

## Let Your Light Shine

by Mary McDonald

### Chorus 1

Let your light shine, shine, shine  
For Jesus all the time, time, time.  
Walk in the light, beautiful light of his love!  
Let your voices praise, praise, praise!  
Let your love for Jesus raise!  
Walk in the light, beautiful light of his love!

### Verse

Come to the light, heavenly light;  
Jesus is the light of the world!  
Shine everyday, let your spirit say;  
Jesus is the light of the world!

### Verse

Come to the one; glory in the Son!  
All the debt for sin is paid.  
Let your voices sing, for we know the King;  
Jesus is the truth, and way!

### Chorus 1

### Chorus 2

Shine your light, heavenly light.  
(Shine, shine, shine heavenly light!)  
Walk in the light of his love, his love!  
(Walk in the light of his love, his love!)

### Chorus 1

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WELCOME TO THE UNITED CHURCH

# Weekly Bulletin

## Sunday

JANUARY 11, 2026



THE  
**UNITED  
CHURCH**  
CANANDAIGUA





Order of Worship for  
JANUARY 11, 2026



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:** “Lied” by Gaston Litaize

**WELCOME AND GREETING TO OUR ONLINE CONGREGATION**

## OUR PREPARATION

Focus of the Day: Like John the Baptist, we are called to be witnesses who point others to Jesus

**INTROIT:** (11:00) “Praise the Name of Jesus”

The United Church Choir

### CALL TO WORSHIP:

*Leader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

**People: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.**

*Leader: John the Baptist came as a witness to testify about the light.*

**People: He pointed away from himself and said, “Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.”**

*Leader: Jesus stands among us today.*

**People: Let us recognize him and worship him.**

**All: Come, let us behold the Lamb of God.**

**\*HYMN #96: “Praise Him, Praise Him”**

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**\*OPENING PRAYER:** Gracious God, help us to recognize Jesus among us today.

Open our hearts to hear the testimony of John the Baptist as he points us to the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. As we begin our worship, we pray together the prayer Jesus 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**

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.

**\*GLORIA PATRI: #807**

## GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING:** Acts 10:34-43 (page 1089) {A.B. page 1212}

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** “Let Your Light Shine” by Mary McDonald (words on back of bulletin)  
United Church Choir

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE:** (11:00) Brenda Cunningham

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING:** Psalm 29 (page 547) {A.B. page 621}

### Sermon

“Pointing to Jesus”

(John 1:19-34)

Pastor Wade Allen

## OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

**\*HYMN #136: “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”**

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### PASTORAL PRAYER

**OFFERTORY:** “Voluntary on ‘Winchester New’” by C. S. Lang

**\*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 #666: “Who Is on the Lord’s Side?”**

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### BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE:** “Choral” by Joseph Jongen

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

*Our prayers and sympathy are with Karen Roaix for the loss of her sister-in-law, Nancy Marie Inglesby (January 2), and brother-in-law, Paul Inglesby (January 6). Please keep the family in your prayers during this difficult time.*

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Health concerns:** Jack Bigos, Maverick Ferrante (Ardell Bigos' grandson), Jackie Brown (Linda Bailey's sister), Premie baby of Katie (cousin of Karen Roaix), Scott Smail (friend of Kathleen Boniak), Sheila Henderson, John DiVincenzo (friend of Steve Simpson), Ashley Fry (newborn relative of VanIseghems), Wendy Stoddard, Braeden Flynn, Shirley Kem, Phil Greene (Sharon Meyer's brother), Kathleen (Wanda Munt's daughter), Emma Sanford (granddaughter of Karen), Brooke Covey (friend of Parsons), Daniel Zimmerman (nephew of Wendy Bacon), Rodney Newfrock (friend of Elaine Allen), Karen Mount, James Sheppard, Linda Gilbert, Jessica Canham (Sharyn's daughter), Mary Jane Laird, 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:** Donna White (Linda Bailey's sister), Robbie Bass (Linda Bailey's nephew), 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), 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), Tom and Monica Yurik (Bruce and Deb Gardner's friends), Deb Dawson (Steve Smythe's niece), Dawn Miller, David Pagoda (Eveleigh family friend), Jim Davis (Scott's father), Stephen Carges (Paula Traber's brother)

**Military Service:** Nicholas DelVillano (Frye's son-in-law) USAF stationed in Germany, JJ Callard (USN), US Army CPT 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).

