

THE UNITED CHURCH

PRESBYTERIAN – AMERICAN BAPTIST

November 27, 2022

First Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

OUR PREPARATION

INTROIT: (11:00) “Emmanuel, Emmanuel” (hymn #140)

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: The time is coming when the Lord shall pour His most special blessing on the earth.

People: We want to be ready for that time. What should we do?

Leader: Be vigilant. Keep your hearts, minds, and spirits open to God’s Word.

People: Help us, O Lord, to be aware of all you are doing in our world and how you are calling us to join you.

Leader: Come, let us celebrate God’s love for us.

All: Make our hearts ready to receive your Gift of Love, O Lord. AMEN.

***HYMN: #135 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”**

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***OPENING PRAYER: O Lord, our lives are so filled with chaos and busyness. Help us be ready to receive your message and gift of love, that we might grow into faithful disciples, serving you by serving others with hope and compassion. We pray this in Jesus’ name, who taught us to pray...Our Father... (using debts and debtors...) Amen.**

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

***GLORIA PATRI: #807**

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 2:1-5 (page 676) {A.B. page 754}

SPECIAL MUSIC: (11:00) “Christmas Was the Start”

Bruce Comstock

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 24:36-44 (page 982) {A.B. page 1084}

Sermon

“Wake Up”

Pastor Wade Allen

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

***HYMN: #133 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (verses 1,3,5)**

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PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY: #809**

***HYMN: #138 “Savior of the Nations, Come” (verses 1,2,4,5)**

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

The rosebud today is to celebrate the November 3rd birth of Camden Jarrod Reed, Grandson of Karen Braun Reed and David Reed and Irene Bessey and Peter Bessey. His parents are Jarrod Reed and Sarah Bessey. Please keep the family in your prayers during this special time.

Our prayers and sympathy are with Stephen Sedlock (Nancy Tharp's brother, who worships online with us every week), whose former wife, Linda, passed away recently. Please keep the family in your prayers during this difficult time.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Health concerns: Clancy Cragle (Michelle's grandfather), David Sanford, the Herin Family (relatives of Kathie Meredith), Mary Jane Laird, Patti Cagwin, David Crowe, Jack Schermond, Jim LaBrake (uncle of Karen Roaix), Brexton Bigos-Stocker (grandson of Ardelle Bigos), Dylan Smith (friend of Kat McFetridge), Ethan Eckert (friend of Scharr family), Shane Collins (staff at LeTourneau), Matthew Gullace

Cancer: Donna Schoenacker (aunt of Aldrich family), Laurie Rudy, Mike Davis (friend of Guy Green), Tom Wager (friend of Mark Slomski), Kelly Fish (James Mergenthaler's sister), Dawn Miller, Julie High, Mary J. Havens (Mary Lou's step-daughter), David Pagoda (friend of Eveleigh family), Keith Laursen (Tim's brother), Jim Davis (Scott's father), Jackie Crego (Stan and Evey Wright's daughter), Stephen Carges (brother of Paula Traber), Jon Santmyer (friend of Malecs), Darryl Kramer (friend of DiCiccio)

Recovering: Barbara Scott, Kathy Mills, Jan Gullace, Sue Paul (friend of Zajacs), Jay Peck (son of Jim & Ann)

Comfort and Peace: Sybil Amico

MILITARY SERVICE: Steven Munk (MacKenzie Brown's cousin) deployed to Somalia, LTJG Nick Castiller (USN) stationed in Everett, Washington, MAC Adam Thorman (USN) deployed overseas, E6 Cody Wells (USN) returned from deployment, Technical Sergeant Timothy Peck (USAF) home from deployment

MISSIONARIES: Carlos Bonilla and Mayra Giovantti – the BGs (Central/South America), Tim and Patti Long (Baja Mexico), Shelvis and Nancy Smith-Mather (S Sudan refugees in Uganda), Ryan and Alethia White (Berlin)

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

Have you been on our church website recently? We've got a nice new look,
and hopefully it will be easier for everyone to find what they're looking for.

<https://www.unitedchurchcanandaigua.com/>

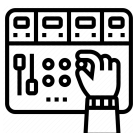


Some of the links on the website will take you to updated versions of things like the calendar, livestreams, bulletins and Lamplighters, online giving, and registration for events. Check it out!

If you use a smartphone or tablet, download the free Church Center app to have easy access to everything church related!

