

# THE UNITED CHURCH

PRESBYTERIAN – AMERICAN BAPTIST

November 24, 2024

**PRELUDE:** *“Solemn Melody”* by Philip G. Kreckel

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GREETING**

## OUR PREPARATION

**Focus of the day:** We should live in a posture of gratitude, recognizing God’s enduring love and His acts of rescue in our lives.

**OPENING MEDITATION:** “Morning Has Broken” arr. Joel Raney (#362)  
(Piano Duet/Organ Trio)

## **CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.

**Congregation:** We gather to celebrate His deeds, to worship in spirit and truth.

Leader: Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story, those He has rescued from distress.

**Congregation:** We come as a community of faith, reflecting on our journey and God’s gracious redemption.

**All:** Together, we praise God for His unfailing love and wonderful deeds for mankind. We stand in awe of His merciful kindness, as we worship with joyous hearts.

**\*HYMN:** #376 “We Gather Together” CCLI Song #2763842, Public Domain, #11593017

**\*OPENING PRAYER:** Heavenly Father, we approach You today with hearts full of gratitude for your steadfast love and boundless mercy. As we gather in Your presence, let our spirits be attuned to Your voice, enriching our lives with Your wisdom and peace. Guide us in this service of worship that we may glorify You in all that we do...We pray this in Jesus’ name who taught us to pray...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:** Luke 17:11-19 (page 1037) {A.B. page 1150}

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** (8:45) “I Will Give Joyful Thanks” by Nolan (words on insert)  
Small Ensemble

**ANTHEM:** (11:00) “Song of Praise” by Perry (words on insert)

United Church Choir

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING:** Philippians 4:4-7 (page 1163) {A.B. page 1306}

**Sermon**

**“A Thankful Heart”**

**(Psalm 107)**

**Pastor Wade Allen**

## OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

**\*HYMN:** #380 “Thanks to God for My Redeemer” CCLI Song #87448, Public Domain, #11593017

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**OFFERTORY:** *“Thanksgiving”* by Myles B. Foster

**\*DOXOLOGY:** #809

**\*HYMN:** #379 “For the Fruit of All Creation”

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**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** *“Thanksgiving March”* by Edwin H. Lemare

*\* 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), 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)

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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!):

Dec 6 – Christmas Organ Concert  
Dec 14 – Church Game Night  
Dec 15 – Christmas Pageant  
Dec 15 – FLSO Concert

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

- **The Cause Thanksgiving Party** - This is a reminder that we have youth group TODAY! We will be celebrating Thanksgiving and setting up Christmas decorations in the youth room.
- **The Christmas angel tree** is in the Welcome Center and loaded with tags. Please select a tag, purchase the items listed, and return the **wrapped gift with the tag attached** by **Sunday, December 8**. Please see Deb Marshall with any questions.
- **2024 Advent Devotionals** - This year, we are excited to offer two types of advent books: a classic daily devotional, and a daily worship guide. Feel free to grab one in the Welcome Center!
- **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.
- **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.
- **Christmas Mall Trip** - December 13, 5:30 PM - 10:00 PM - 6-12 grade students invited to attend this annual event! Please register online. More details are found on the registration page.
- **The Christmas Organ Concert is Friday, Dec 6th.** Details inside!
- **2025 Youth Calendar Fundraiser** - Calendars for this year's fundraiser are on their way! In early December, our youth will be selling these calendars in the Welcome Center to raise funds for our youth mission trips and experiences. Thank you for your support.

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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.

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**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!**

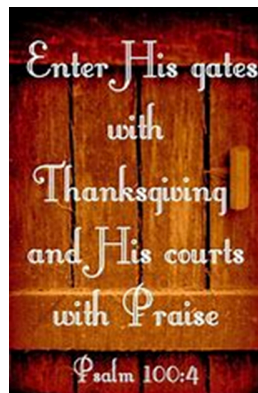


### Faith and Action

Let us give thanks for

- Faith and Friends
- Faith and Family
- Mentors in our lives
- The church universal
- Freedom to worship
- Our salvation

Believers in all cultures and in all countries



*"It is not happiness that brings us gratitude, it is gratitude that brings us happiness."*  
(anonymous)

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.



### Stewardship

Our stewardship season is underway, and so far we've received **86** pledge forms back with **\$258,557** pledged to Operating and **\$84,574** to Missions. 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:



### 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)

**No Youth Club this week, Happy Thanksgiving!**

Any questions? Please see Deb Marshall

### Prayer Prompts

The Boyce Discernment Team has been working throughout the year to carefully discern God's guidance in our stewardship of a significant gift given to the church in the fall of 2023. Currently, the team is in the "listening stage", which has included meetings with ministry teams and others. As part of the listening strategy, discernment team invites the rest of the church to join in on listening through prayer. Feel free to use the following prayer as a prompt when you pray:

**This week's prayer:** *Father, we pray for a heart of wisdom. Help us to always make wise choices according to Your purposes (will). When two paths seem to be equal, help us to trust You in our decisions. Give us humble hearts that are willing to obey You, to respond in faith to the wisdom You give us.*



Join us for an evening of festive **Christmas music and carols** on **Friday December 6th at 7:00pm** featuring organist Duane Prill with special guests Annette Farrington and Brian Donat. A free-will offering will be received and a holiday dessert reception will follow. Please see the sign up for baked goods on the office door.

Notes, Doodles, Grocery lists..... (don't forget the cranberries!)

*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**

**I Will Give Joyful Thanks**- words and music by Douglas Nolan (8:45 service)

I will give my thanks to the Father.  
I will give my thanks to the Son.  
I will give my thanks to the Spirit.  
I will give thanks, I will give thanks, I will give thanks!

Make a joyful noise to the Father.  
Make a joyful noise to the Son.  
Make a joyful noise to the Spirit.  
Sing to the Lord, Sing to the Lord, Sing to the Lord!

God's great mercy and love surround us.  
God's truth abounds forevermore.  
God's name is exalted about the earth.  
Lift high the glory of the Lord.

Sing to the Lord, rejoice, alleluia.  
Sing to the Lord a jubilant song.  
Sing to the Lord, Hosanna, Hosanna.

Come and give thanks to the Lord!  
Come and give thanks to the Lord, our God!

Come before God's presence with singing.  
Come into His courts with a song.  
Come into His gates with thanksgiving.  
Come and give thanks! Come and give thanks! Come and give thanks!

I will give my thanks to the Father.  
I will give my thanks to the Son.  
I will give my thanks to the Spirit.  
I will give thanks, I will give thanks, I will give thanks!

I will give thanks to the Lord!  
I will give thanks!

**Song of Praise** (11:00 service)

Sing! Come lift the song on high  
(O sing)  
With praises fill the sky  
(O sing)  
With grateful hearts, sing praise

The Lord is gracious and His blessings endure  
His light shines forth throughout the land  
His goodness and His deeds are forever sure  
Sing praises to His name

The Lord is gracious and His blessings endure  
His light shines throughout the land  
With thankful hearts we sing in one accord  
To glorify and praise Thy name

Sing! Come lift the song on high  
(O sing)  
With praises fill the sky  
(O sing)  
With grateful hearts, sing praise