

THE UNITED CHURCH

PRESBYTERIAN – AMERICAN BAPTIST
October 22, 2023

PRELUDE: *Dolcezza, No. 3 of "Reflections" by Percy W. Whitlock*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

OUR PREPARATION

INTROIT: (11:00) “I Just Came to Praise the Lord” (words on insert) Susan Gates

Focus of the day: May we learn to submit ourselves to God’s leading and allow Him to bring us together around His work and plan.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Each one of us here is different.

People: We are unique individuals.

Leader: We come from various backgrounds.

People: We come with differing needs and dreams.

Leader: Yet the Lord calls us to worship in unity.

All: Praise be to God who blesses our diversity and our unity. AMEN.

***HYMN:** “Yet Not I” (music on insert) CCLI Song #7121852, ©2018 CityAlight Music, CCLI Lic. #11593017

***OPENING PRAYER:** You have drawn us together this day from a variety of backgrounds, experiences, hopes, and dreams, Lord. Be with us as together we experience your presence and your healing love. Open our hearts and our spirits to receive strength, encouragement, and peace. 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: Romans 12:3-8 (page 1123) {A.B. page 1252}

SPECIAL MUSIC: (8:45) “Be Not Afraid”

arr. Gina Sprunger

June Pettit (piano), narrated by Nancy Burt-Preece
(11:00) “Living Hope”
The Youth Choir

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE: Paul Johnson

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 133 (page 615) {A.B. page 690}

Sermon

“Unity in Diversity”

Pastor Wade Allen

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

***HYMN:** #297 “Spirit of the Living God” CCLI Song #191468, ©1982 Hope Pub. Co., CCLI Lic. #11593017

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: *Improvisation on “O Sanctissima”*

***DOXOLOGY:** #809

***HYMN:** #697 “In Christ There Is No East or West”

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “Praeludium in E Major” by Vincent Lübeck (1654-1740)

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

The rosebud today is to celebrate the birth of Thomas Michael Emmal, born on October 14th. His parents are Brandon and Chelsea Emmal, and his grandparents are John and Jennifer Eveleigh. Please keep the family in your prayers during this happy time.

Looking for Prayer Requests? They've moved to the back page of the white insert (so we can spread out the bulletin and make it easier to read, and also for easier “fridge posting”.)

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Health concerns: Marion Sumpter, Carlos McGregor (Mexican Missionary), Diane Molenaar (Kathy Mills' sister), 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), Galen Marty (Mary Holm's father), 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: Jean Blake (former longtime member, friend of Mary Lou Havens), Bill Blance (Ed's brother), Paul Miner (brother of Linda Wells), Deb Dawson (Steve Smythe's niece), Mike Cramer (friend of DiCiccos), Brent Gibbs (father of Kristy Aldrich), Sasha (friend of Megan French), Justin Ecklund (friend of James and Sara Henderson), Roderick Simonds (father of Natalie Clark), Rob Stults (cousin of Wade and Christy Allen), Laurie Rudy, Mike Davis (friend of Guy Green), Tom Wager (friend of Mark Slomski), 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 and Evey Wright's daughter), Stephen Carges (brother of Paula Traber), Jon Santmyer (friend of Malecs)

Recovering: Sara Henderson, Steve Smythe, Arlene Willett, Patti Cagwin, Kathy Mills, Shirley Kem, Mary Jane Laird, John Tornow (friend of Elaine Allen)

MILITARY SERVICE: US Army LT1 Andrew Marlin (Tyler Bosescks husband) deployed to South Korea, LTJG Nick Castiller (USN), MAC Adam Thorman (USN) returned from deployment, E6 Cody Wells (USN) returned from deployment, Technical Sergeant 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)

CORPORATE PRAYER

WEEKLY PRAYER – All are invited to join us in prayer!

Two Choices: Before or after Sunday School!

- 1) **9:00 AM – 9:30 AM** – Fellowship Room
- 2) **11:00 AM – 11:30 AM** – Fellowship Room

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.



Highlights for This Week!

