

THE UNITED CHURCH
PRESBYTERIAN – AMERICAN BAPTIST
January 12, 2025

PRELUDE: *“Prayer” by Richard Wagner (Arranged)*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

OUR PREPARATION

Focus of the Day: We are called to embrace humility and dependence on God’s guidance and strength to live out our faith actively and purposefully.

INTROIT: (11:00) *“Glorify Your Name”* (hymn #10)

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Arise and shine, for God's light has come

People: We gather in the brightness of God's presence

Leader: The waters of baptism call to us

People: We come to remember God's saving grace

Leader: Let every heart prepare Him room

All: We worship our Lord and King!

***HYMN:** #761 *“We Bless the Name of Christ the Lord”*

***OPENING PRAYER:** Holy God, as we gather in your presence today, we remember how your Spirit descended on Jesus at his baptism and how you continue to be present with us through your Spirit today. We offer ourselves to you in worship and praise, praying together the prayer that Jesus taught us to pray: **Our Father, who art in heaven...**

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

***GLORIA PATRI:** #807

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 43:1-7 (page 718) {A.B. page 796}

ANTHEM: (11:00) *“Through Christ”* by Pepper Choplin United Church Choir

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE: Paul Johnson

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 8:14-17 (page 1086) {A.B. page 1208}

Sermon

“Light, Fire, and Water: the Baptism of Jesus”

(Luke 3:15-22)

Pastor Wade Allen

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

***HYMN:** #538 *“I Need Thee Every Hour”* CCLI Song #78811, Public Domain, #11593017

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: *“Bourrée in C Major”* by J. S. Bach (Arr. F. Cunningham Woods)

***DOXOLOGY:** #809

***HYMN:** #524 *“I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus”* CCLI Song #39544, Public Domain, #11593017

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *“Alla Marcia”* by Myles B. Foster

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

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Health concerns: Czarny Bigos, Maverick, and Deanna Stocker (family of Ardelle Bigos), Stephen Cole, Karen Mount, James Sheppard, Linda Gilbert, Jessica Canham (Sharyn's daughter), Mary Jane Laird, Denice Bailey Tautges, Tom Babcock (friend of Jenny Caron), Edwin Gregory (friend of Royal Purdy), Erik Keating (son of Al & Dawn Rossi), 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: Walter Enright (friend of Ardelle Bigos), Alex Clark (son of Rob and Natalie), 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), 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 Giovanti – 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!):

Jan 26 – Annual Congregational Meeting

March 22 – Bowling Night

Highlights for This Week!

- Join us during the **Sunday School hour** (9:45–10:45 AM) as the **Boyce Discernment Team** presents their work on how to faithfully use a significant donation given to The United Church, with an **opportunity to share your feedback and insights.**
- We need **5 double layer round cakes** baked, cut in half, frosted (as halves) and **delivered to church by 2pm** for Youth Club dessert on **Jan 15.** Please let Deb Marshall know if you can bake a cake or two.
- **WINTER YOUTH NIGHT** - Middle School and High School students are invited! January 24, 6:30-10pm. Please register online.
- **POTATO BAR FUNDRAISER** – During the annual meeting (January 26). Funds raised go to supporting our youth and young adult ministries. Can you help? Contact Mark!
- The **Parent/Child Library** in the upstairs chapel has been **refreshed** with **LOTS of new books!** You may borrow a book off either the display shelf or the regular book shelf. All families are welcome to use the Parent/Child library at any time. **Please sign the book(s) out** and return within 4 weeks. Any questions? See Deb Marshall

Nursery care is offered during both services and the Sunday school hour. Room 10 (the infant nursery) is used during the early service, Room 11 (the toddler/preschool nursery) is used during the Sunday school hour, and both rooms are open during the late service.

Children's Time ~ Children's Time meets after the Children's Sermon upstairs in room 26.

Children aged Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to participate. Parents, please pick up your children **promptly** after the service.

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. **We are so happy that you joined us today and look forward to seeing you again soon!**



The Annual Meeting of the United Church will be held after the second service, in the Dining Room, on **Sunday, January 26, 2025.** Immediately after the 11:00 service the youth will host a baked potato lunch. This will be followed by the Annual Meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to approve the 2025 budget, elect officers, review the activities of 2024, and do any other business appropriate to the meeting.



Update on Short Notice request from Called to Care, Canandaigua: Thank you to all who prayed or responded to our list of needs in last week's bulletin. Once again, God (always!) and our community provided what we need to welcome a refugee family from Venezuela this week. We are so grateful. THANK YOU!!!

Called to Care, Canandaigua's "Chasin' the Blues" event returns on **February 7th, 7:00pm at Crosswinds Wesleyan Church.** Tickets will be on sale before and after worship beginning January 12th. Featured this year...a performance by Cool Club and the Lipker Sisters and a testimony from Doug Doebler and Judi Gorenflo.

Hurricane Relief Mission Trip

We all know of the devastation left by Hurricane Helene, especially in western North Carolina. The rebuild of that area will take years! We all wonder what we can do to help in addition to providing funds. **The mission team is coordinating an inter-generational work trip to Fairview, NC** which is just 11 miles from Asheville the week of April 14. Seabees Outreach Ministry, a ministry of Navy veterans, is establishing a work camp there to help locals devastated by the hurricane. They have assured us that they will find appropriate work for any skill level. **Please join us for an informational meeting on Jan. 19** after the second service. If you cannot attend the meeting feel free to reach out to Sonya Brooks (sonya.brooks99@yahoo.com).

It's not too late to make your pledge for 2025! So far we've had **\$339,093** pledged to Operating and **\$102,848** to Missions. To meet the needs of the proposed 2025 budget, we are hoping to have **\$398,160** pledged to the Operating side.

There are extra forms 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)

Parent Volunteers for Jan 15th

Snack: Robbins

Kitchen clean-up: Cole, Seeber, Vassello

Any questions? Please see Deb Marshall

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.

