

# THE UNITED CHURCH

PRESBYTERIAN – AMERICAN BAPTIST

November 17, 2024

**PRELUDE:** “*Cantilene*” by Josef Rheinberger

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GREETING**

## OUR PREPARATION

**Focus of the day: We must embrace God’s ways. Gratitude is the appropriate response to God’s grace.**

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Come, all who are weary; come, all who are joyful, for today we celebrate the grace that invites us in.

**People: We come with gratitude, ready to be clothed in the righteousness of Christ.**

Leader: Let us remember the story of the king's feast, where many are called but few are chosen.

**People: We are ready to wear the garments provided, embracing repentance and renewal.**

**All: Together, let us enter the banquet hall with praise and thanksgiving, honored to be invited and transformed to be chosen.**

**HYMN: #328 “God’s Holy Ways are Just and True”**

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**\*OPENING PRAYER: Gracious God, as we gather today, we stand in awe of Your unending generosity and grace. Let our hearts be receptive and transformed as we embrace the garments of praise You offer. Lead us now into Your presence with thanksgiving, and teach us to live in gratitude each day... Our Father, who art in heaven..... (using debts and debtors...) Amen.**

**\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**\*GLORIA PATRI: #807**

## GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 100 (page 593) {A.B. page 667}**

**SPECIAL MUSIC: (8:45) “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” arr. Sorenson  
Joy Van Riper (piano)**

**ANTHEM: (11:00) “Thank You Jesus for the Life That You Gave” by Bougher  
United Church Choir**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE: Paul Johnson**

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Colossians 3:12-17 (page 1167) {A.B. page 1311}**

**Sermon**

**“The King’s Invitation: Responding with Gratitude”  
(Matthew 22:1-14)  
Pastor Wade Allen**

## OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

**\*HYMN: #499 “Lord, I Was Blind”** CCLI Song #1046251, ©1982 Hope Pub. Co. #11593017

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**OFFERTORY: *Prelude on “The King of Love” by C. S. Lang***

**\*DOXOLOGY: #809**

**\*HYMN: #353 “For the Beauty of the Earth”** CCLI Song #43200, Public Domain, CCLI Lic. #11593017

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE: “*Jubilate Deo*” by Philip G. Kreckel**

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

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

**Health concerns:** Karen Mount, James Sheppard, Linda Gilbert, Jessica Canham (Sharyn's daughter), 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, 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), 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 Giovantti – the BGs (Central/South America), Tim & Patti Long (Baja Mexico), Shelvis & Nancy Smith-Mather (S Sudan refugees in Uganda), Ryan & Alethia White (Berlin)

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

Dec 6 – Christmas Organ Concert

Dec 14 – Church Game Night

Dec 15 – Christmas Pageant

Dec 15 – FLSO Concert

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

- **We need more nursery volunteers.** If you are interested in serving in the nursery, please see Louise VanIseghem or Deb Marshall. All volunteers will need to complete a background check.
- **Help us deck the halls!** Join us on Monday, November 25 at 6:00 p.m. to decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas season. Cookies and Apple Cider will be provided.
- Attention youth (**6th-12th grade**) who attend **Marcus Whitman** schools: join us for CONNECT at Gorham Free Library at **2:30pm** on Monday, **November 18th.**
- Attention youth (**6th-12th grade**) who attend **Victor** schools: join us for CONNECT at Dunkin' at **6:45am** on Thursday, **November 21st.**
- **Seminar Survey** - We are seeking feedback from the church about the most recent seminar. Check out the survey in the welcome center! Thank you for your feedback.
- The **November Monthly Memo** is on the **TV cart** in the **Welcome Center.** Be sure to take one home - it includes information on a variety of church activities.

**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** ~ Children's Time (children's church) is held during the 11am service immediately following the Children's Sermon. Kids in kindergarten through 5th grade are welcome to attend Children's Time or stay with their parents in worship. Parents, please pick up your children in Room 26 promptly 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!**



## Faith and Action



As we are preparing for Thanksgiving family gatherings, let us give thanks for friends, family, and God's gift of Jesus.

Our October World Mission Offering received \$2631 that has been divided for hurricane Helene recovery and missionaries aiding refugees seeking a safe home. Your generosity is making a difference. **Thank you!**

### This Thanksgiving Season PRAY for

- South Carolina flood victims
- fire victims in CA, NY and more
- Christy Lafferty safely welcoming mission teams to Nicaragua
- Nancy and Shelvis Smith Mather comforting South Sudan refugees
- Migrants seeking safety and opportunities



**Give thanks for God's sustaining love.**

## Stewardship

Our stewardship season is underway, and so far we've received **70** pledge forms back with **\$211,627** pledged to Operating. Our goal is to have 130 families pledging. To meet the needs of the proposed 2025 budget, we are hoping to have **\$398,160** pledged to the Operating side. The Missions team forms their budget *after* the Missions pledges come in. Last year they worked with a budget of about \$107,000.

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 will be joining the **Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign on Saturday, November 30th** from 10:00am to 4:00pm at Runnings...making a difference with every ring! **Will you join us for an hour shift?** Sign up on the office door or contact Linda Werts. All donations stay local and impact the lives of our community neighbors in times of need.

### 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** - Grube

**Kitchen help** - Leasure, Parsons, Seeber

Any questions? Please see Deb Marshall



Meal Train® Christy Allen.

**We are looking to add volunteers to our meal train team.** As a team member, you will help provide support to a church family in need—only when it works for you! Team members have the flexibility to sign up for meal delivery on days they're available. See

We appreciate all donations made to our church. **If you would like to donate tangible items to our church, please contact a staff member before bringing the items in** as not all donations can be put to use. Thank you for your cooperation!

**Thank you** to all who helped with the **Youth Club stocking project** by cutting felt, sewing stockings, and/or donating stocking stuffers. The Youth Club kids made and stuffed **52 stockings** that will be mailed to NYC and given to needy children, along with the gospel message. **Praise God** we can be a part of this wonderful ministry!

### "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!

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.

*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**