- The Fall Family campfire gathering is **CANCELED** due to bad weather – AGAIN!
- **Doug VanNorman** is leaving the United Church after 13 years of service as our custodian. We give thanks for his service. Please share your gratitude by **signing the card in the Welcome Center**.
- All are invited to **Intergenerational Sunday School and Stewardship Breakfast** next Sunday, **October 29 at 9:45am** in the downstairs dining room. Please bring a **dish to pass** if you are able. We also need some **help with set-up and clean-up**. Please sign-up on Deb's door if you can help.

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 10.

9:45 Sunday school Nursery ~ meets in room 11, the preschool nursery. Claire Sheppard and Marcea Stave are our well-loved caretakers during this hour.

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!

Sunday, October 29, 9:45-10:45 am: Intergenerational Sunday School and Stewardship Breakfast



Please join us in the downstairs dining room for a **dish to pass breakfast**. We will combine our intergenerational Sunday school fun with our Stewardship breakfast. We hope to see you there!

Nursery Coordinator Needed

Are you organized? Do you enjoy helping the church in "behind the scenes" ways? Please consider being the nursery coordinator. This person sets the schedule for the nursery and ensures that nursery toys are cleaned every 6 months by engaging a team of volunteers to help. If you are interested, please see Deb Marshall.



ADULT EDUCATION RETREAT - NOVEMBER 4

Saturday, November 4 - LeTourneau Christian Center

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Douglas Cullum (President & Dean Emeritus of Northeastern Seminary).

NOTE: Registration is now closed! Thank you for considering your attendance during this retreat!

YOUTH MINISTRY

MONTHLY CONNECT – Middle School and High School Students Invited!

Canandaigua – November 8 @ 6:45 AM. (North Rd. Tim Horton's)

Victor – November 15@ 6:45 AM. (Main Street Tim Horton's)

Marcus-Whitman - November 20@ 2:30 PM. (Gorham Free Library)

THE CAUSE – High School students invited!

Sundays, 5:00 PM – 7:30 PM, at the church



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

WEEKLY CONNECT – For college students through 20-somethings!

Sundays, 12:00 PM to 12:50 PM, young adults are invited to lunch, friends, and faith!

- Interested in hosting our young adults for lunch after church? Contact Mark Slomski.

ADULT EDUCATION MINISTRY

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS – Young adults and adults invited! 9:45 AM to 10:45 AM – Downstairs Dining Hall

Theology of Sex (class 5 of 8) – This class is titled Radical Faithfulness. We will be learning and discussing how both marriage and singleness embodies faithfulness, and how those two routes communicate the faithfulness of God.

Class offered : American Heart Association CPR/AED for Adult, Child and Infant

Date/Time: Saturday, November 18 from 9 - 12

Location: The United Church

Cost: Basic Class is \$30, +\$20 if you want a workbook to keep, +\$5 for First Aid certification (you'd stay another hour to complete this part). Cash, check or credit card.

Sign Up: On the sheet on the Adult Ed. bulletin board (minimum 6, maximum 14)

Questions? Contact Holger Stave



**American
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Important Fall Dates!

Oct 29, 2023

- Intergenerational Sunday School and Stewardship kick-off breakfast at 9:45am.

~ Please bring a dish to pass if you're able~

Nov 4, 2023

- Annual Adult Retreat (High School students invited too) at LeTourneau Christian Center, 9am-3pm, FREE for everyone, snacks and lunch included.

YOUTH CLUB

Begins Wednesday, October 4!

Our Wednesday afterschool ministry

For children in grades 2 – 8

After school – 6:30 October through April

Bible Study~Worship~Recreation~Family Time

Oct 25 – Kitchen Clean up: Beyrle, Buono, Grube, Harris

Oct 25 – Snack: Falbo



**Fall Family Dessert Delight at
Paul & Beth Johnson's
4638 Kear Rd., Canandaigua**

October 22nd, 2-4:30 PM For ALL Ages



Time is running out to order....



Live Fraser Fir Christmas Wreaths! Orders due by October 25 – this Wednesday!

These beautiful live wreaths include beautifully crafted holiday bows – 66 of them crafted by our own talented Carolyn Russell!!!

Pick up for the wreaths will be Nov. 20-21 at Spring Valley Greenhouse, County Rd 10 (Near Aldi's). Proceeds go to Called to Care, Canandaigua for expenses related to resettling refugees in our community. If interested, please see Linda Werts or

Cathy Bush (585) 281-4602 by Wednesday!!! Thank you!!!

