

**THE UNITED CHURCH
PRESBYTERIAN – AMERICAN BAPTIST
February 19, 2023**

PRELUDE: “*Sanctus from Orbis Factor*” by Dobrinka Tabakova

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

OUR PREPARATION

FOCUS FOR TODAY: The display of God’s power through the work of the cross on Transfiguration Sunday

INTROIT: (11:00) “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” (hymn #452)

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Exodus 24, Matthew 17)

Leader: As God called to Moses from the mountain,

People: We are called to be God’s people.

Leader: As Jesus called the disciples to climb with him to the peak of another mountain,

People: We are called to follow wherever he leads.

Leader: As the disciples stood in awe at the sound of God’s voice,

All: We are called to worship in wonder and praise.

*HYMN: #17 “Praise the Lord! O Heavens, Adore Him”

CCLI Song #241095, Public Domain, CCLI Lic. #11593017

*OPENING PRAYER: (Exodus 24, Matthew 17)

Holy One, Light of light, God of all creation, long ago you showed yourself to the disciples in Jesus’ transfiguration. Shine in us, around us, and through us, that the world may see your glory in the faces of your people. 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: 2 Peter 1:16-21 (page 1204) {A.B. page 1365}

ANTHEM: (11:00) “Glorious, Indescribable!” (words on insert)

The United Church Choir

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 99 (page 593) {A.B. page 667}

Sermon

“The Transfiguration”

Pastor Wade Allen

OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

*HYMN: #103 “Ye Servants of God, Your Master”

CCLI Song #90765, Public Domain, CCLI Lic. #11593017

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY: “*Mit Fried und Freud ich fahr dahin*” by Johann Christoph Bach

*DOXOLOGY: #809

*HYMN: #98 “Majesty, Worship His Majesty”

CCLI Song #1527, ©1981 New Spring, CCLI Lic. #11593017

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “*Toccata in F Major, BuxWV 156*” by Dieterich Buxtehude

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Health concerns: Deb Dawson (Steve Smythe’s niece), Karen Roaix, Louis and Carolyn Verspoor, David Sanford, Kathy Mills, Clancy Cragle (Michelle’s grandfather), the Herin Family (relatives of Kathie Meredith), Patti Cagwin, David

Crowe, Jack Schermond, Brexton Bigos-Stocker (grandson of Ardelle Bigos), Dylan Smith (friend of Kat McFetridge), Shane Collins (staff at LeTourneau), Matthew Gullace

Cancer: 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), Darryl Kramer (friend of DiCiccos)

Recovering: Randy Secrest (Helen's son), Mary Jane Laird, Jan Gullace, Sue Paul (friend of Zajacs), Jay Peck (son of Jim & Ann)

MILITARY SERVICE: Steven Munk (MacKenzie Brown's cousin) deployed to Somalia, LTJG Nick Castiller (USN) stationed in Everett, Washington, MAC Adam Thorman (USN) deployed overseas, E6 Cody Wells (USN) returned from deployment, Technical Sergeant Timothy Peck (USAF) home from deployment

MISSIONARIES: Carlos Bonilla and Mayra Giovantti – the BGs (Central/South America), Tim and Patti Long (Baja Mexico), Shelvis and Nancy Smith-Mather (S Sudan refugees in Uganda), Ryan and Alethia White (Berlin)

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

Are you interested in joining the United Church?

An Exploring Membership class is scheduled for Sunday, March 12, at noon. The purpose of the class is to help you learn more about The United Church and encourage you to consider membership.

During the class, you'll learn about the church's history and how the church is connected to two denominations. You might be wondering what this means and how this works? We will talk about how the church is organized/governed and what it means to become a member. We will discuss the various boards and committees in the congregation.

You will learn more about the staff and worship services.

There will be plenty of time for you to ask questions about the church or Pastor Wade Allen personally. We'd love to have you join us, and please understand there's no commitment to join just by attending the class. We'd love to get to know you better and spend this time with you. If you can attend the class register at this link or contact the church office and we'll get you registered. A light lunch will be served.



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.



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

LOCAL Service Opportunity!

We are gathering a team of youth and adults to help at LeTourneau Christian Center. LeTourneau needs some people who can help with deep cleaning and kitchen prep. They also need some who can help with specific projects that require skills, such as mudding/sanding walls, painting, laying flooring, and even roofing. Please let Deb Marshall know if you have interest in being on this team.



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!**

Nursery care is available during both Sunday services and the Sunday school hour. Families with little ones (babies through preschoolers) are welcome to use the nursery as desired. Room 10 is used during the 8:45am service and Room 11 is used during Sunday school and the 11am service. If your child is not potty trained, please **take a pager** in case your child needs a diaper change. Thank you! Any questions? Please see Jason and Melissa Long or Deb Marshall.

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!

Relay for Life Flower Sale ~ Today is the last Sunday for our new annual flower sale to support **Relay for Life** (our church team is United Against Cancer). Please see Susan & Sandi at our table in the Gathering Area to order.



