

# THE UNITED CHURCH

PRESBYTERIAN – AMERICAN BAPTIST

October 6, 2024

**PRELUDE:** *Chorale Prelude on “Rockingham” by C. Hubert H. Parry*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GREETING

### OUR PREPARATION

**Focus of the Day:** We receive God’s grace, not because we deserve it, but because of God’s love and forgiveness.

### CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Come, all who feel unworthy,

**All: We are invited to the table of grace.**

Leader: Come, all who carry guilt and shame,

**All: We are invited to receive forgiveness and love.**

Leader: Just as Joseph welcomed his brothers,

**All: God welcomes us, not because we deserve it, but because of His boundless grace.**

Leader: Let us come with open hearts,

**All: And celebrate the God who calls us to His table.**

Leader: Let us worship the Lord with joy and thanksgiving!

**All: Amen.**

**HYMN: #89 “Our Great Savior” (vs 1, 2, 5)**

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**\*OPENING PRAYER:** Gracious and loving God, we come before You with grateful hearts, aware of Your boundless grace that invites us to Your table of mercy. As we gather in Your presence, open our eyes to the depth of Your forgiveness and the wonder of Your love. Guide us in this time of worship, that we may be drawn closer to You and to one another. Help us to let go of our burdens and trust in Your provision for all that we need. We pray this in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray, singing: Our Father, who art in heaven...

**\*HYMN #632: “THE LORD’S PRAYER”**

### \*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

### \*GLORIA PATRI: #807

### GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING:** Psalm 103:8-12 (page 595) {A.B. page 669}

**ANTHEM:** (11:00) “Sing and Shout Praises” by Eric Stover (words on insert)

United Church Choir

### CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING:** Ephesians 2:4-9 (page 1157) {A.B. page 1297}

Sermon

“Invited to the Table”

(Genesis 42-3)

Pastor Wade Allen

### OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

**\*HYMN: #493 “I Know Whom I Have Believed”**

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### PASTORAL PRAYER

**OFFERTORY:** “*A Mighty Fortress is Our God*” by Max Reger

**\*DOXOLOGY: #809**

### COMMUNION

**\*HYMN: #472 “Grace Greater Than Our Sin” (vs 1 & 3)**

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### BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE:** “*Sortie in F major*” by François Benoist

*\* 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), Bob White (Linda Bailey's brother-in-law), 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), Doug Cubbison (Connie Frye's brother), 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 Schermon

**Cancer:** 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), Jerrick Cesna & Sasha (friends of Megan French), Mark Schreier (Virginia Holroyd's friend), Amy Jelensperger (Sheppard family), 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)

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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!):**

Oct 19 – Church Game Night

Nov 2 – United Church Seminar

Nov 8 – Patriotic Organ Concert

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**Save the Date! You are all invited to a 90th birthday party for Hiram Bailey!**

October 26th, from Noon to 3 pm in the Dining Room

(no gifts please) RSVP to Linda Bailey by text 601-248-1264

**Highlights for This Week!**

- **The October monthly memo** is available on the TV cart. Make sure to pick one up before or after service!
- Please consider a donation to **The Stewards Assistance Fund** collection in today's Offering. This fund helps support our church families in times of financial distress. Monies can be placed in the offering plate. Be sure to note checks that are intended for the Assistance Fund. Any loose change will also be collected towards the fund.
- **All Church Game Night!** Saturday, October 19, 7-9pm. Join us for fun! Bring a board or card game if desired. Desserts and beverages provided.
- Event Registrations - register online!
  - **Corn Maze Youth Outing** - October 12. 8th-12th grade students invited.
  - **United Church Seminar** - November 2. This is a public event.
- **Join us for Parenting Coffee Hour - Sundays at 9:45am in the Fellowship Room**  
This week's topic - Having our beliefs challenged - and seeing how the roots of your faith will be strengthened  
Next week's topic - Intergenerational Sunday School class in the downstairs dining room. Please bring a dish to pass if you're able.
- **Greeter/Offering Coordinator for October is Phil Klingler.** If you are interested in joining one or both of these teams, please see Phil, or Tech Help in the Welcome Center, for help or more info.
- Church Family, we kindly ask that you consider **wearing your name badges** each time you come to worship. Wearing your badge helps create a warm and welcoming atmosphere, making it easier for everyone to connect and build relationships. It's a simple way to help new visitors feel comfortable and make sure no one feels like a stranger. If you don't have a name badge, let the office know and we'll make one soon! Thank you for helping us grow together in community.

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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** ~ There is no Children's Time today. Worship packets are available at the main entrance and library entrance. We hope you enjoy worshiping together as a family!