MISSIONS Faith and Action

"That all might come to....." Look at the front of the bulletin to complete the goal.

Pray for a hurting world and the children in Israel, Gaza and West Bank. Pray for leaders making decisions for accountability and movement toward reconciliation and healing. (The following is from our mission partner)

"As the conflict in the Middle East escalates, International Ministries (American Baptist IM) urgently requests prayers for peace across Israel, Gaza, and the surrounding area.

Together, along with the European Baptist Federation and Baptist World Alliance, we mourn with those who have lost loved ones, and we lift up prayers for peace and justice. Even during suffering and conflict, God's light and faithfulness remain. We urge our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ to be peacemakers who reject any restrictions on human rights based on geography, ethnicity, or faith. As the hands and feet of Jesus, we unequivocally denounce terrorism and all acts of violence that target innocent civilians.

"The developing tragedy in Israel and Gaza breaks our hearts as we learn of the violence against innocent civilians and anticipate a growing number of casualties," says Charles Jones, Area Director for Europe, the Middle East, and Liberia. "Please join us in praying for God's intervention, comfort for those who mourn, and a transformed commitment to peace and justice in this troubled land – the land of our Savior's birth and life."

"We pray for protection, peace, and comfort over our local partners in this region, including the Association of Baptist Churches in Israel, Bethlehem Bible College, Christian Mission to Gaza, and Lebanese Society for Educational and Social Development. We thank God for the safety of our global servants Melanie Baggao and Dan and Sarah Chetti, who serve in this area."

Let us stand together with those suffering in this time of complexity and violence. Our partners in the region have shared the following calls for prayer:

- Pray for lasting peace, hope, security, and freedom for the entire region.
- Pray for God's comfort to be with those who are grieving lost loved ones.
- Pray for healing for those who have been wounded during the conflict.
- Pray for the safety and liberation of those who are being held hostage.
- Pray for wisdom and discernment during the facilitation of a peace mediation process.
- Pray for wisdom and discernment for the leaders.
- Pray for unity in God's church.
- Pray for God to use Christians as witnesses of his love.
- Pray that Christians around the world will give generously to local partners who will holistically minister to people in this region.

Please also pray for IM's local colleagues, global servants, and for the people they serve as we continue to monitor the developing situation. In the words of the prophet Micah, we hope to "act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly" (6:8) in pursuit of restorative peace and justice for all people.

World Relief Officer Lisa Rothenberger shares, "We are witnessing the mounting humanitarian needs on both sides of this conflict, and the coming days and weeks will determine the level of destruction in this region. What we know for sure is that there already is and will be an enormous human need for months and years to come. War creates a great need for physical rebuilding of homes, schools, medical facilities, and other infrastructure. It also leaves behind extraordinary psychological impact on families, communities, and entire countries. Working with our local partners in response to the needs they identify, we will respond and steward all funds to meet the needs of the innocent civilians regardless of location." **VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 10/13/23)**

****United Church's Special offering giving to One Great Hour of Sharing and Presbyterian Disaster Relief are providing assistance to our partners in the region. Thank you. Our October World Mission \$1866 offering and our prayers assist partners in the region.**

Volunteers needed Monday, October 23, 2023

Arrive at the Cdga Town Barn (approx. 9:45) to prepare and distribute fresh food as vehicles drive through.





Your food cart donations are distributed by the CCIA and Salvation Army Food pantries each week. Continue bringing nonperishable food items. (CCIA has made an urgent request for: Cereal, Tuna Fish, Peanut Butter, Spaghetti Sauce, Pasta (spaghetti or elbow), Can Corn, Can Soups, Can Pork and Beans) Thank you for your generous contributions.



CANANDAIGUA POP-UP FOOD PANTRY

**OCTOBER 23
NOVEMBER 27
DECEMBER 18
11:00-12:30 PM/
UNTIL FOOD
IS GONE**

**TOWN OF CANANDAIGUA
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BARN
5440 ROUTE 5 & 20
CANANDAIGUA, NY 14424
PLEASE ENTER ON BUFFALO
STREET**



All are welcome.
No public restrooms.
Please do not get in line before 9:30 am.
First come, first served.

Did You Know? Some of Your Mission Dollars Return to the Community! The Presbytery of Geneva offers Matthew 25 Grant opportunities to churches in the Presbytery. Last Spring the Official Board endorsed three grant applications on behalf of CCIA, The Good Neighbor Fund, and Called to Care, Canandaigua. Recently we were informed that each of these organizations have been awarded grants. Thank you for your continued support for mission monies which sometimes find their way back to serve our community.



Called to Care, Canandaigua has hosted its last general meeting for the year but its mission and work continue. This weekend Mirlande and her two children were finally settled into their own apartment, thanks to Cathy Bush, her housing crew, and Mirlande's Good Neighbor Team. Miseline, Voldymyr, Iryna and Natalia continue their FLCC English classes in Geneva. Could you help as a driver in November? Drivers pick the students up at 10:30am, wait in Geneva, and return them to Canandaigua when their class is over at 12:30pm. Stop by with your children to our booth at "Fall Into Canandaigua" on South Main Street on October 28th or join us at a benefit at the Abilene Bar & Lounge in Rochester, November 5th from 2-5pm with music by the Adrianna Noone Band and Dead Metaphor Soirée. Speak with any of us...Cathy Bush, Wendy Stoddard or Linda Werts...about any of these.



Scammers are targeting church members, usually pretending to be Pastor Wade and asking you to go buy gift cards. **Please don't fall for this.** If in doubt, do not respond in any way. Call or email the church office or Wade's own number in the directory.

Even outside of church ... if anyone claiming to be **anyone** asks you to go buy gift cards as a form of payment, or asks you to wire money, or pays you with a "too big" check and asks for a refund of the excess ... it is likely they are trying to steal from you. **Please ask a trusted friend or the authorities if they think the situation stinks!** Microsoft tech help will NEVER contact you to tell you that you have a problem. Do not give them access to your computer or any passwords or pins. They are thieves and will remotely steal from you while telling you they are helping you. The more urgent they seem, the more likely they are bad.



Goodbye!
& THANK YOU

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Please Join Us to Celebrate the 30th Anniversary of Pastor Wade Allen's Ordination

On September 12th, 1993 Wade Allen received his Ordination. The Lord called him and Wade listened. Through the 30 years since Pastor Wade's ordination, the Lord has gifted him, equipped him, instructed him and guided him. Wade listened to the Lord and he has faithfully served. Then the Lord called him to our church and, once again, Pastor Wade listened and has faithfully served. This has been to our benefit and we are grateful.

Please help us celebrate Pastor Wade's 30th Anniversary of his Ordination and show our gratitude by joining together in the Fellowship Room after today's 11:00 service. Cake and punch will be served.

The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching. 1 Timothy 5:17



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 October and November sign up sheets are 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.

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!**

Care Net needs volunteers ~ these volunteer positions can be a one time or one event commitment or an ongoing commitment to help at Care Net. Please call (585) 393-0437 if you'd like to volunteer!

Living Hope

(The Youth Choir)

Words and Music by Phil Wickham and Brian Johnson

1. How great the chasm that lay between us.
How high the mountain I could not climb.
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night.
Then through the darkness
Your loving kindness tore through the shadows of my soul.
The work is finished, the end is written.
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

2. Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
to wear my sin and bear my shame.
The cross has spoken; I am forgiven,
The King of kings calls me His own.
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever.
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

(chorus)

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free!
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me!
You have broken every chain.
There's salvation in Your name.
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

3. Then came the morning that sealed the promise,
Your buried body began to breathe.
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me.
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Your buried body began to breathe.
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me.
Jesus, Yours is the victory! **(chorus)**

I Just Came to Praise the Lord (words for the 11:00 introit)

I just came to praise the Lord
I just came to praise the Lord
I just came to praise His holy Name
I just came to praise the Lord

I just came to praise the Lord
I just came to praise the Lord
I just came to praise His lovely Name
I just came to praise the Lord

He came into my life
One very special day
He came into my heart
To show me a better way
He said He'd never depart
This is why I say
I just came to praise the Lord

I just came to thank the Lord
I just came to thank the Lord
I just came to praise His holy Name
I just came to thank the Lord

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