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WELCOME TO THE UNITED CHURCH

Weekly Bulletin

Sunday

NOVEMBER 30, 2025



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Order of Worship for
NOVEMBER 30, 2025



Welcome! The United Church is a Presbyterian/American Baptist congregation. We hope you enjoy your visit and let us know if we can help you in any way.

PRELUDE: Prelude on "HYFRYDOL" by Healey Willan

WELCOME AND GREETING TO OUR ONLINE CONGREGATION

OUR PREPARATION

Focus of the Day: Like ancient pilgrims, we long for home in God's presence and are called to work for his peace.

INTROIT: (11:00) "Emmanuel, Emmanuel"

Mens Quintet

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: We gather as pilgrims on a journey, longing for home in God's presence.

People: Our hearts rejoice when we hear the invitation to worship.

Leader: Like those who traveled to Jerusalem singing songs, we come seeking the place where God dwells.

People: Our feet are standing in the gates of the Lord's house.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who builds us together as one people.

People: Let us pray for the peace of God's kingdom and seek the good of all God's children.

All: Come, Lord Jesus, come and make your home among us.

***HYMN #135: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"**

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***OPENING PRAYER:** Gracious God, as we gather this morning, we come as pilgrims longing for home in your presence. Fill our hearts with joy as we worship together and bind us as one people who seek your peace in our world. We pray this in Jesus' name, who taught us to pray ... Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

***GLORIA PATRI: #807**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.

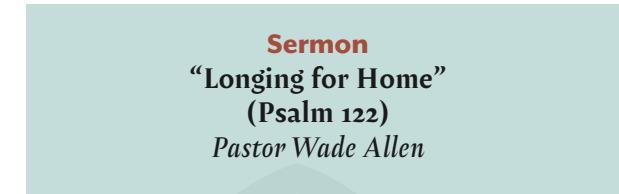
GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 13:11-14 (page 1124) {A.B. page 1253}

ANTHEM: (11:00) "Come, Jesus, Prince of Peace" arr. Brad Nix
Men's Quintet, Jen Petracchi (clarinet), June Pettit (piano)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: (11:00)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 24:36-44 (page 982) {A.B. page 1084}



OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

***HYMN #692: "Faith of Our Fathers"**

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PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: "Simple Gifts" (Traditional) arr. Virgil Fox

***DOXOLOGY: #809**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***HYMN #142: "Long Ago, Prophets Knew"**

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Nun Komm, Der Heiden Heiland" (BWV 661) by J. S. Bach

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Health concerns: Marion Sumpter, Julia Nayar (niece of Karen Gardner), Scott Smail (friend of Kathleen Boniak), Sheila Henderson, John DiVincenzo (friend of Steve Simpson), unborn daughter of Laura & Conner Fry (heart issues, relatives of VanIseghems), Wendy Stoddard, Braeden Flynn, Shirley Kem, Phil Greene (Sharon Meyer's brother), Pastor Debbie Kamm (pastor at Dundee Baptist), Kathleen (Wanda Munt's daughter), Emma Sanford (granddaughter of Karen), Shane Collins (from LeTourneau), Brooke Covey (friend of Parsons), Daniel Zimmerman (nephew of Wendy Bacon), Rodney Newfrock (friend of Elaine Allen), Jack Bigos, Everest & Carly Ferrante (family of Ardelle Bigos), Deanna and Brexten Stocker (friends of Ardelle Bigos), Karen Mount, James Sheppard, Linda Gilbert, Jessica Canham (Sharyn's daughter), Mary Jane Laird, Denice Bailey Tautges, Tom Babcock (friend of Jenny Caron), Erik Keating (son of Al and Dawn Rossi), Louise Huck, Catherine Kurzdorfer (Adam Thorman's mother), Marcus (friend of Sandi DiCicco), Denise Loy (friend of Kory Massey), Steve Sedlock (Nancy Tharp's brother), Clancy Cragle (Michelle's grandfather), Jack Schermond

