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WELCOME TO **THE UNITED CHURCH**

Weekly Bulletin

Sunday

NOVEMBER 15, 2026



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Order of Worship for
NOVEMBER 15, 2026



Welcome! The United Church is a Presbyterian/American Baptist congregation. We hope you enjoy your visit and let us know if we can help you in any way.

PRELUDE: **"Ubi Caritas" by Jeanne Demessieux**

WELCOME AND GREETING TO OUR ONLINE CONGREGATION

OUR PREPARATION

Focus of the Day: The God we pierced is the God who was pierced for us.

INTROIT: **(11:00) "Blessed Be the Lord God Almighty"** **United Church Choir**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: A fountain has been opened, to wash away sin and impurity.
People: We come to be cleansed, to be made new.
Leader: The Lord who was pierced for us calls us into his presence.
People: We come with open hearts, ready to be washed.
Leader: Let us worship the God who suffered so we could be whole.
All: We worship the Lord, our fountain of grace and mercy.

***HYMN #471:** **"Nothing but the Blood of Jesus"** CCLI Song #21332, Public Domain, CCLI Lic. #11593017

***OPENING PRAYER:** **Lord, you poured out your Spirit of grace on your people, and you pour it out on us again this morning. Wash us in the fountain you opened, and make us truly yours. Let us pray together the prayer Jesus taught us ... Our Father 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.**

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

***GLORIA PATRI:** **#807**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: **Psalm 32:1-5 (page 549) {A.B. page 623}**

ANTHEM: **(11:00) "Deep, Deep Love" by Lee Dengler (words on insert)** **United Church Choir**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: **(11:00)**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: **1 John 1:7-2:2 (page 1207) {A.B. page 1370}**

Sermon
"Pierced for Us"
(Zechariah 12-13)
Pastor Wade Allen

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

***HYMN #467:** **"There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood"** CCLI Song #27707, Public Domain, CCLI Lic. #11593017

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: **"Christ is my life" by Johann Georg Meister**

***DOXOLOGY:** **#809**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***HYMN #227:** **"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"** CCLI Song #40588, Public Domain, CCLI Lic. #11593017

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: **"Trumpet Tune" by Andrew Carter**

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

PRAYER SUPPORT IN THE NARTHEX: **(11:00) Trained Care Ministers are available following the service to pray for anyone desiring prayer**

Our prayers and sympathy are with Leslie Roof for the loss of her mother on November 7th. Please keep the family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Our prayers and sympathy are with Karen Roaix for the loss of her brother-in-law, Alfred Inglesby, on November 10th. Please keep the family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Scriptures for next week, November 22

Sermon Scripture: **Zechariah 14**
First Reading: **Psalm 97:1-6**
Second Reading: **Revelation 22:1-5**

PRAYER REQUESTS

Health concerns: Kathy Allen Brown (Wade's mother), Bev Fehrenbach, Kathi Nacca, Chris Van Riper (nephew of Jeff and Joy), Marion Sumpter, Beth Smythe, Claire Sheppard and family, Linda Gilbert and Braeden Flynn, Daniel Zimmerman (nephew of Wendy Bacon), Cheryl Casey, Jenifer Parks (friend of Natalie DeTraglia), Bill Kenyon, Deanna Stocker and Everest Ferrante (Ardelle Bigos relatives), Martha Ashley, Sherry Wesley (cousin of Sue V and Sandi D), Scott Smail (friend of Kathleen Boniak), Sheila Henderson, Phil Greene (Sharon Meyer's brother), Rodney Newfrock (friend of Elaine Allen), Jessica Canham (Sharyn's daughter), Tom Babcock (friend of Jenny Caron), Catherine Kurzdorfer (Adam Thorman's mother), Marcus (friend of Sandi DiCicco), Denise Loy (friend of Kory Massey), Steve Sedlock (Nancy Tharp's brother), Clancy Cragle (Michelle's grandfather)

Cancer: Pat Barden, Sumer Miller, Bruce G (brother-in-law of Kathi Nacca), Scott Kesel (friend of Sandi D), David Landon (friend of Sue V and Sandi D), Michael M. (friend of Kathi Nacca), Steve J. (Claire Sheppard's brother), Robbie Bass (Linda Bailey's nephew), Daniel Cage (friend of Wade Allen), Karen Linder (niece of Joyce Laursen), Sue Whybra and Rod Gifford (cousins of Joyce Laursen), Kathy Cool (daughter-in-law of the Pecks), Sophie Snyder (friend of Amelia Cunningham), Chris Alexander (Carolyn Russell's brother), Sarah Hough (daughter of Dianne Beaumont), Laura Fiorito (daughter of Charles and Patti Cagwin), Douglas Cook (Jen Eveleigh's brother), Keith Laursen (Joyce's brother-in-law), Sasha (friend of Megan French), John Tornow (friend of Elaine Allen), Susan Hennessy (Jen Eveleigh's sister), Deb Dawson (Steve Smythe's niece), Jim Davis (Scott's father), Stephen Carges (Paula Traber's brother)

Military Service: Tech SGT Nicholas DelVillano (Frye's son-in-law) USAF stationed in Germany, JJ Callard (USN), US Army CPT 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), Christy Lafferty (Nicaragua), Leodegario Hernandez & Maria Angela Bautista (Bacalar, Mexico pastoral couple), Rev. Nancy and Rev. Shelvis Smith-Mather (South Sudan), Sally Gates (UK), Matt and Meredith Snell (Fort Drum, NY).

