

THE UNITED CHURCH

PRESBYTERIAN – AMERICAN BAPTIST

October 27, 2024

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

OUR PREPARATION

Focus of the day: God’s blessings often come in surprising ways.

INTROIT: (11:00) “Awesome God” by Mullins

Youth Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Jacob blessed Ephraim over Manasseh, showing that God works in unexpected ways.

People: We trust in God’s higher wisdom and His good plans for us.

Leader: Though Joseph questioned, Jacob knew God’s will was different.

People: We may not always understand, but we trust God’s wisdom.

Leader: As we reflect on God’s provision and faithfulness, may our hearts be filled with gratitude.

People: We trust in God’s abundant care, knowing He is always with us.

All: Let us now turn our hearts and minds to worship, lifting our voices in praise to the One who provides for all our needs.

HYMN: #73 “God Moves in a Mysterious Way” (vs 1-3)

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***OPENING PRAYER:** Gracious God, we come before you with hearts open to your wisdom and guidance. As we gather, help us to trust in your plan even when it differs from our own. Lead us by your Spirit as we pray together the words Jesus taught us: Our Father, who art in heaven..... (using debts and debtors...) Amen.

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

***GLORIA PATRI: #807**

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 1:46-55 (page 1013) {A.B. page 1122}

SPECIAL MUSIC: (8:45) “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”, arr. Heather Sorenson
Joy Van Riper (piano)

SPECIAL MUSIC: (11:00) “Abide” by Keyes, Williams, Fauber (words on insert)

Youth Choir

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 (page 1128) {A.B. page 1259}

Sermon

“God’s Surprising Blessings”

(Genesis 48)

Pastor Wade Allen

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

***HYMN: #522** “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” CCLI Song #24078, Public Domain. #11593017

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: “*Gott durch deine Güte*” by Johann Sebastian Bach

***DOXOLOGY: #809**

***HYMN: #638** “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “*Corale*” by Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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



Reminder: Daylight Savings Time ends next Sunday so don’t forget to “Fall Back” an hour!

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 Schermond

Cancer: Laura Fiorito (daughter of Charles and Patti Cagwin), 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), Sasha (friend 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 Giovantti – 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!):

- Nov 2 – United Church Seminar
- Nov 8 – Patriotic Organ Concert
- Nov 9 – Church Game Night
- Dec 6 – Christmas Organ Concert
- Dec 14 – Church Game Night
- Dec 15 – Christmas Pageant
- Dec 15 – FLSO Concert

Highlights for This Week!

- **United Church Seminar** - November 2. 9AM-3PM. Register online!
Overall Focus: How we respond to suffering in our own life, the church, and in the wider world via a biblical theology of prayer.
Speaker: Old Testament Biblical Scholar Dr. J Richard Middleton
Also, enjoy music from **David Kraft, Earl & June Pettit, Joy VanRiper, Nancy Burt-Preece, and Georgia Sperano!**
Please register online for the event. Mark will be available in the Welcome Center afterwards to help with sign up.
If you can also come for part of the event, you are still invited to attend.
We also have a signup sheet in the Welcome Center of help needed, including food prep in the morning, during lunch, and in the mid-afternoon, and more.
- We are collecting **stocking stuffers** for our Youth Club stocking project. All items need to fit in a small stocking (5 inches wide) and are needed by **next Sunday, November 3**. Items needed are: hair accessories, matchbox cars, jewelry, trading cards, watches, bouncy balls, jump ropes, gum, candy, small books, small games, crayons, pencils, pencil sharpeners, erasers, socks, gloves/mittens, hats.
- Just to make you aware, a **photographer** will be present to take pictures for our website and publications on **Sunday, November 3**, during the **late service and Sunday school**. So, come to early service if you prefer not to be photographed :)
- Are you a **first responder** or a **veteran**? Are you free on **Wednesday, November 6** from **5:30-6:30pm**? We’d love for you to be our **special guest at Youth Club dinner** that evening. If you are interested in coming, or know someone in our church who might like to attend, please let Deb Marshall know!
- **The November Monthly Memo** is on the **TV cart** in the **Welcome Center**. Be sure to take one home - it includes information on a variety of church activities.