Cancer: Daniel Cage (friend of Wade Allen), Karen Linder (niece of Joyce Laursen), Sue Whybra and Rod Gifford (cousins of Joyce Laursen), Kathy Cool (daughter-in-law of the Pecks), Sophie Snyder (friend of Amelia Cunningham), Chris Alexander (Carolyn Russell's brother), Joy Mickelsen Oliver (friend of Joy Van Riper), Sarah Hough (daughter of Dianne Beaumont), Walter Enright (friend of Ardelle Bigos), Jon VanBlargan, Laura Fiorito (daughter of Charles and Patti Cagwin), Christina Tharp (daughter of John and Nancy), Douglas Cook (Jen Eveleigh's brother), Keith Laursen (Joyce's brother-in-law), Sasha (friend of Megan French), John Tornow (friend of Elaine Allen), Susan Hennessy (Jen Eveleigh's sister), Rich Crowley (Steve and Beth Smythe's friend), Tom and Monica Yurik (Bruce and Deb Gardner's friends), Deb Dawson (Steve Smythe's niece), Roderick Simonds (father of Natalie Clark), Dawn Miller, David Pagoda (Eveleigh family friend), Jim Davis (Scott's father), Stephen Carges (Paula Traber's brother)

Fire Recovery: Earl and June Pettit

Military Service: Nicholas DelVillano (Frye's son-in-law) USAF stationed in Germany, JJ Callard (USN), 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), Christy Lafferty (Nicaragua), Leodegario Hernandez & Maria Angela Bautista (Bacalar, Mexico pastoral couple).

We want your Feedback!

Thank you for the feedback we have received. We want to continue to hear from you, so please share your thoughts or questions on the Feedback Pew Cards or contact us at feedback@uccdga.org.

Highlights for This Week

- **TODAY** - Intergenerational Sunday school at 9:45am in the downstairs dining room. We hope to see you there!
- **Adult & Young Adult Sunday School:** Intergenerational Sunday School today, but join us again next week!
 - **Choir Group** - Room 26 (2nd floor), ends by 10:25am. "Case for Christmas" Advent Study by Lee Strobel
 - **Parenting Coffee Hour** - Fellowship Room (1st floor). Focusing on Advent as a family.
 - **Bible Study** - James - Downstairs Dining Hall. A multi-week study using a Max Lucado study book.
 - **"Dig Deeper" Young Adult Bible Study** - Bell Tower (with occasional coffee shop outings!) - A deep study of selected passages in Romans (using the SOAP method).
- **Children's Sunday school mission project** - today is the last day we are collecting food for local food pantries. Items are dropped off in the upstairs chapel. Sunday school kids have been encouraged to bring items all month. We are excited to see if we reach our goal of 50 items!
- We need a **grocery shopper for Youth Club** beginning in **January**. This **volunteer role is shared** with another person so that you don't have to shop every week. Shoppers are given a detailed list of needs and asked to shop on Mondays or Tuesdays. **Interested?** Please see Deb Marshall.
- **Advent Books** - Check out the Advent devotional and educational books in the Welcome Center! Sign up for the book you would like, and it will be ordered for you.
- **Christmas Mall Trip** - Saturday, December 13 - 11:30am-8:30pm - A time for 6-12 grade students to gather during the Christmas season, to remember the first coming of Jesus, and to shop for loved ones. High school students will guide middle school students at the mall to shop for family. Afterwards, the students will drive through a Christmas Lights Drive-Through, and then head back to the church for more fun! Register online (and to find more event details). Registration deadline is December 7!
- **Our Greeter/Coordinator for November:** Bev F. Please contact Bev if you need help signing up. We've opened up the sign-ups for the remainder of 2025!

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 pick up a tan bag (with the United Church logo on it) for yourself/your family to take home and to learn a little bit more about us. **We are so happy that you joined us today and look forward to seeing you again soon!**



Baked Goods Needed

If you'd like to contribute some **cookies, brownies, or other treats** to the Organ Concert Reception on December 5th, please sign up on the office door!

Children's Time

Children's Time meets after the Children's Sermon. **Children aged Kindergarten through 5th grade** are invited to participate. Parents, please pick up your children **promptly** after the service. (**Please note:** Kids in *6th grade and up* are asked to *remain in the service* with their families. Thank you!)



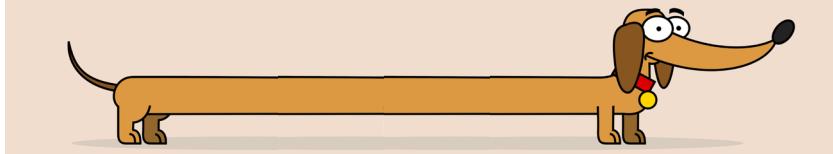
Nursery Care

Nursery care is offered during the late service. We use Room 10 (infants) and Room 11 (preschool) during the 11:00 am service. All volunteers in the nursery are background checked. **The nursery is open for parent use** (diaper changes, feeding, etc) **during the early service.**

Stewardship and Pledging

Stewardship season is nearing the end! Pledge forms for 2026 are available on the Welcome Center desk. They can be returned to the offering plate or the box in the Welcome Center or you can mail them into the office. You can also submit a pledge form digitally by following this link: <http://bit.ly/48BcbNw> or scan the code to the right.

We have a goal of getting **125 families** to return pledge forms, and we're more than halfway there! Watch the main office and the Sunday bulletins for our progress towards this goal!



(meet Oscar, the dog, and our mascot for this season)

The Christmas Card Connection

This December, help share the love of Christ by **sending Christmas cards** to those in our church family who would be especially uplifted by a kind note—our Senior Companions and friends living in senior living communities. **Cards and address lists**, provided by the Stewards' Ministry, are available in the Missions Room. Pick up a few, add a heartfelt message, and mail your Christmas greetings.



Missions **Let the light of Christ shine through you in service to others...**

Food Cart & Card Ministry Location

The black collection wagon is in the Missions Collection Center in the south side of the newly remodeled Fellowship Room. We continue to collect needed food staples for **CCIA (Canandaigua Churches in Action)** and the **Salvation Army food pantry**. Our donations continue to be needed. Thank you for so generously sharing out of what God has provided for you. The **hand-made cards** that benefit Missions are also available there. Pop in after church to select some. Questions? See Mary Lou or Cathy B.



Winter Wear Drive

THANK YOU for the generous donation of warm coats and gloves. 3 bins of winter wear have been taken to the Clothing Closet at 120 N Main St and are MUCH needed and appreciated! This collection will continue through the winter months.

Make A Difference With Every Ring

On **Saturday, December 6th** the United Church will be ringing the **Salvation Army bell** in the Running's lobby from 10 - 4. We are currently looking for bell ringers from 1-2pm and 2-3pm. Please contact Sonya B. or Linda W. if available. This is a wonderful and fun way to support the Salvation Army and its charitable programs for our neighbors in need.



Christmas Angel Tree



The Christmas Angel tree tags are up and loaded on the tree silhouettes in the Welcome Center. Our church partners with St. Benedict's Parish (St. Mary's) to get tags for our Christmas Angel Tree project. The request on the tags are for local needs. If you are able, pick a tag(s), **sign your name on the clipboard with the tag information**, purchase the item(s) and return the **wrapped** gifts to church by **Sunday, December 7**. **Please be sure to affix the Angel Tree tag to your gift as this is required to help with sorting and distribution.** Many thanks for sharing with others out of what God has abundantly provided for you! Questions? See Cathy B or Mary Lou H.

Please Print Legibly

Name: _____

I would like to order _____ Poinsettias at \$11.50 each.
They are given in Memory or Honor (circle one) of:



1. Honor/Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

2. Honor/Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

3. Honor/Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

4. Honor/Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

5. Honor/Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

6. Honor/Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

7. Honor/Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

Place this in the offering plate WITH your cash in an envelope or check made payable to
"The United Church".

List in the memo section "Poinsettias". You may also mail it in or bring to the church office.

ORDERS MUST BE IN NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7.

You may pick up your poinsettia(s) after church on Christmas Eve or on Dec 28th. Thank you!

— Mark your Calendars —

*An Evening of
Festive Christmas Music
and Carols*

*Featuring
Duane Prill,
Organist*

Special Guests

Annette Farrington, flute
Brian Donat, cello

Friday, December 5th
7:00 PM

— A Community Event —

A festive Christmas music event poster. The background is a light-colored wood planks. The entire poster is framed by a decorative border of green pine branches, gold ornaments, pinecones, and red berries. The text is a mix of black and red script fonts. The overall theme is holiday cheer and community gathering.