Wednesday Morning Men's Prayer Breakfast invites you!

Men of all ages are invited to join us at 7:00 am Wednesday morning in the Fellowship Room for a hot breakfast, prayer and Bible study.



We are looking for people interested in helping with the audio support of the 8:45am Sunday worship service and both audio and video support for the 11:00 service. People interested can contact Dale Zajac at 585-924-8564 or mrz@rochester.rr.com. We plan to coordinate show and tell training in the next few weeks.

The Stewards Assistance Fund: This Fund assists those in our congregation who are facing temporary financial challenges. If you are struggling, please call the Office at (585) 394-0503 to speak with Virginia Holroyd, or email her at virginia.holroyd@uccdga.org



The shopping cart for collecting **food donations** will be in the Gathering Area every Sunday due to increased needs in the community. We will alternate taking the donations to the CCIA and Salvation Army food pantries. Thank you for your generosity!



We welcome your help to serve as **Greeters for the Sunday Services**. Greeters welcome people as they enter the church building and they hand out Bulletins at the Sanctuary entrances. Greeters also pass the Offering Plates during the Offertory. Reminders are emailed with instructions and location assignments.

The Greeter ministry is a wonderful way to show that we are a hospitable church and that we welcome all who want to worship the Lord with our congregation. **The December sign up sheet is on the Office door.** If you have any questions, please ask any Steward or call the Office. Thanks so much for serving in this way on any Sunday that you're available.

Called to Care ~ A couple of folks from the United Church are needed to be “on call” to donate new household linens (sheets, bath towels, etc) for the refugee family’s apartment once we know the sizes and numbers needed. If you’d like to help in this way, contact Cathy Bush.

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!**

Children’s Time ~ There is Children’s Time today. After the children’s sermon, children in Kindergarten through 2nd grade are invited upstairs to Room 26 for an age-appropriate lesson. Parents, please pick up your children promptly after the service. Thank you!

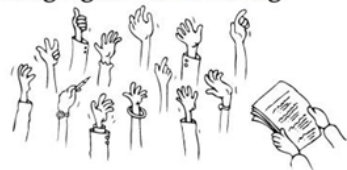
Nursery care is available during all Sunday services. Families with little ones (babies through preschoolers) are welcome to use the nursery as desired. Room 10 is used during the 8:45am service and Room 11 is used during the 11am service. If your child is not potty trained, please **take a pager** in case your child needs a diaper change. Thank you! Any questions? Please see Jason and Melissa Long or Deb Marshall.



Pledge forms were mailed out. If you haven’t received one yet, feel free to take one of the extras. We have a goal of **150 families** sending in a pledge! Help us get closer to our goal! Pledge forms may be placed in the offering plate, in the gold box, mailed to the office or submitted online. To do it online just scan this code!

As of this week, we’ve received 78 pledges of \$217,990 to the operating budget and \$64,078 to the missions budget.

Special Congregational Meeting



A Special Congregational Meeting of the United Church will be held after the 11:00 service, in the sanctuary, on **Sunday, December 11, 2022**. The purpose of the meeting is to approve calling Mark Slomski as Pastor of Youth and Adult Ministry.

POINSETTIA ORDERS DUE NEXT SUNDAY, DEC. 4:

Extra green order forms are in the Welcome Center on the table by the Church Office door, or call the Office and talk with Carolyn or Virginia.

Place your form in the Offering plate, or in the Office, or mail it in. \$11/plant. The plants will be set up in the Sanctuary in mid-December and you may take yours after the Christmas Eve Service or after the Christmas Day Service.



Check out what’s happening...

TODAY, Sunday, November 27, 2022 –

Service at 8:45am

Sunday School for all ages at 9:45am

Service at 11:00am

No Cause

Sunday, December 4, 2022 –

Service at 8:45am

Sunday School for all ages at 9:45am

Service at 11:00am

The Cause, 5-7:30pm

Sunday, December 11, 2022 –

Service at 8:45am

Children's Christmas Pageant at 10am

Service at 11:00am

The Cause, 5-7:30pm

Baking for Youth Club!

Calling all bakers! We serve dessert to our Youth Club kids and volunteers each week. Sometimes we like to enjoy homemade desserts. If you see something you'd be able to bake, please let Deb Marshall know. Desserts need to be delivered to church by Wednesday at 4:00pm. Often more than one baker helps to make the quantity needed.