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. Following the Children’s Sermon, kids in grades Kindergarten through 2nd grade can head upstairs for an age appropriate lesson. Parents, please pick up your kids 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!**

Youth Club - our after school ministry for 2nd-8th graders

Wednesdays, after school - 6:30pm

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

Parent Help this week:

Snack - Clark

Kitchen help - Davis, Hildebrandt, Nearpass

Any questions? Please see Deb Marshall



Worshiping
Growing
Reaching
Caring

Relationship. God created us and calls into a close relationship with Him.
Restoration: Joseph was sold into slavery by his brothers. God used famine to bring reconciliation, family reunion, hope
Partnership. Egypt and the Israel’s (Jacob’s) family formed a partnership.
*“And God spoke to Israel in a vision at night and said, “Jacob! Jacob!”
“Here I am,” he replied.
“I am God, the God of your father,” he said. “Do not be afraid to go down to Egypt, for I will make you into a great nation there.” Genesis 46:2-3*

Then he (Joseph) sent his brothers away, and as they were leaving he said to them, **“Don’t quarrel on the way!”** Genesis 45:24

Let us worship, grow, reach, and care as we are “on the way”.

Please join by giving generously to support WMO throughout the month of October. Half of our WMO collection supports Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and half supports our Baptist Global Servants working around the world.



During the month of October we celebrate Pastor and Staff Appreciation.

As a church family, we are thankful for those who have been chosen, and choose to, work within our church to build strong foundations, maintain and grow connections, teach us Biblical truths and lead us in our Christian journey. These positions require not only time but deep care for our congregation and community as messages and classes are planned and carried out. We pray that all of our staff can continue to guide us faithfully and let their God given talents shine here at the United Church.

Our church is blessed by: **Wade Allen**, Pastor; **Mark Slomski**, Pastor of Youth and Adult Ministry; **Deb Marshall**, Family Ministries Director; **Christy Allen**, Director of Member Care; **Carolyn Russell**, Office and Financial Secretary; **Georgia Sperano**, Choir Director, **Nancy Lamberson**, Treasurer; **David Kraft**, Organist; **Amber Bixby**, Custodian

Please consider reaching out with a note or a personal greeting this month to let them know how much we appreciate them!



"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.



Abide (11:00 Youth Choir)

For my waking breath
For my daily bread
I depend on You
I depend on You
For the sun to rise
For my sleep at night
I depend on You
I depend on You

Chorus 1

You're the way the truth and the life
You're the well that never runs dry
I'm the branch and You are the vine
Draw me close and teach me to abide

Where the Spirit leads
As I'm following
I depend on You
I depend on You
For the victories
Still in front of me
I depend on You
I depend on You

Chorus 2

You're the way the truth and the life
You're the well that never runs dry
I'm the branch and You are the vine
Draw me close and teach me to abide
Be my strength my song in the night
Be my all my treasure my prize
I am Yours forever You're mine
Draw me close and teach me to abide

When I pass through death
As I enter rest
I depend on You
I depend on You
For eternal life
To be raised with Christ
I depend on You
I depend on You

Oh would you teach me
Would You teach me to abide

I depend on You
I depend on You

THE UNITED CHURCH PRESENTS

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**PIPE ORGAN CONCERT
CELEBRATING VETERAN'S DAY
WITH PATRIOTIC MUSIC**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH
7:00 P.M.**

Featuring Organist Robert Green

A native of Bristol, NY, Bob's interest in music was encouraged by his mother and his school's music teacher. The late Don Scott of Canandaigua would become his tutor and mentor. Bob's military career was with the NYS Guard 1/21st ENG Co A for 13 years. With a degree in Criminal Justice, Bob worked for 30 years at the Ontario County Sheriff's Department. After retirement Bob served as the Town of Bristol Supervisor from 2010 to 2024.

Free Admission

**A Free-Will Offering will be Donated to the
Canandaigua American Legion Post 256**

Stewardship

Our stewardship season officially begins next week, but we've already received 34 pledge forms back! Our goal is to have 130 families pledging. Stay tuned for monetary goals! Follow the progress on the FROG poster outside the main office. A mailing went out recently containing the forms, but there are extras in the Welcome Center near the office. You may return forms in the offering plate, in the Welcome Center box, or by mailing them in. You can also make your pledge and/or request envelopes online by following this QR code:



Notes and Doodles: