

THE UNITED CHURCH

PRESBYTERIAN – AMERICAN BAPTIST

December 4, 2022

Second Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE: *Pastorale 'Gesu Bambino' by Pietro A. Yon*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

OUR PREPARATION

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

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: This day is a day of preparation.

People: Open our hearts, O Lord, and make us ready to receive you.

Leader: Repentance, changing our attitudes, our lives, is the beginning of our preparation.

People: Lord, give us courage and confidence.

Leader: God will fill us with joy and peace as we become witnesses to God’s love.

All: Lord, help us to be faithful servants all of our days. AMEN.

***HYMN:** #174 “Angels from the Realms of Glory” (vs 1,2,5)

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***OPENING PRAYER:** Patient and loving God, we so easily launch ourselves in preparation for the social events of the Christmas season; but we forget that true preparation is the readiness of our hearts to receive you. Help us look again at our lives and turn them around so that they may be in tune with your will. We pray this in Jesus' name, who taught us to pray... (Singing)

***HYMN #632: “THE LORD’S PRAYER”**

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

***GLORIA PATRI: #807**

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 11:1-10 (page 686) {A.B. page 764}

ANTHEM: (11:00) “Angels Are Making Their Rounds” (words on insert)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 3:1-12 (page 957) {A.B. page 1054}

Sermon

“Word of God”

Pastor Wade Allen

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

***HYMN:** #171 “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

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PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: *Improvisation on Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

***DOXOLOGY: #809**

COMMUNION

***HYMN:** #151 “Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “Joy to the World” by Franklin Ritter

The rosebud today is to celebrate the November 30th birth of Daniel Scott Reed, Grandson of Karen and David Reed and Mary Ellen and Daniel Finucane. His parents are Ellen and Scott Reed. Please keep the family in your prayers during this special time.

Our prayers and sympathy are with the family and friends of Sybil Amico, who passed away on November 24th. Please keep the family in your prayers during this difficult time.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Health concerns: Jack Ebersol, Clancy Cragle (Michelle's grandfather), David Sanford, the Herin Family (relatives of Kathie Meredith), 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: Rob Stults (cousin of Wade and Christy Allen), 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: Mary Jane Laird, Barbara Scott, Kathy Mills, Jan Gullace, Sue Paul (friend of Zajacs), Jay Peck (son of Jim & Ann)

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.unitedchurchcanadaigua.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.



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.

Children's Thanksgiving Mission Project ~ One Great Hour of Sharing

Fish banks and sharing calendars were distributed to the Sunday School children. During the month of November, our families were invited to take part in our One Great Hour of Sharing mission project. **Fish banks are due TODAY. Please turn your fish bank in ASAP** and we'll see how God multiplies the fish and loaves we bring to bless others.

*"I tell you the truth, whatever you did
for one of the least of these brothers of mine,
you did for me." Matthew 25:40*



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 no Children's Time today. Worship Bags are available for children at the two front entrances. These bags contain various items to engage children throughout the worship service. Parents, please see the yellow sheet for instructions. Please return the bag and reusable contents when you're done. The children can take their papers home with them. We hope you enjoy worshipping together as a family!

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.

STEWARDS ASSISTANCE FUND:

The loose cash and coins placed in the Offering Plates today will go to the Assistance Fund. This fund is used to disburse monies to those in our congregation who need a little temporary financial help. If **you** need some help, contact Virginia Holroyd at the Office: (585) 394-0503.

POINSETTIA ORDERS DUE TODAY!

Order forms are in today's bulletin and in the November and December Lamplighters. You may put your form in the Offering Plate today or in the Church Office. \$11/plant. The plants will be set up in the Sanctuary in a couple weeks and you may take yours after the Christmas Eve Service or after the Christmas Day Service.



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.

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.

Check out what's happening...

TODAY, 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

Sunday, December 18, 2022 –

Service at 8:45am

Service at 11:00am

Sunday, December 25, 2022 –

Service at 11:00am ONLY

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 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

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

Dec. 7 – Hildebrandt, _____, _____

Dec. 14 – Pasquarelli, Aldrich, Grube

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

Dec. 7 – Clark

Dec. 14 – Parsons

Family Time Themes:

Dec. 7 – Advent - Peace

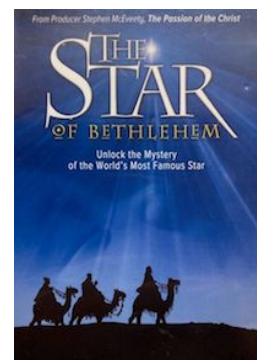
Dec. 14 – Advent - Joy and Love

Adult Sunday School

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

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

We'll watch the second half of this presentation and discuss God's messages for us occurring in the heavens and in Scripture.

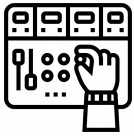


Advent Devotionals for Adults

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. Find this booklet at the sanctuary entrances. If you'd like us to mail one to you, please contact the church office.



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.

Christmas Angel Tree



The Christmas Angel Tree gifts are due today. **They should be wrapped with the Angel tree tag attached 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.

Youth Club goes Caroling! December 14

We will have regularly scheduled Youth Club and we will also go caroling! Be sure your child is equipped to bundle up and walk up and down Gibson St ~ and if you live on Gibson St, please listen/look for us and come out and give us a wave! We will be caroling from about 5:20-5:40. We are excited to share some Christmas joy through song!