The Tues evening **Prayer Shawl Knitting group** will meet on Tues evening, Feb. 21st in the Fellowship room at 7:00. Please join us if you knit or want to learn. For info contact Rachel Rensberger at 585-394-8958 or Jeannie Blance.



The shopping cart for collecting **food donations** will be in the Gathering Area every Sunday due to increased needs in the community. We will alternate taking the donations to the CCIA and Salvation Army food pantries. Thank you for your generosity!



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 February and March 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.

February 22 is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent

Lenten devotionals have been distributed to children/youth during Sunday school and Youth Club. If we missed you, please contact Deb Marshall.

Lent



Sunday happenings...

TODAY –

Sunday, February 19, 2023 –

Service at 8:45am

Tech Help in the Fellowship Room at 9:45

Service at 11:00am

Sunday, February 26, 2023 –

Service at 8:45am

Sunday School for all ages at 9:45am

Communicants Class at 9:45 am

Service at 11:00am

The Cause, 5-7:30pm

Sunday, March 5, 2023 –

Service at 8:45am

Sunday School for all ages at 9:45am

Communicants Class at 9:45 am

Service at 11:00am

The Cause, 5-7:30pm



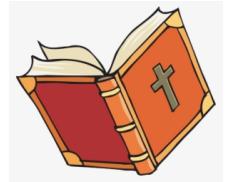
Baking for Youth Club! ~ Calling all bakers! We serve dessert to our Youth Club kids and volunteers each week. Sometimes we like to enjoy homemade desserts. If you see something you'd be able to bake, please let Deb Marshall know. Desserts need to be delivered to church by Wednesday at 4:00pm. Often more than one baker helps to make the quantity needed.

For March 29th – 6 dozen Easter cut out cookies (cross shaped cookie cutters available to borrow)

ADULT EDUCATION

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES – TODAY

Enjoy a week off, OR get some help during the Tech Day Event (information below!)



BOOK OF PSALMS

Starting **next Sunday**, from **9:45-10:45am**, in the **Downstairs Dining Hall** – Join us for a new series on the Book of Psalms! This is an 8-week series that will walk us through major themes of these Scriptures!



PARENTING CLASS

Returning **next Sunday**, from **9:45-10:45am**, in the **Fellowship Room** - Coffee, snacks, and conversation with other parents! This week, we will be discussing the importance of recognizing and valuing our kid's God-given gifts!

IRON SHARPENS IRON – MEN'S CONFERENCE

On **March 18th, 2023** in Buffalo NY, all men (ages 13 and up) are invited to join our church in attending this annual conference. Interested in attending? **Sign up is in the hallway!**

LENT DEVOTIONALS

Join the rest of our congregation as we read through **our 2023 Lenten devotional**, titled: *"Lent for Everyone: Matthew, Year A (A Daily Devotional)"* by NT Wright. Free copies are available inside the sanctuary. We also have daily devotional handouts from previous years. Are they new to you, or do you know someone who may enjoy them? All are invited to take them!

ANNUAL ADULT RETREAT – SAVE THE DATE!

We have a date reserved for our annual adult retreat! Please reserve **November 4, 2023** on your calendar. We will be enjoying our event at the beautiful **Letourneau Christian Center**, once again! **We are pleased to share this year's speaker: Rev. Dr. Douglas Cullum (Dean Emeritus of Northeastern Seminary).**



TECH HELP DAY

During the Sunday School hour **TODAY**, the church is offering tech help for **setting up the new Church App!** For example, would you like to find **a church member's phone number or address to send a card?**

 We can help you **explore the secure online church directory!** The App also gives you quick access to the **Sunday Services & bulletins, the newsletter, event information and more!** You're invited to join us in the Fellowship Room at 9:45.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

WEEKLY CONNECT

Saturdays, from 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM, at **the church**, join us for food, fellowship, and Bible Study! We are currently studying the book of Job.



MEAL DONATIONS

Would you like to support our hungry young adults? Volunteer to provide a meal on the signup sheet in the hallway!

YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS - *NEW*

Based on feedback from young adults, we are starting a **Young Adult Sunday School Class!** Starting **March 5, 2023** in the **Bell Tower Room** (adjacent to the sanctuary balcony). Come and enjoy some coffee, fellowship, and study! Class content to be determined.

YOUTH MINISTRY



SM SOUPER BOWL OF CARING – Thank you!

We have raised over \$500.00 for Canandaigua Churches in Action (CCIA)! Donations will go towards feeding those suffering from hunger in our local area.

M&M FUNDRAISER – Ongoing!

Our annual M&M fundraiser is off to a great start! **If you missed a chance to retrieve your family's container, more can be found just outside the main entrances of the sanctuary!** Grab a container, enjoy those delicious M&M treats, and return the container with your donations inside during the month of February! The containers can be placed in the offering plate during the service. **Donations go toward supporting our workcampers on their trip to Woonsocket, Rhode Island in July, 2023.**



CONCERT

Is your student interested in joining our group to see **For King & Country** on **April 20**? If so, sign up outside the youth office!