For December 14th – 6 dozen Christmas cookies

For January 18th – 6 dozen smiley face cupcakes

Volunteer locally this holiday season! Are you looking to get out and serve our community this holiday season? Well, look no further! **Gleaner's Kitchen** is ready to welcome volunteers from The United Church **during the week of December 26-30**. You can help in the kitchen or the dining room. This volunteer opportunity is for all ages; however, please note that children 12 and under will only be allowed to help in the dining room. Please check your calendar, grab some friends or family, and sign up to help on the Adult Ed Bulletin board. ?s See Deb Marshall.



YOUTH CLUB

Our Wednesday afterschool ministry

For children in grades 2 – 8

After school – 6:30 October through April

Bible Study~Worship~Recreation~Family Time

Youth Club has begun and is off to a great start! Thank you to parents who are signed up to help out with snack and kitchen clean-up! We couldn't do it without your help!

Parent Duties:

Kitchen Clean Up – Wednesdays, 6pm til done

Nov. 30 – Soberon, Hildebrandt, Cheney

Dec. 7 –

Snack for 42 hungry children – at the church by 2pm Wednesdays

Nov. 30 – Aldrich

Dec. 7 –

Family Time Themes:

Nov. 30 – Advent - Hope

Dec. 7 – Advent - Peace

Adult Sunday School

November 27 -- For Advent, all adults together at 9:45:

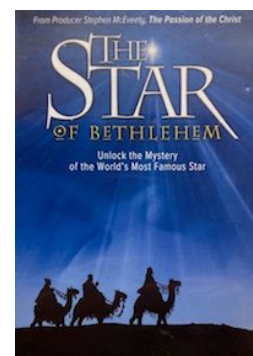
Star of Bethlehem video, Part 1 -- Downstairs Dining Room

Andrew Duncan presents a video that "walks you through Biblical and historical clues revealing the incredible significance of this celestial event as well as the vastness of God's creativity."

December 4 -- For Advent, all adults together at 9:45:

Star of Bethlehem video, Part 2 -- Downstairs Dining Room

Paul Johnson leads a conclusion of the video and discussion.



Advent Devotionals for Adults

We are offering two different devotionals this season -- one is online and the other is in booklet form. Choose either one or both for daily readings during Advent.

1. "The Promised One" -- Advent readings from Christianity Today. This devotional is online only. Go to the following link on your computer or device -- https://bit.ly/CT_Advent_2022

2. "Be Born In Us Today" -- by Chad Bird has been placed at the sanctuary entrances. If you'd like us to mail one to you, please contact the church office.

Christmas Angel Tree



The Christmas Angel Tree is up in the gathering area and loaded with gift tags. This year we are returning to doing the Christmas Angel Tree through St. Benedict's Parish (St. Mary's). The requests on the Angel Tree are all for local needs.

Once you have picked a tag, please purchase the items, and return the **wrapped** gifts to church by **Sunday, December 4. Please be sure to affix the Angel tree tag to your gift as this is required to help with sorting and distribution.** Many thanks for sharing with others from what God has abundantly provided for you! Questions? Please see Deb Marshall.

MISSIONS



IN EVERYTHING GIVE THA



Thanksgiving day our hearts were filled with gratitude for God's faithfulness. With gratitude we remembered all that has been given to us.

Working together more than one hundred Ontario County families received a food basket last Monday. Volunteers from the United Church joined others to package the donated potatoes, onions, grapes, cabbage, bread, baked sweets, and more that were placed in the cars waiting in line for food. CCIA, the Partnership of Ontario County, and Zion Fellowship organized this Canandaigua drive thru Foodlink distribution.

Three of our church members delivered fifteen food baskets to Canandaigua residents. Other members packaged household size food baskets and placed the baskets in the cars as they passed by.

Thanks be to God for the food providers of food and the food growers. Thanks be to God for Canandaigua churches working in harmony to distribute the food baskets.

Let us continue sharing the "bread of life" as we share physical bread.

*"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. **In everything give thanks**, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."*

I Thessalonians 5:16-18

Let Music Warm Your Hearts with Christmas Joy! Our Christmas performances are open to the community. Please invite your friends and family. The popular **Christmas Ceilidh Band returns on Saturday, December 3rd at 7:00pm** to usher in the season with a bit of Celtic song and revelry. Local musicians Kevin Angus, Pat Carey, Cathy McGrath, and Paul Gluchowski will entertain us with an evening of



Christmas carols, tunes and a wee bit of storytelling. Our own piper, Andrew Duncan, will lead off the evening! A free will offering will be received.

