in these areas American missionaries cannot visit. **Pray** for God to bring comfort as they wait and as we walk with them.

In Central and South America multiple people seeking employment migrate to areas of opportunity. Missionaries Carlos and Mayra connect with local church leaders to provide for "people on the move". **Pray** for Mayra and Carlos encouraging and supporting church leaders in their home countries.

Genesis records Joseph's faithfulness as he experienced periods of waiting. He waited to be removed from the well, waited to get out of jail, and waited for confirmation his brothers were sincere. He trusted God as he waited. **Let us Worship, Reach, Grow, and Care as we wait.**

**Join us for a 2025 Mexico Mission Trip Organizational Meeting!** November 14th from 6-8pm at the Werts' home 195 Saxton Lane, Canandaigua with dinner and fellowship at 6pm followed by an introduction to this Living Waters for the World (LWW) trip. All are invited to learn more but an RSVP is appreciated to Linda Werts, [lwerts@aol.com](mailto:lwerts@aol.com).

**Stewardship**

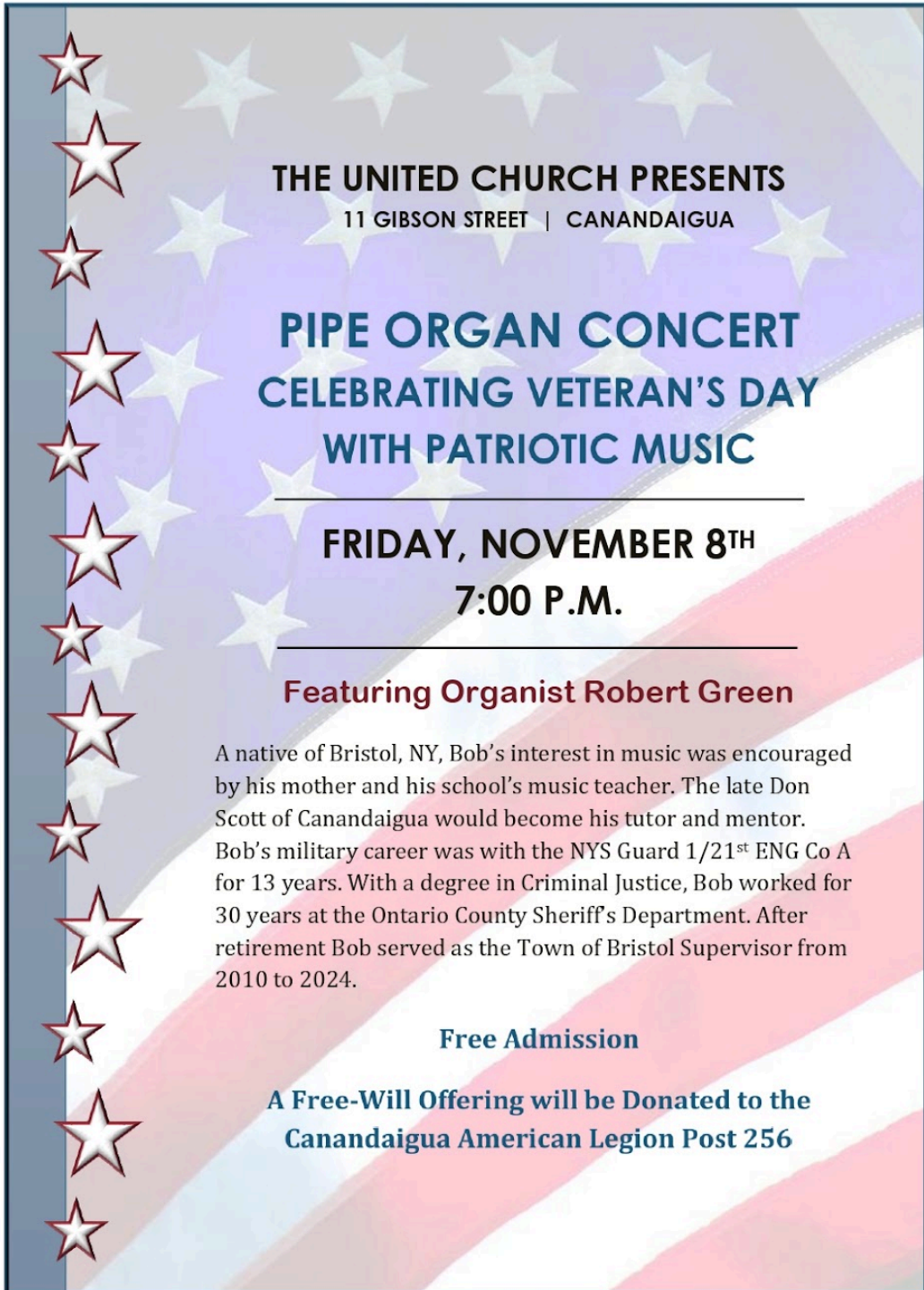
Our stewardship season officially begins today, and we've already received 50 pledge forms back! Our goal is to have 130 families pledging. Stay tuned for monetary goals!

Follow the progress on the FROG poster outside the main office. A mailing



went out recently containing the forms, but there are extras in the Welcome Center near the office. You may return forms in the offering plate, in the Welcome Center box, or by mailing them in. You can also make your pledge and/or request envelopes online by following this QR code:





**THE UNITED CHURCH PRESENTS**  
11 GIBSON STREET | CANANDAIGUA

**PIPE ORGAN CONCERT  
CELEBRATING VETERAN'S DAY  
WITH PATRIOTIC MUSIC**

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**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>  
7:00 P.M.**

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**Featuring Organist Robert Green**

A native of Bristol, NY, Bob's interest in music was encouraged by his mother and his school's music teacher. The late Don Scott of Canandaigua would become his tutor and mentor. Bob's military career was with the NYS Guard 1/21<sup>st</sup> ENG Co A for 13 years. With a degree in Criminal Justice, Bob worked for 30 years at the Ontario County Sheriff's Department. After retirement Bob served as the Town of Bristol Supervisor from 2010 to 2024.

**Free Admission**

**A Free-Will Offering will be Donated to the  
Canandaigua American Legion Post 256**

*Christmas Poinsettia Order Form*



**PLEASE PRINT**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ Poinsettias at **\$11.00 each.**

They are given in **memory or honor (circle one)** of:

**1.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Given by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**2.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Given by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**3.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Given by:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please pick up your poinsettia(s) after the 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Service.

Checks payable to: "The United Church Stewards – Poinsettia"

Place your form and check in the offering plate or mail to the church at 11 Gibson St., Canandaigua, NY 14424

**ORDERS MUST BE IN BY DECEMBER 1st**