MISSIONS

Hope Love Joy Peace

Christmas JOY! offering



Each December we receive our annual Special Christmas offering which is a combination of three offerings taken each year by our denominations. Through the Christmas Joy! Offering we honor and celebrate leaders like retired pastors, missionaries, church workers and their families who have faithfully guided and led us and made a difference in our lives.

The American Baptist Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering, the Presbyterian Joy! Offering and the American Baptist America for Christ Offering all offer us the opportunity to help others as we celebrate God's perfect gift to us. The Retired Ministers and Missionaries and half of the Joy offering both are ways in which we can show our thanks for their years of service. Part of the Joy offering honors students in schools and colleges equipping communities of color as they pursue their education and prepare to bring their gifts in service to the world. The America for Christ offering works to cultivate leaders, equip disciples and heal communities across our nation and Puerto Rico. We are called to answer God's call to help and to heal. COVID 19, wildfires, hurricanes and other disasters have caused devastation and we can—together—work to bring hope into our broken world by equipping leaders and disciples who are the hands and feet of Jesus.

Thank you for your generous support of these three very important special offerings which we have combined into our Special Christmas Offering. If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

Use the envelopes in the pew racks, the December Lamplighter to share JOY! Electronic giving is also available via our church's website.

Let Music Warm Your Heart with Christmas Joy! Our Christmas performances are open to the community. Please invite your friends and family. **On Sunday, December 11th at 3:00pm we host the Finger Lakes Symphony Orchestra** offering their "Holiday Celebration." Tickets will be available at the door. Our **Traditional Christmas Organ Concert is planned for Friday, December 16th at 7:00pm** and features guest organist Tim Schramm. Tim is well known in the area, has performed here before, and currently serves as Minister of Music for St. Michael's Church in Newark. Special guests performing with him will be Tim Burdick, saxophonist, Sam Wersinger, vocalist and Dennis Overhoff, pianist. A freewill offering will be received and a holiday dessert reception will follow the concert. Please see the sign up on the office door or speak with Ellen Parsons or Joce Laursen if you would like 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!** A table is set up for the purchase of calendars after both services.

December 9 - Christmas Shopping Mall Trip!

Register on the church website by TODAY!

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



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.

Sybil's Socks for Shelters

In memory of Sybil Amico, who passed away on Thanksgiving Day, we are taking up a **collection of socks** that will go to local assistance agencies. During Sybil's final few months of dealing with terminal cancer, her feet were always cold. Warm socks were *really* important to her.

If you would like to donate a pair of new socks, there will be a basket in the Welcome Center through December 18th. ***Thanks!***

Note: there will not be a local memorial service for Sybil; her body has been flown to her childhood home town in N. Carolina.



Angels Are Making Their Rounds (anthem)

Angels are making their rounds, O what a beautiful sound,
angels are making their rounds, angels are making their rounds.

(Altos)

Fear not, Zechariah, for the Lord has heard your prayer.
Elizabeth will bear a son.

(Sopranos)

Hail, O blessed one, you have found favor with God.
O blessed one, you have found favor with God.

(Altos & Sopranos together)

Chorus:

Angels are making their rounds, O my, what a beautiful sound.
Heaven's glory comes down when angels are making their rounds.

(Basses)

Fear not, Joseph, go and take Mary to be your wife,
For she carries a holy Child.

(Tenors)

Unto you is born a Savior, glory to God and peace on earth,
For now the Lord is with you.

(Basses & Tenors together)

To Chorus...

Then ALL parts sing as a round. (*Angels are making their rounds!*)

By: Pepper Choplin, Lorenz Publication c. 2010



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 96 pledges of \$286,642 to the operating budget and \$83,694 to the missions budget.

Annual Reports are due by Dec 16th! If you are the person in charge of writing your committee or board or group's Annual Report, please send it to Carolyn in the office by the 16th (unless it includes end of year financials, in which case ASAP after January 1st, please!)



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

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

For more visit www.begriddled.com

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Christmas Poinsettia Order Form

PLEASE PRINT



NAME: _____

I would like to order _____ Poinsettias at \$11.00 each.

They are given in memory or honor (circle one) of:

1. _____

Given by: _____

2. _____

Given by: _____

3. _____

Given by: _____

Please pick up your poinsettia(s) after the Christmas Eve Service,
or on Sun., Dec. 25 after the 11:00 Service.

Checks payable to: "The United Church Stewards - Poinsettia "

Place your form and check in the offering plate or mail to the church at 11 Gibson
St., Canandaigua 14424

ORDERS MUST BE IN BY DECEMBER 4th



174 Angels from the Realms of Glory

1. Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth

Ye who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:

(Chorus) Come and worship, Come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

2. Shepherds in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,

God with us is now residing, yonder shines the infant light. **(Chorus)**

5. Though an infant now we view him he will share his Father's throne,

Gather all the nations to him; every knee shall then bow down. **(Chorus)**

#171 Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

1. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king:

Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"

Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;

With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

(Chorus) Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King"

2. Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,

Late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb;

Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the incarnate Deity,

Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. **(Chorus)**

3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of righteousness!

Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.

Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,

Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth. **(Chorus)**

#151 Go, Tell It on the Mountain

(refrain) Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;

Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

1. While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,

Behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. **(refrain)**

2. The shepherds feared and trembled when, lo! Above the Earth

Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. **(refrain)**

3. Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,

And God sent us salvation that Blessed Christmas morn. **(refrain)**