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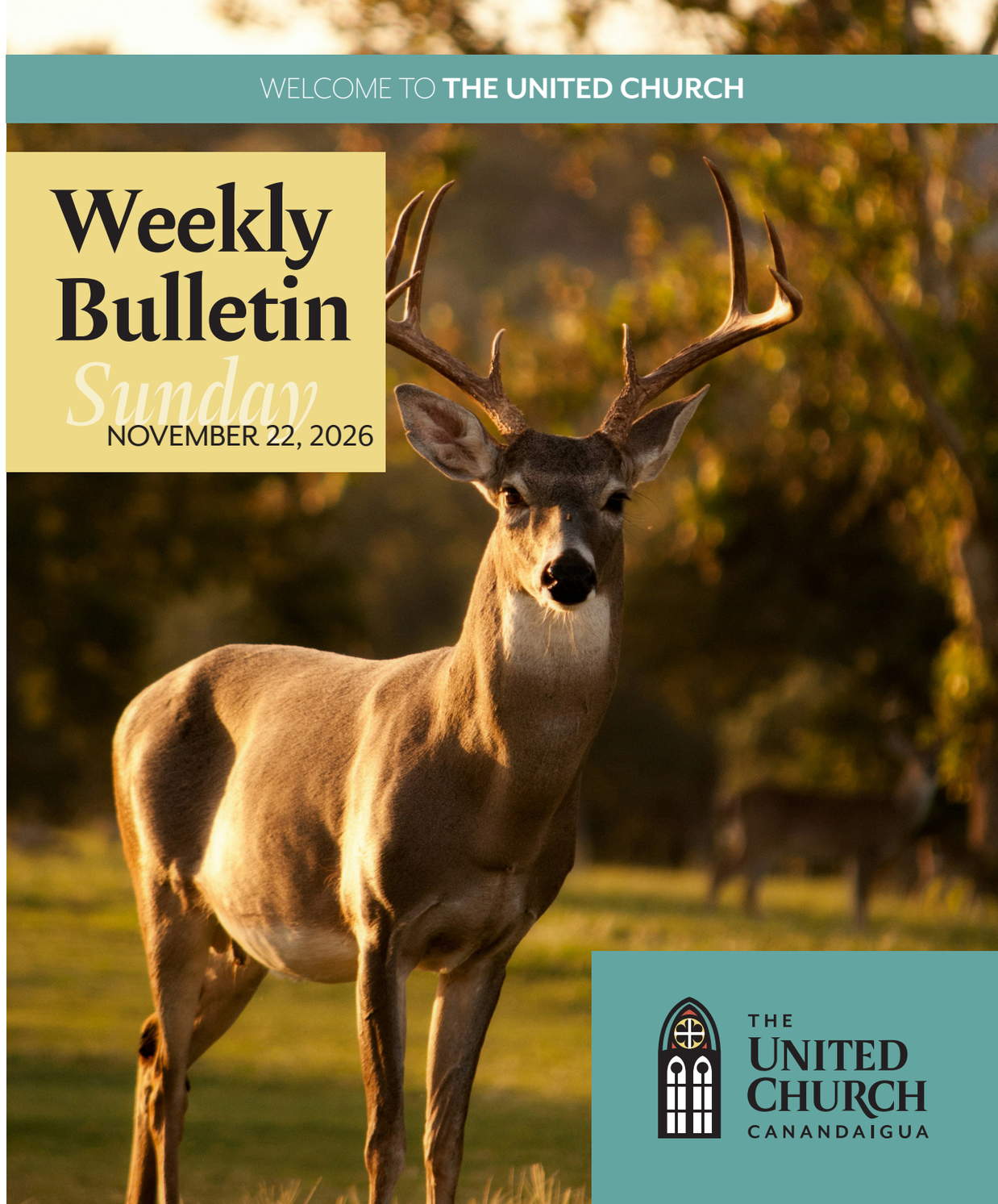
Weekly Bulletin

Sunday

NOVEMBER 22, 2026



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Order of Worship for
NOVEMBER 22, 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: Choral Paraphrase on "Coronation" by Homer Whitford
WELCOME AND GREETING TO OUR ONLINE CONGREGATION

OUR PREPARATION

Focus of the Day: God has not abandoned his broken world; the King is coming to make all things right.

