

THE UNITED CHURCH
PRESBYTERIAN – AMERICAN BAPTIST
September 15, 2024

PRELUDE: “*Prelude in G*” by William Wolstenholme

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

OUR PREPARATION

Focus of the day- God is faithful and present with us in all circumstances whether they be challenging or favorable.

INTROIT: (11:00) “I Love You, Lord” (Hymn #124)

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Joseph faced temptation but remained faithful to God.

Congregation: He refused to sin, honoring the Lord.

Leader: Though falsely accused, God was with Joseph.

Congregation: In every trial, God’s faithfulness remained.

Leader: Let us trust God’s presence in our own struggles.

Congregation: For God is with us, just as He was with Joseph. Amen.

***HYMN:** #60 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

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***OPENING PRAYER:** Gracious God, we thank You for Your constant presence in our lives. As we gather in Your name, open our hearts to Your guidance and fill us with Your Spirit. Help us to trust in Your provision, even in difficult times. Now, let us pray the prayer our Lord taught us: Our Father... (using debts and debtors...) Amen.

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

***GLORIA PATRI:** #807

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 25:1-5 (page 545) {A.B. page 619}

SPECIAL MUSIC: (8:45) “Come to Jesus” by Rice/arr. Hayes (words on insert)
Nancy Burt-Preece and Joy Van Riper, acc David Kraft

ANTHEM: (11:00) “Come Lift Up Your Voice” by Stan Pethel United Church Choir

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE (8:45)

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO 3RD GRADERS (11:00)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: James 1:12-15 (page 1196) {A.B. page 1353}

Sermon

“Potiphar’s Wife”

(Genesis 39)

Pastor Wade Allen

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

***HYMN:** #370 “God of Our Life”

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: “*Communion in G*” by William Wolstenholme

***DOXOLOGY:** #809

***HYMN:** #619 “God Will Take Care of You” CCLI Song #93645, Public Domain., CCLI Lic. #11593017

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “*Prelude and Fugue in C Major, BWV 553*” by Johann Sebastian Bach

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

Our prayers and sympathy are with Jinilee Hildebrandt, whose mother-in-law, Cheryl, passed away suddenly on September 4th. Please keep the family in your prayers during this difficult time.

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: 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: Sara Scharr, Arlene Willett

Comfort and Peace: Harriet Morgan (Megan French's grandma), Mary Zimmerman (Wendy Bacon's mother)

MILITARY SERVICE: JJ Callard (USN) at 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!):

Sept 29 – Fiddlers Concert

Nov 2 – United Church Seminar

Nov 8 – Patriotic Organ Concert



Piano!!! The church is getting rid of an extra upright piano (the one up in the chapel). So if you could use it and have a way to move it out, it's all yours! Let the office know if you're interested.

Highlights for This Week!

- **Bible Presentation for our 3rd graders today!** This is one of our favorite Sundays ~ when we present our 3rd graders with their very own Bibles. The Bible we present is the NIV Adventure Bible. May this be the beginning of a life-long discipline of reading and studying God's Word! **Please join us after the 11:00 service for cake and punch in the fellowship room.**
- **Today** – Sunday school begins for all ages at 9:45am. Children's classes (ages 3-years-old through High School) meet upstairs. Adults can choose from a Genesis Bible study in the downstairs dining room or Parenting Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Room.
- Online registration is open for **Youth Club**, our Wednesday afterschool ministry for **2nd - 8th grade students**. Youth Club begins **October 2**. See the bulletin for more details and please let Deb Marshall know if you have any questions!
- We need occasional subs for **Youth Club (on Wednesdays)** to help **walk** kids from school to church (2:45-3:15pm), **drive** kids from school to church (2-2:30 or 3-3:30), or **provide childcare** for little ones while their parents volunteer (4:15-5:15pm). If you are willing to be a sub in any of these ways, please see Deb Marshall.
- **Greeter Coordinator for the month of September: Sharyn Canham.**
Please contact Sharyn if you have any questions about serving as Greeter or Offertory.

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.

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!

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!**

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.



YOUTH CLUB
Begins Wednesday, October 2!
Our Wednesday afterschool ministry
For children in grades 2 – 8
After school – 6:30 October through April
Bible Study~Worship~Recreation~Family Time

If you have a 2nd - 8th grade student, we hope you will consider signing your child up for YOUTH CLUB! Online registration is open through September 25th. Please let Deb Marshall know if you have any questions!

Parents of Youth Club students ~ Please plan to join us in the sanctuary at about 5:30pm on the first day of Youth Club (Oct. 2) for a pizza dinner and our YC opening at 6pm! ☺ Our time should conclude at 6:30pm. We are all looking forward to a great year of Youth Club!