## The Annual Meeting

The annual congregational meeting of the United Church will be held after the second service, in the dining room, on **Sunday, January 25, 2026**. Immediately after the 11:00 service, the youth will host a lunch. This will be followed by the Annual Meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to approve the 2026 budget, elect officers, review the activities of 2025, and do any other business appropriate to the meeting.

## Highlights for This Week

- **Adult & Young Adult Sunday School:** classes and groups start **TODAY** (9:45am start)
  - **Choir Group** - Room 26 (2nd floor), ends by 10:25am.
  - **Parenting Coffee Hour** - Fellowship Room (1st floor).
  - **Bible Study - James** - Downstairs Dining Hall.
  - **"Dig Deeper" Young Adult Bible Study** - Bell Tower
- Youth Club **"bring a friend night"** is coming up on **Wednesday, January 21**. All youth club kids are able to bring one friend to youth club that night, if they choose. Please **let Deb know** if your child will be **bringing a friend by Saturday, January 17**.
- **Saturday, January 24, 2026 - 1pm-5pm - Youth Ice Skating Event** - 6th grade, and up! Start at church, end at rink! Please register online.
- **Sunday, January 25, 2026 - Annual Meeting Fundraiser** - 6th grade and up, along with young adults, and adults. All those involved in mission trips and experiences in 2026 are asked to participate. Volunteer sign up document has been sent digitally to parents. A physical sign up sheet is also in the Welcome Center.
- **Our Greeter/Coordinator for January: Bill F.** Please contact Bill if you need help signing up.

## 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!**



## 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**. Parents may choose to take their child to the nursery at any time during the service. *All adult volunteers in the nursery are background checked.*



## Stewardship and Pledging

**It's not too late to make your pledge for 2026!** So far we've had **\$337,246.50** pledged to Operating and **\$98,879.50** pledged to Missions. To meet the needs of the proposed 2026 budget, we are hoping to have **\$360,200** pledged to the operating side. The Missions team forms their budget after pledges come in. Last year they had **\$101,848** pledged.

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, **as of this week, we've received 108!** If you requested a box of envelopes, you can find them in the Welcome Center. If you would like envelopes, but did not yet request them, please ask in the office.



## MLK Celebration

**Monday, January 19 at Noon at the Congregational Church**

Join with the Canandaigua Community to celebrate the life and lessons of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Monday, January 19 starting at 12 Noon in the Sanctuary of the Congregational Church (the white church across the street). We invite all to hear inspiring words from Dr. King and celebrate the students who have memorialized Dr. King through word and art.

Please call 585-394-2184 with questions. We look forward to seeing you there!



## Intergenerational Women's Retreat

**Saturday, January 31, 10AM-1PM at The United Church**

**Women of all ages** are invited to connect through faith, fellowship, food! During our time together, **we will engage with biblical stories of women how these stories may guide us in our journey today.** More details to come, but you can expect a time of learning, engagement through breakout sessions, and open discussion over lunch. **Register now in the Welcome Center (or online) to help us prepare for your attendance!**

## Exploring Membership Class

**February 15, from 10-11 am in the Fellowship Room/library.** Are you interested in learning more about our church community and what it means to be a member? We warmly invite you to join us for our upcoming Exploring Membership class, where you'll have the opportunity to deepen your understanding of our church's mission, values, and community life. Visit the church website or call the church office to register.



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

### North Carolina Mission Trip

2026 is here and that means the North Carolina hurricane relief mission trip is less than 3 months away! It's not too late to sign up for the trip. **The dates are March 28/29 - April 3.** Please contact Sonya Brooks with any questions or interest! There will be a **meeting at noon today** in the Library (Fellowship room) for all who are going on the trip.



### Habitat for Humanity Volunteers needed

Habitat is still looking for **more volunteers** to work on the Tillotson Street home...yes, the one we framed the walls for last summer! Volunteers are needed for **Mondays and Fridays from 9am - 3pm** with a noon lunch break. Hard hats and safety goggles are provided. Work may be moving to inside tasks. Contact Linda W. to join a work crew.

### Chasin the Blues

**Called to Care Canandaigua's "Chasin' the Blues" returns this year on February 6th and welcomes back Cool Club and the Lipker Sisters.** Enjoy a night of love, music, and delicious treats as you support the work of welcome, resettlement, and support to families within the Canandaigua community. Presale tickets at \$35 can be purchased on Sunday mornings in January or from Regie A., Cathy B., Sonya B., Sarah G., or Linda W.

### 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. Several 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.**

### Mexico Mission Trip meeting

Folks going on the trip to Mexico will meet **today at noon upstairs.**

### Silent Auction

The Silent Auction to support mission trips is coming **June 7 through June 14, 2026!**