On Sunday, December 11th at 3:00pm the Finger Lakes Symphony Orchestra will offer their "Holiday Celebration." Tickets available at the door. Our **Traditional Christmas Organ Concert is planned for Friday, December 16th at 7:00pm** featuring guest organist Tim Schramm and special guests Tim Burdick, Sam Wersinger, and Dennis Overhoff. A freewill offering will be received and a holiday dessert reception will follow. See the sign up on the office door or speak with Ellen Parsons or Joyce Laursen to donate items.

Alternative Christmas gift market!

If you are looking for meaningful ways to honor your family and friends at Christmas please consider giving a gift that can change lives. For the next few weeks we will display in the welcoming center giving catalogs from various organizations suggesting gifts that matter. Please take a moment to look through these catalogs as you think about purchasing gifts for Christmas.

Youth Ministry

2023 Calendars

It is time for another year of fundraising for Youth Ministry at our church through the sale of **2023 Calendars!** Starting TODAY, a table will be set up for the purchase of calendars after both services.

December 9 - Christmas Shopping Mall Trip!

Middle school and High school students are welcome to join us for our annual mall trip! See below for our agenda:

- 5:00 PM** - Arrive at the church (sign-in & medical forms on file are required)
- 5:30 PM** - Students will be driven to Eastview Mall (drivers will be provided)
- 6:00 PM** - Purchase and eat dinner
- 6:30 PM** - Shopping in groups
- 8:00 PM** - Drive back to church (drivers will be provided)
- 8:45 PM** - Middle school students picked up (sign out required)
- 10:00 PM** - High school students picked up



Register on the church website by Sunday, December 4, 2022

Mark your calendars...

Children's Christmas Pageant
Sunday, December 11th 10am
In the sanctuary



"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you;
He is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11

One Practice on
Saturday, December 10th at 9am
In the Sanctuary

Care Net is in need of volunteers! Here are some ways you can help:

- organizing the baby boutique
- greeting clients and getting them diapers and wipes; praying with clients that are open to it
- being a peer counselor (requires a 24-hour training)
- assisting at the front desk
- assisting with our parenting classes (in the center and virtual)

Please call Care Net at 393-0437 for more information.



#135 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

1. Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the Earth thou art;
Dear desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.

2. Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king.
Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

#133 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
(Chorus) Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

3. O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here;
And drive away the shades of night, and pierce the clouds and bring us light! **(chorus)**

5. O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease; fill all the world with heaven's peace. **(chorus)**

#138 Savior of the Nations

1. Savior of the nations, come, show yourself the Virgin's son.
Fill with wonder, all the earth, that our God chose such a birth

2. Not by human power or seed did the woman's womb conceive;
Only by the Spirit's breath was the Word of God made flesh.

4. Christ in glory, intercede for Your creatures' suffering need;
Let your resurrecting power soon complete the victory hour.

5. Praise to you, O Lord, we sing; praise to Christ, our new-born King!
With the Father, Spirit, one, let your lasting kingdom come.

For adults that still love puzzles ... (Solution from last week was BARTIMAEUS)

Can you solve the puzzle this week? It is pretty tricky! Read all of the instructions!

1. Join horizontally, vertically, and diagonally adjacent pairs of numbers that appear next to each other in the circle.

Work out the missing numbers using the fact that only the letters shown below can be hidden in the puzzle, and each is three numbers wide and tall.

2. Arrange the revealed letters to spell a name from the Bible.

Each letter can be the right way up, upside down, or on its side.

All possible letter shapes are shown below. Some are the same when rotated!



8	5	8	4	1	3	1	9	6	2
3	6	2	6	8	7	8	0	3	1
2	4	9	4	7	9	5	2	7	3
5	1	7	0	3	0	1	0	2	0
0	9	0	6	1	4	6	4	7	6
1	5	6	7	8	1	4	1	2	7
3	7	4	2	6	2	9	2	1	3
1	8	6	3	8	6	8	3	8	5
9	6	0	6	0	8	3	2	1	3
6	8	2	0	2	5	2	5	4	7

For more visit www.begriddled.com

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