We need YOUR help! We are looking for volunteers to help at the **Youth Club Welcome Table** on most **Wednesday evenings** from October 2 until April 30. There are breaks for Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, Easter, etc. The welcome table is set up near the main entrance doors and the person at the table mainly helps parents who come in to have their child leave early. *We typically divide the position between 3 people. We need each person to cover a one hour block (3:30-4:30, 4:30-5:30, or 5:30-6:30).* This is a great opportunity to help in a ministry in a crucial way, but it doesn't require any prep! Many past welcome table volunteers have found time to read a book, knit or crochet, or catch up on email. **Please see Deb Marshall if you are interested in helping in this way!**

MISSIONS Faith and Action

"People on the Move are looking for a Welcome"

Fire, tornado, or flood all require immediate home abandonment. **Where can they find a welcome?**

Some people move to accept educational, employment, or improved housing opportunities. Safe neighborhoods and quality affordable housing are prerequisites in each search.

We depend upon college campuses and military "boot camp" to provide safety and a welcoming reception for our students and enlistees. Pray for our young adults to **find a welcome** after moving to new opportunities and responsibilities

Migrants, refugees, and asylum seekers need safety in a new place. Each arrives at the border of a new country in search of safety, opportunities. **Where can they find a welcome?**

Our missionaries (Smith-Mather, Lafferty, BGs, White) each partner with a network of Christians providing a welcome to refugees in Europe, Central America, and Africa. We Presbyterians and Baptists collaborate with other denominations and government agencies to provide services to oppressed sisters and brothers.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28
We can provide rest and safety for all who are weary.



*Called to Care, Canandaigua invites you to enjoy the "**Fiddlers of the Genesee**" benefit concert to be hosted at the United Church on Sunday, September 29th at 3:00pm with reception to follow.*



A Pie Sale to benefit Called to Care, Canandaigua will be running through September! Order your pies in the welcome center. Pick up will be on Oct 20th.

A Chicken BBQ to benefit CareNet will take place on Sept 28th in the Runnings parking lot. Cost is \$13, catered by Gale-Wyn



Thank you to the congregation for all the Prayers, Cards and Get Well Wishes
for my recent surgeries.

Regina Allen



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



Beaver Camp fun! Check out the website Beavercamp.org or brochures for more info on:

Young Adult weekend, Sept 20-22
Parenting with Purpose weekend, Sept 27-29
Fall Family Retreat, Oct 4-6
Scrapbook Retreats and Ministry Leader retreats are also coming up!



Have you recently lost anything?

Dishes, jewelry, water bottle, clothing? Please look at the Lost and Found table in the Welcome Center today! If you know whom something belongs to, please take it to them! Things will be up for grabs or donated soon!



Come to Jesus by Chris Rice/ Arr. Hayes

Verse 1

Weak and wounded sinner
Lost and left to die
O raise your head for Love is passin' by
Come to Jesus, Come to Jesus, Come to Jesus and live

Verse 2

Now your burden's lifted
And carried far away
And precious blood has washed away the stain
So sing to Jesus, Sing to Jesus, Sing to Jesus and live

Verse 3

Like a newborn baby
Don't be afraid to crawl
And remember when you walk sometimes we fall
So fall on Jesus, Fall on Jesus, Fall on Jesus and live

Verse 4

Sometimes the way is lonely
And steep and filled with pain
So if your sky is dark and pours the rain
Then cry to Jesus, Cry to Jesus, Cry to Jesus and live

Verse 5

O and when the love spills over
And music fills the night
And when you can't contain your joy inside
Then dance for Jesus, Dance for Jesus, Dance for Jesus and live

Verse 6

And with your final heartbeat
Kiss the world good-bye
Then go in peace and laugh on glory's side
And fly to Jesus, Fly to Jesus, Fly to Jesus and live
Fly to Jesus, Fly to Jesus, Fly to Jesus and live

Notes and Doodles:

Small Group Interest Survey

Thank you for expressing your interest

We will review the replies and give you an update within a month

Your name *

First name

Last name

Email address *

name@example.com

Which of the following are important factors? (select all that apply) *

Your selection will help us connect you with others that have similar needs & requests.

Small group members...

- Live relatively close to one another
- Have specific days/times available
- Share a similar season of life (or similar life circumstances)
- Hope to study the same topic/theme
- Have common interests/hobbies
- Other

Do you need childcare? *

This will help us pair others with similar childcare needs, and to focus our childcare support efforts.

- Yes
- No

Are you open to leading or co-leading a small group?

You can expect support by personnel, training, help finding curriculum, budget support, etc.

- Yes
- No