Highlights for This Week

- **Friendsgiving Potluck Gathering** - 18-35 year olds - Wednesday, November 25 - 5:00PM - 7:30PM. RSVP to Mark (Headcount & what you're bringing). Feel free to invite a guest!
- **Harvest Potluck Gathering & Advent Decoration Night - November 22, 5:00p-7:30pm** - Sign up TODAY so we can plan accordingly! Check out the bulletin article for more info!
- **Advent Devotionals** - Check out the samples in the Welcome Center! Use the sign up sheet (online or in-person) with the samples if you'd like us to order for you. Cost of each book is provided. Please pay in full online or at the time of pick-up. Need cost support? Contact Pastor Mark.
- **Advent Devotionals for children** will be handed out in Sunday school classes on November 22 and 29. Please let us know if we miss you!
- **Our Greeter/Coordinator for November: Bill F.** Please contact Bill or the office if you need help signing up.

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 pick up a tan bag (with the United Church logo on it) 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!**

Special Congregational Meeting Called

A special congregational meeting of the United Church will be held **after the 11:00 service, in the sanctuary, on Sunday, December 6th, 2026.** The purpose of the meeting is to **approve amendments to our Covenant of Union.** Copies of the proposed amendments will be available in the office.



Families & Children

Do you have little ones with you? **We're glad you're here!** We offer several options to help families worship comfortably together.

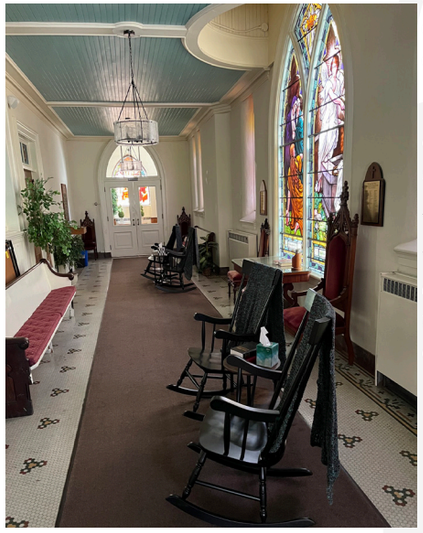
Nursery care is available during the service. **Children (infants through 5-years-old) are welcome in the nursery at any time during the service.** All nursery volunteers are background checked. The infant nursery, which is located adjacent to the preschool nursery, is also open and available for parents to use during the service for diaper changes, nursing, etc.



Children's Time is offered after the Children's Sermon on most Sundays for **children in Kindergarten through 2nd grade.**

Understanding Your Faith is offered after the Children's Sermon on the second Sunday of each month **for children in 3rd through 5th grade.** On the other Sundays, they can join Children's Time or remain in the service.

The narthex (the area through the back doors of the sanctuary) is also **available throughout the service for children and a caregiver.** This space allows you to continue seeing and hearing the service while giving your child the freedom to move around or make a little noise.



For children who remain in the service, the worship activity cart will be available in the narthex every Sunday. Please be sure to return reusable items.

We invite each family to choose the worship option that works best for them. ***At the same time, we kindly ask that if a child becomes disruptive during the service, they be taken from the sanctuary until they are settled.*** Thank you for helping us create a welcoming worship environment for all.

Missions **Let the light of Christ shine through you in service to others...**

Mission Grocery Donations



With rising food costs, more families are turning to food pantries to help put food on the table. Some are going into credit card debt with grocery expenses. CCIA is experiencing a large jump in the number of 1st time families. Your food donations here will help supply the Salvation Army and CCIA (Canandaigua Churches in Action) Food Pantries. CCIA needs staples such as **spaghetti sauce, canned fruit and vegetables, tuna, and cereal** (which is not always available through FoodLink). Donations can be placed in the Mission Center. Thank you for sharing out of what God has given you!



Thanksgiving Offering/Mission Project

During the month of November, our Sunday morning families are invited to take part in our Thanksgiving Offering/Mission Project. This year, we are collecting items for the CCIA and Salvation Army food pantries. Our goal is to collect 50 items for these pantries. **Children and youth are encouraged to bring donations to Sunday school or the shelf in the upstairs chapel during the month of November.** We began receiving items on November 1 and we will count up our donations on November 29. The **most needed items are**: cereal, tuna fish, peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, canned soups, canned vegetables, canned fruits, boxed pasta, mac-n-cheese, canned pork-n-beans, canned meals, toilet paper, toothpaste, deodorant, and shampoo.