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**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!**



Dear church family - I have greatly appreciated the prayers, cards, good wishes, and offers for help as I am recovering from surgery. Your kindness has encouraged me and helps me continue to move forward. With gratitude for you all - love and blessings -

Wendy Stoddard

### Youth Club - Wednesdays, after school - 6:30pm

Our night includes: Recreation, Worship, Bible study, and Family Time (dinner)

#### Parent Help this week:

Snack - James

Kitchen help - Grube, James, Clark, Vassello

Any questions? Please see Deb Marshall

We need **occasional subs** for Youth Club (on Wednesdays) to **provide childcare** for little ones while their parents volunteer (4:00-5:15pm). If you are willing to help, please see Deb Marshall.

### "Weekend to Remember" Marriage Retreat by FamilyLife

Free to a couple that can use it! Two church members received the pass as a gift but aren't able to fit it in their schedule. Contact the church office if you can!

The gift card covers the registration fee for a couple (\$300-\$350) at any of the scheduled "Weekend to Remember" locations and dates between now and December 31, 2024. The FamilyLife website lists more than 2 dozen sites across the country before the end of this year, but the location closest to Canandaigua is Saratoga Springs, New York on November 22-24. Please note that any hotel (two nights) and meal expenses are not covered by the gift card.

The retreats run from 7:00 pm Friday to 12:30 pm Sunday. For full details, visit this website: <https://www.familylife.com/weekend-to-remember>. The website provides itineraries and FAQs for the weekends, and lists all available dates and locations, as well as bios of the speakers planned for each. Registrations for the retreat using the gift card can be done through the website. Optional hotel arrangements can also be done through the same website, if desired.



**Weekend to Remember.**  
by FamilyLife

**Next Sunday      October 13**

**Missionary Christy Lafferty of AMOS ministry in Nicaragua will be with us at both worship services.**



**partners in long-term ministry, and helps share the stories of lives being saved and transformed in Nicaragua.**

**9:45 - 10:45 in our dining room** she will share what God is doing with International Ministries in Nicaragua and around the world. Come hear her story.

**Join Christy in our dining room for a light lunch following the 11:00 service. A signup sheet is on the office door for lunch planning.**

### Family Promise

While Family Promise is excitedly working on their new Static Site plans they still need to continue helping current families facing homelessness. Our church is assisting by collecting grocery and gas gift cards to help their guests during the first half of October. Walmart, Tops, and Aldi are the most appreciated grocery cards, in \$25, \$50, or \$100 denominations. Kwik Fill, Exxon/Mobil, and Speedway gas cards are also very helpful and at Speedway they can be labeled "Fuel Purchases Only." If you can help these struggling families, please leave the gift cards in the church office or place them in a marked envelope in the collection plate by Sunday, October 20. If you would find it easier, you can write a check and mark it FP Gift Cards. Thank you for your support of these families in need.

CHRISTY has been serving God and her brothers and sisters in Nicaragua since 2012 as a part of AMOS Health and Hope. AMOS uses an empowering approach, following Christ's example of listening to and healing the most vulnerable, engaging communities as full partners by training local leaders as community health promoters. Their programs provide preventive and curative health services primarily to rural communities with significant barriers to health care. **Christy facilitates short-term mission opportunities, engages churches as**

# MISSIONS

**Our 2024 World Mission Offering is responding with love.**

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance will receive 50% of our donations. PDA is prepared and is forwarding Hurricane Helene relief disaster assistance. Today PDA is working collaboratively with FEMA and other Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD) to open roads, provide temporary shelter, and prepare for both recovery and rebuilding.

## Our gifts make a difference!

(US I-40 west and US I-26 north from Asheville, NC are closed for six to twelve months.)



Half of our special WMO supports our Baptist Global Servants working around the world with people seeking safety and Christian community.

“Many have left their homes for different reasons: violence, hunger or natural disaster. They leave everything they’ve known to come to a place where they can have food, clothes, shoes, and a place to rest. There is a very real sense of loneliness and abandonment when they arrive...**We meet them right where they are and then walk with them to get the help they need.**”

Moise Carrión-Joseph, IM Global Servant in Tijuana, Mexico

Give a WMO gift to join the work God is doing in ministries around the world. Use the WMO envelope in the pew rack or write WMO on the memo line of your check to support PDA’s Hurricane Helene relief effort and our global servants ministry with people displaced by violence, hunger or natural disaster.



**Please join by giving generously to support our WMO. Pray for everyone affected by Hurricane Helene and for Global Servants ministering to people forced from their homes.**

Here's an easy way to find the Church Center app and get set up! You can use this link: <https://uccdga.churchcenter.com/setup> or use this QR code and follow the step by step instructions. Please let any staff member know if you need help.



# Faith and Action

## Sing and Shout Praises!

Sing and Shout Praises for all our sins are washed away.

Give God honor and faithfulness, pray!

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna, Lord!

Alleluia, amen!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Praise the Lord! Give glory to His name.

All our sins are washed away, so sing, “Amen!”

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## Notes and Doodles: