

THE UNITED CHURCH
PRESBYTERIAN — AMERICAN BAPTIST
January 14, 2024

PRELUDE: *“Nobody Knows the Trouble I’ve Seen”* by George Blake

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

OUR PREPARATION

INTROIT: (11:00) “Into My Heart” (Hymn #444)

Focus of the day: Luke’s account of Jesus’ temptations. As we face temptations let us remember Jesus’ model.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: When Jesus was in the wilderness, he was tempted to save himself.

People: We often look for the good things for ourselves first, before the well-being of others.

Leader: Jesus was offered salvation if he turned stones to bread; if he accepted wealth and power; if he tested God’s commitment to him.

People: In all these things, Jesus remained strong in his commitment to God.

Leader: May our commitment be as strong.

All: May our lives be placed in God’s hands. AMEN.

***HYMN: #756 “Soldiers of Christ, Arise”** CCLI Song #185924, Public Domain, CCLI Lic. #11593017

***OPENING PRAYER:** Lord, the temptations of the world loom large before us. We are enticed, cajoled into moving from lives of faithfulness to lives of self-centeredness. We need your healing. As you resisted the temptations in the wilderness, help us to place our trust in you, that we may be strong in our faith and trusting in your provision for us. 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: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 (page 618) {A.B. page 692}

ANTHEM: (11:00) “I Need Thee Every Hour” The United Church Choir

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 (page 1131) {A.B. page 1262}

Sermon
“Jesus’ Testing”
(Mark 1:12-13, Luke 4:1-13)
Pastor Wade Allen

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

***HYMN: #200 “Lord, Who Throughout”**

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PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: *“Alla Musette”* by Sigfrid Karg-Elert

***DOXOLOGY: #809**

***HYMN: #561 “Just a Closer Walk with Thee”** CCLI Song #28263, Public Domain, CCLI Lic. #11593017

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *“Toccata in F Major, BuxWV 156”* by Dieterich Buxtehude

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

Our prayers and sympathy are with Lori McMillen, whose mother, Ruth Tucceri, passed away on January 11th. Please keep the McMillens and the whole family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Highlights for This Week!

- **NEW - The Memo** - Grab a copy of the monthly memo, in the Welcome Center (in front of the TV!). This new communication method will replace a large portion of the bulletin inserts, reserving the church bulletin for the worship service, prayer list, and important highlights. Other communication methods include the weekly church announcements, monthly lamplighter mailing, weekly emails, TV communications, and select bulletin boards.
- **Day of Service, tomorrow at 10 am** in the dining room. This is a Presbytery sponsored event to honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. We will pack CWS hygiene and school kits, which will benefit many around the world. The Mission Committee is providing a fellowship meal to follow the activity. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway and let us know if you will be staying for lunch.
- **WINTER YOUTH LOCK-IN** - Middle School and High School students are invited! Friday at 7PM through Saturday at 8AM (January 19-20). Please register online.
- **POTATO BAR FUNDRAISER** – During the annual meeting (January 21). Can you help? Sign up on the youth office door.
- **YOUNG ADULT SATURDAY EVENING CONNECT** - Young adult are invited to join our new program for young adults! Occurs every second and fourth Saturday of the month, from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM.
- **Bring a friend night** is next Wednesday, Jan 24th, at Youth Club. Parents, please make sure to let Deb Marshall know by Sunday, Jan 21 if your child will be bringing a friend.

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 offered during both services and during the Sunday school hour for those too young to attend Sunday school so that parents may attend adult classes or help in children's classes. **8:45am nursery** ~ a combined nursery meets in room 10. **9:45am Sunday school nursery** ~ meets in room 11, the preschool nursery. **11:00am nurseries** ~ both the Infant/Toddler Nursery (Room 10) and the Preschool Nursery (Room 11) are available.

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

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!**



The Annual Meeting of the United Church will be held after the second service, in the Dining Room, on **Sunday, January 21, 2024**. Immediately after the 11:00 service the youth will host a baked potato lunch. This will be followed by the Annual Meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to approve the 2024 budget, elect officers, review the activities of 2023, and do any other business appropriate to the meeting.

If you made any charitable donations to the church in 2023, be watching your email for your tax receipt. If we don't have your email, or you don't download the file in a week or so, we will be mailing the paper copy to you. Thanks for helping us to reduce postage and paper! If you have any questions or concerns about your statements, let the church office know.

Building relationships and connections is the focus of the January 16-18 **Matthew 25 Summit** near Atlanta. Pray for Ryan leading a summit workshop. **Ryan and Alethia White**, United Church supported missionaries, focus is support of Christian refugees and immigrants in western Europe.



Called to Care, Canandaigua is preparing to welcome two families this month. A family of four will be arriving from Ukraine; a family of six will be arriving from Haiti. Both are leaving the stress of war and violence for a new life of hope and security here in our community. How fortunate are we to be able to offer this possibility to bless others as we have been blessed! We invite you to join us at this year's **"Chasin' the Blues"** event on Friday, February 9th at 7:00pm at Crosswinds Church. Comedian Paul Aldrich will be the featured entertainer and we'll hear the testimony and heartwarming refugee story of Jade Myers and Danie Exilus, whose family will be arriving soon from Haiti. Tickets are \$25 in advance (\$30 at the door) and will be available for purchase before or after worship on Sundays January 21st and 28th or now from Regie Allen, Sonya Brooks, Cathy Bush, Wendy Stoddard, or Linda Werts.



Our annual **Relay for Life flower sale** starts today through Feb. 11th. RFL raises money to help rid the world of ALL cancers! Delivery will happen the week of Mar. 18th. Please see Susan Vadney or Sandi DiCicco in the Welcome Center to take your orders &/or answering any questions about joining our church team, **"United Against Cancer"**!

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Health concerns: Louise Huck, Barbara Scott, Catherine Kurzdorfer (Adam Thorman’s mother), Carolyn Verspoor, Hiram Bailey, Marcus (friend of Sandi DiCicco), Kainoa Coarsey (great-nephew of Kathie Meredith & David Crowe), Garrett Nayer (nephew of Karen Gardner), Jean Pollard (Ali Boseck’s mom), Bob McDougal (MacKenzie Brown’s uncle), Denise Loy (friend of Kory Massey), David Sanford, David Felten (husband of Mary Maida), Denice Tautges (Hiram Bailey’s daughter), Jovannie Ramirez (Karen Roaix’s grandson), Steve Sedlock (Nancy Tharp’s brother), Clancy Cragle (Michelle’s grandfather), the Herin Family (relatives of Kathie Meredith), David Crowe, Jack Schermond

Cancer: Rich Crowley (friend of Steve & Beth Smythe), Tom & Monica Yurik (friends of Bruce & Deb Gardner), Bill Blance (Ed’s brother), Paul Miner (brother of Linda Wells), Deb Dawson (Steve Smythe’s niece), Brent Gibbs (father of Kristy Aldrich), Sasha (friend of Megan French), Roderick Simonds (father of Natalie Clark), Rob Stults (cousin of Wade & Christy Allen), Dawn Miller, 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 & Evey Wright’s daughter), Stephen Carges (brother of Paula Traber)

Recovering: Sara Scharr, Sharon Meyer, Marion Sumpter, Sara Henderson, Arlene Willett, Patti Cagwin, Kathy Mills, Shirley Kem, Mary Jane Laird

Comfort and Peace: Mary Zimmerman (Wendy Bacon’s mother)

MILITARY SERVICE: US Army LT1 Andrew Marlin (Tyler Bosecks husband) deployed to South Korea, LTJG Nick Castiller (USN), MAC Adam Thorman (USN) returned from deployment, E6 Cody Wells (USN) deployed to Japan, TSgt Timothy Peck (USAF) home from deployment

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