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

CALL TO WORSHIP: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

***HYMN #271: "Christ Is Coming! Let Creation"**

***OPENING PRAYER:** King of all the earth, we come to you in a world that often feels broken, and we confess we sometimes wonder where you are. Remind us this morning that you have not left us, that you came, and that you are coming again. 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 97:1-6 (page 592) {A.B. page 666}

SPECIAL MUSIC: (8:45) "I Will Give Joyful Thanks" by Douglas Nolan (words on insert)
Small Ensemble

ANTHEM: (11:00) "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" arr. Bock and Larson
(words on insert) United Church Choir

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: (11:00)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Revelation 22:1-5 (page 1231) {A.B. page 1401}

Sermon
"The King Is Coming"
(Zechariah 14)
Pastor Wade Allen

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

***HYMN #134: "The King of Glory Comes"**

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: "Allegro Moderato" by Henry Purcell arr. Bairstow

***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 #190: "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"**

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BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE: "Prelude and Fugue in C Major" by Johann Sebastian Bach

** 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

Scriptures for next week, November 29

Sermon Scripture: **Malachi 1**
First Reading: **Psalm 80:1-7**
Second Reading: **Isaiah 64:1-9**

Congratulations to Virginia Holroyd and Mark Schreier, who celebrated their wedding on November 14th in Pennsylvannia! They will be back to visit us often. Watch for Mr. & Mrs. Schreier's new address in the January Lamplighter.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Health concerns: Kathy Allen Brown (Wade's mother), Bev Fehrenbach, Chris Van Riper (nephew of Jeff and Joy), Marion Sumpter, Beth Smythe, 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: Pvt. Jeffrey Daggs (grandson of John and Linda) at Army Ranger training, Tech SGT Nicholas DelVillano (Frye's son-in-law) USAF stationed in Germany, JJ Callard (USN), US Army CPT Andrew Marlin (Tyler Bosecks husband), 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** - Reminder! 18-35 year olds - Wednesday, November 25 - 5:00PM - 7:30PM. Conference Room.
- **Harvest Potluck Gathering & Advent Decoration Night - TODAY, 5:00p-7:30pm** - Registration is now closed.
- **Advent Devotionals** - Last day to order Advent devotionals! - Sign-up is in the Welcome Center. 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!
- **Christmas Mall Trip** - Saturday, December 19, 11:00AM-5:00PM - 6-12 grade students. Volunteers needed! Students/Helpers sign-up online or in the Welcome Center! Check bulletin article for more info.
- **Dec 20 and 29 will be one service only at 11:00 am**. The 20th is Christmas Sunday and the 29th is the New Year Prayer Service.
- **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.



Christmas Angel Tree

TODAY, the giving trees in the Welcome Center are loaded with gift tags! If you are able to help with this outreach, please take a tag or two, and indicate your selection on the clipboard. Purchase the items, and **return the wrapped gifts by Sunday, December 6**. Be sure to **affix the angel tree tag to your gift** as this is needed to help with sorting and distribution. Many thanks for sharing out of what God has generously provided for you! Questions? Please see Cathy Bush or Mary Lou Havens – the Mission Collections Team!



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.

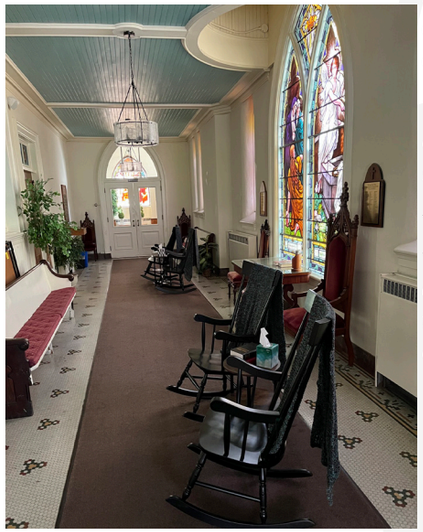
Nursery care is available during the service. **Children (infants through 5-years-old) are welcome in the nursery at any time during the service.** All nursery volunteers are background checked. The infant nursery, which is located adjacent to the preschool nursery, is also open and available for parents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



It's An Online Silent Auction! with cherished nativities offered by Claire S. as a generous gift to benefit the Mission Trip Fund.

Ten nativities, representing countries from around the world, have been selected and are available for you to bid on through 32auctions.com/nativities. They are on display in the church Mission Center. The auction **opens on November 21st and ends on December 13th**. Winning bidders will be notified by phone and nativities may be picked up at church with payment due at that time by either cash or check.

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.



Making a Difference With Every Ring

United Church members have an opportunity again this year to support the Red Kettle Campaign by ringing the Salvation Army Bell on **Saturday, December 5th at the Runnings store**. We currently need volunteers for the **1:00-2:00pm and 3:00-4:00pm shifts.** Contact Linda Werts.

Stewardship Update



We are finishing up the pledge season for the 2027 year. We have had 108 pledges returned, with $357,720 pledged to Operating and $72,990 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.

Finger Lakes Symphony Orchestra Holiday Concert

Saturday, December 5th at 3:00 pm at the United Church. Tickets for sale at the door (see info on poster on bulletin board or in Lamplighter)

Community Organ Concert for Christmas



Please join us here on December 11th at 7:00 pm with our very own organist David Kraft 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.

Grace Choir Concert - Saturday, December 12 4:00pm

Celebrate the season at UCC with ***JOY!***, an inspiring Christmas gospel cantata. Grace Choir, under the direction of Dr. Lon Beery, is an interdenominational Christian vocal ensemble. The choir features more than 75 singers representing over 34 churches from Canandaigua to Gates, including members of UCC. Through powerful music and joyful praise, ***JOY!*** celebrates the birth of Christ and the hope of the Christmas season. Admission is free. A freewill offering will be received to benefit Family Promise of Ontario County, which provides support and resources to families experiencing homelessness. As we prepare our hearts for Christmas, join us for this special celebration of faith, music, and the joy of Christ's birth.

Need help with transportation to a church event?

The Transportation Team may be able to help out. Contact Margie W. or the church office to see if a driver is available.

Poinsettia Order From



Please Print Legibly

Name: _____

I would like to order _____ Poinsettias at $11.50 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: _____

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!

You may notice that the price changed from previous forms!
At the time we bagan taking orders, the supplier could not give us a definite price so we gave our best guess ... it turns out that the cost is only $11.50 per poinsettia. If you have already ordered and would like change back from your $13 payment, please ask in the office. If any extra funds are left over, they will be used for a few additional poinsettias for the sanctuary.

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).

Christmas Mall Trip - Saturday, December 19, 11:00AM-5:00PM

Purpose



A time for 6-12 grade students to gather during the Christmas season, to remember the first coming of Jesus, and to shop for loved ones. Everyone will enjoy lunch at the food court. High school students will guide middle school students at the mall to shop for family. Afterwards, the students will drive through a Christmas Lights Drive-Through, and then head back to the church to be picked up!



Agenda

11:00 AM - Welcome, Devotional, and Action Plan
11:30 PM - Depart to Mall
12:00 PM - Lunch at Food Court
1:00 PM - Mall Shopping in groups
4:15 PM - Leave Mall - Christmas Lights Drive-Through
5:00 PM - End

Parents & Adults -

- Can you help? We will need drivers and chaperones. Background check and driver info will be required.
- In the registration, give us an idea where your student may want to shop. This will help us plan.
- Everyone pays their own way. Cost support for meals upon request.

I Will Give Joyful Thanks (8:45 service)

by Douglas Nolan

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!

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (11:00 service) Anthem

arr. Bock and Larson

Chorus

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy, the Holy Ghost.

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship God in humbleness,
O praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One.

Chorus

Amen, Amen

