

THE UNITED CHURCH
PRESBYTERIAN – AMERICAN BAPTIST
January 7, 2024

PRELUDE: *“Organ Symphonie No. 3, op. 28, ii. Cantilène” by Louis Vierne*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

OUR PREPARATION

INTROIT: (11:00) “Into My Heart” (Hymn #444)

Focus of the day: Jesus’ baptism....the beginning of God’s plan to save the world.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: God spoke into the formless void

People: The cosmos cries, "Glory!"

Leader: From the wilderness, God brought forth new life and freedom from sin

People: The plants and animals that inhabit the wild places cry, "Glory!"

Leader: A messenger in the wilderness brings good news

People: God’s people cry, "Glory!"

Leader: In baptism, we are united to God through Jesus Christ.

People: With all of creation, we cry "Glory!"

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

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***OPENING PRAYER: Lord of Hope and Light, in the midst of Darkness you offered light to people who lived in fear. Today that light comes to us as we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. Open our hearts this day and remind us that you have marked us as people of hope and light. Prepare us to serve you by serving your world. 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: Psalm 29 (page 547) {A.B. page 621}

ANTHEM: (11:00) “Jesus, Name Above All Names” **The United Church Choir**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 19:1-7 (page 1099) {A.B. page 1224}

Sermon

“Jesus’ Baptism”

(Mark 1:1-11)

Pastor Wade Allen

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

***HYMN: #109 “I Cannot Tell”**

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PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: *Interlude in E Minor*

***DOXOLOGY: #809**

COMMUNION

***HYMN: #194 “Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring”**

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “Trio Sonata No. 2 in C Minor, BWV 526, III. Allegro” by J. S. Bach

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

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Health concerns: Louise Huck, Barbara Scott, Catherine Kurzdorfer (Adam Thorman’s mother), 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), 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: Rich Crowley (friend of Steve & Beth Smythe), Tom & Monica Yurik (friends of Bruce & Deb Gardner), Bill Blance (Ed’s brother), Paul Miner (brother of Linda Wells), Deb Dawson (Steve Smythe’s niece), Brent Gibbs (father of Kristy Aldrich), Sasha (friend of Megan French), Roderick Simonds (father of Natalie Clark), Rob Stults (cousin of Wade & Christy Allen), Laurie Rudy, Mike Davis (friend of Guy Green), 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 & Evey Wright’s daughter), Stephen Carges (brother of Paula Traber), Jon Santmyer (friend of Malecs)

Recovering: Sara Scharr, Sharon Meyer, Marion Sumpter, Sara Henderson, Arlene Willett, Patti Cagwin, Kathy Mills, Shirley Kem, Mary Jane Laird

Comfort and Peace: Mary Zimmerman (Wendy Bacon’s mother)

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



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 January 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.

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

Highlights for This Week!

- **Sunday school** will resume for all ages **this week.**
- **NEW - Church Communications** - Grab a copy of the printout, located in the Welcome Center (in front of the TV!)
- **Bakers needed!** We need some volunteers to bake **brownies** for our Youth Club kids this week; we need **6 dozen total.** The brownies need to be delivered to church on Wednesday by 2pm. Please contact Deb Marshall if you are willing to help.
- **POTATO BAR FUNDRAISER** – During the annual meeting (January 21). Can you help? Sign up on the youth office door.
- **ADULT ED SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR (January 7)** – 1 & 2 Timothy Bible Study (Downstairs Dining Hall); Parenting Coffee Hour (Fellowship Room); and Corporate Prayer Time (Youth Office)

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!

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, Megan French, 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.

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!**

MISSION NEWS



Lynn Bernard and Mike Walker are joining a NY **mission trip to Nicaragua**. Partnering with **AMOS** the team will lead a VBS, install solar electric on a rural health clinic, and complete water testing. There is a donation box in the Welcome Center to support this mission trip. You may also make a donation on the church website or place a designated gift in the offering plate.

"Day of Service" Monday, January 15th at 10:00am in the United Church dining room. Please join together with Presbyterian and Baptist friends at this Presbytery sponsored event to honor the



legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. We will assemble and pack Church World Service (CWS) hygiene and school kits which will be shipped on and benefit many around the world. The Mission Committee is providing a fellowship meal to follow the activity. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway and let us know if you will be staying for the meal.

Called to Care, Canandaigua is preparing to welcome two families this month. A family of four will be arriving from Ukraine; a family of six will be arriving from Haiti. Both are leaving the stress of war and violence for a new life of hope and security here in our community. How fortunate are we to be able to offer this possibility to bless others as we have been blessed! We invite you to join us at this year's **"Chasin' the Blues"** event on Friday, February 9th at 7:00pm at Crosswinds Church. Comedian Paul Aldrich will be the featured entertainer and we'll hear the testimony and heartwarming refugee story of Jade Myers and Danie Exilus, whose family will be arriving soon from Haiti. Tickets are \$25 in advance (\$30 at the door) and will be available for purchase before or after worship later this month or now from Regie Allen, Sonya Brooks, Cathy Bush, Wendy Stoddard, or Linda Werts.



Use the winter days to create items for our **June Silent Auction**. Proceeds provide support for youth and adult mission trips to Mexico, Missouri, Newark, and Nicaragua,



The Annual Meeting of the United Church will be held after the second service, in the Dining Room, on **Sunday, January 21, 2024**. Immediately after the 11:00 service the youth will host a baked potato lunch. This will be followed by the Annual Meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to approve the 2024 budget, elect officers, review the activities of 2023, and do any other business appropriate to the meeting.

If you made any charitable donations to the church in 2023, be watching your email for your tax receipt. If we don't have your email, or you don't download the file in a week or so, we will be mailing the paper copy to you. Thanks for helping us to reduce postage and paper! If you have any questions or concerns about your statements, let the church office know.



If you are following along with the progress of our **Stewardship campaign** (and watching the scarecrow outside the office fill in!), here are the numbers as of Friday, January 5th: We have received pledges from **123** families, for a total of **\$360,620.60** to the Operating budget and **\$106,892.90** to the Missions budget. Our goal is to have 150 families pledging!

Gary-So-Scary is getting very colorful! Let's see if we can fill him in all the way up to his floppy green hat before the annual meeting!



To fill out a pledge form online, go to <https://tinyurl.com/yjtsy4b4> or scan this code

Bakers needed for Youth Club!

For Jan 10: need **6 dozen brownies** delivered on Wednesday by 4pm

For Jan 31: need **6 dozen football shaped rice krispie treats** delivered on Wednesday by 4pm

Contact Deb Marshall with any questions, or if you are available to help make some of these treats!



Be watching *next week* for tickets to the **Baked Potato lunch** that precedes the Annual Meeting on Jan 21st! This is a fundraiser for our youth mission trips. Interested in helping? Sign up on Mark's door!