Community Organ Concert for Christmas



Please join us here on **December 11th at 7:00** with our very own organist **David Kraft** and accompanying musicians for a night of festive Christmas music! There will be a dessert reception following. See the sign-up sheet on the office door to donate treats! Watch for more details in the December Lamplighter newsletter.



Stewardship Update



We are finishing up the pledge season for the 2027 year. We have had 100 pledges returned, with $343,920 pledged to Operating and $64,690 pledged to Missions.

There are extra pledge form packets in the Welcome Center. Feel free to place them in the offering plate, mail them in, or put them in the box marked "Pledges". You can also pledge online by scanning the QR code below or following the link on the website.

It would be helpful to return pledge forms as soon as possible, to assist our Trustees in preparing a budget for approval. We have a goal of 120 pledges, symbolized by our rose window poster. Each 10 pledges returned colors a new segment. The rose window is turning beautiful! If we go over 120 pledges, I may just need to install twinkle lights on it.

Save the Dates!

Holiday musical events to put on your calendar now

Saturday, Dec 5 - **FLSO concert,** 3 pm (purchase tickets at door)
Friday, Dec 11 - **Community Organ Concert,** 7 pm (free will offering)
Saturday, Dec 12 - **Grace Choir Cantata,** 4 pm (free will offering)
Sunday, Dec 13 - **Bell Choir plays in service,** 11 am
Sunday, Dec 20 - **Children's Christmas Pageant,** 10 am

Notes & Doodles:

Poinsettia Order From



Please Print Legibly

Name: _____

I would like to order _____ Poinsettias at $13.00 each.
They are given in Memory or Honor (circle one) of:

1. **Honor/Memory of:** _____
   Given by: _____
2. **Honor/Memory of:** _____
   Given by: _____
3. **Honor/Memory of:** _____
   Given by: _____
4. **Honor/Memory of:** _____
   Given by: _____
5. **Honor/Memory of:** _____
   Given by: _____
6. **Honor/Memory of:** _____
   Given by: _____
7. **Honor/Memory of:** _____
   Given by: _____

Place this in the offering plate WITH your cash in an envelope or check made payable to "The United Church".
List in the memo section "Poinsettias". You may also mail it in or bring to the church office.

ORDERS MUST BE IN NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13.

You may pick up your poinsettia(s) after church on Christmas Eve or on Dec 27th. Thank you!

Christmas Pageant Practice



Christmas Pageant Practice is **Saturday, December 19, from 9:30-11:00am** in the sanctuary. This is a **mandatory practice** for all kids (3 years old through 12th grade) who want to be involved in the Christmas Pageant. ***We will need some parent help during the practice.*** Let Deb know if you can stay.

Parents, we need **some people to stay and help clean the nursery** during the Pageant practice. Coffee and donuts will be provided for those who stay to help. Thank you!

The children's **Christmas Pageant** will be on **Sunday, December 20th at 10am** in the **Sanctuary**. Please feel free to invite family and friends to see it! ***All kids in the pageant, please arrive at 9:30am to get into costumes*** (in the Fellowship Room). After the pageant, all are invited to have birthday cake for Jesus (also in the Fellowship Room).

Harvest Potluck Gathering & Advent Decoration Night - A celebratory gathering with our church family...



Join us at **5 PM on November 22** for Christmas worship music, a potluck dinner, and Advent decorating! ***Everyone is invited!***

Here is our agenda:

- **5:00pm - Welcome and Worship**
- **5:30pm - Thanksgiving-Themed Dinner Potluck**
- **6:15pm - Church Advent Decorating (all ages)**
- **7:45pm - End**

We need your help! ***Sign-Up in the Welcome Center OR Online!***

- Dining Hall Room Set Up and Clean Up
- Potluck Set Up and Clean Up
- Worship Tech Support
- Christmas Tree Assembly & Decorating
- Various Advent Decorations (Sanctuary, Welcome Center, etc.)
- Upstairs and Youth Room Decoration
- Support of Children ornament creation activities



Deep, Deep Love (11:00 service) Anthem

by Lee Dengler

Deeper than the nails driven into His hands,
Is the love of a Father who gives His only Son.
Deeper than the thorns pressing into His brow,
Is the love of a Son who dies for everyone.

Chorus
Love, so amazing, deep, deep, love.
Love, so divine, deep, deep, love.
Love never failing to hear my call
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Deeper than the spear piercing into His side,
Is the love of God who takes away my sin.
Deeper than the pain of the mob's bitter words
Is the love of the Savior who only says "forgive,"

Chorus