LASERGEDDON

On March 4, 2023 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, 6-12 grade students are invited to join our youth group (along with other area youth groups) at Crosswinds Wesleyan Church. Please register your students at the following website:

<https://crosswinds.church/lasergeddon/>

YOUTH CLUB

Our Wednesday afterschool ministry

For children in grades 2 – 8

After school – 6:30 October through April

Bible Study~Worship~Recreation~Family Time

Thank you to parents who are signed up to help out with snack and kitchen clean-up! We couldn't do it without your help!

Parent Duties:

Kitchen Clean Up – Wednesdays, 6pm til done

Feb. 22 – No Youth Club – Winter Break

March 1 – Cloutier, Hildebrandt, Nearpass

Snack for 42 hungry children – at the church by 2pm Wednesdays

Feb. 22 – No Youth Club – Winter Break

March 1 – Nearpass

Family Time Themes:

Feb. 22 – No Youth Club – Winter Break

March 1 – God Loves You Night!

Items we need to borrow for the Youth Club Musical Big Fish!

- 2 trench coats (adult small or medium)
- 2 black hats (like a “old fashioned” reporter would wear)
- 2 sailor hats
- a ships bell/dinner bell
- 2 metal sand pails



If you are able to loan any of these items to us, please mark them with your name and leave them in Deb's office by March 15. Thank you!



MISSIONS *Faith and Action*

Both of our denominations are being actively involved in providing emergency relief to the thousands of people affected by the recent earthquakes in Turkey and Syria.

The American Baptist International Ministries has sent funds from the **One Great Hour of Sharing** program for emergency relief. Our special Easter offering will go entirely to the One Great Hour of Sharing.

The Presbyterian USA is using funds from the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program for emergency relief and short term recovery, while determining long-term program needs. Our **World Mission offering**, taken in October, includes the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program.

If you don't want to wait for these special offerings to be taken you can make donations at any time through our church mission giving. Please indicate on your check that it is for **Earthquake relief**. And, please continue to include all of those affected and all of those helping in your prayers.

Pray for **Don Rensberger, Lynn Bernard and Mike Walker** as they are representing us in **Nicaragua**, working with the AMOS program.

Pray for **Linda Werts and Ken Allen** as they are in **Mexico**, working with the Living Waters for the World program. A word from Linda this week...

"Warm greetings to United Church members! from sisters and brothers of faith in Mexico... As Ken and I recognized the communities of Cedralito and Limones for another year of ongoing water ministry we received their appreciation and kind greetings for the continued support from the United Church. It is always a joy and privilege to enjoy their company on these annual February visits. Please consider joining us next year... Ken and Linda"



Called to Care Canandaigua ~ Refugee Resettlement in our Community

Our biggest news right now is our **3rd refugee family**, this time a couple from Haiti, have received their travel authorization and are booked on February 21st flights out of Haiti. After that they will have a homestay with their sponsors until our rental is ready. We sign for our 3rd rental Feb. 22 and our teams will clean and then furnish the apartment with donations promised from so many caring individuals in our community. *Please keep this couple in your prayers for safe travels and for peace in their hearts as they transition to a new country and community.*

We've been active in welcoming our first and second Ukrainian families, working with them to obtain health care, driver's licenses, and settle into employment and English classes. Such big changes for these dear people. *Please keep them in your prayers as they settle in and look for jobs and a new life.*

Our "**Chasin' the Blues**" Fundraiser event last Saturday featured local musicians and comedians who performed to a sold-out crowd at Crosswinds Wesleyan Church. Guests were treated to a wonderful evening of laughs, love and luscious savories and desserts. And our organization received over \$13,000 from ticket sales and generous donors. *Praise be to God and thank you to all who contributed!*

What Is Supply A Smile? ~ Supply a Smile is a local organization associated with *Canandaigua Churches in Action (CCIA)*, serving uninsured residents of Ontario County with free dental services for adults age 18 and older, and is limited to cleanings, fillings, and extractions. Services are provided by area dental offices.

To start the process, please attend a dental screening the 1st Saturday of March, April or May, 9-10am to have your needs evaluated at the Canandaigua Elementary School Cafeteria.



Questions: Please call 585-376-2242 or email supplyasmile@gmail.com.

Special thank you's to Sharon Meyer, Nancy Burt-Preece, June Pettit, Sarah Gross and Kathie Meredith for making cards for the United Church **card ministry**. Each of these people make cards that are in the baskets that are in the Gathering Area. All donations given for the cards goes to the missions of the church. **Last year \$790.50 was collected for missions.** Thank you to all who picked up cards and gave generously for this good cause. If you think you might be interested in joining our ministry team, please contact Sarah Gross.



Scrap, Craft & Quilt at LeTourneau! March 23-26, 2023

Join us for this inaugural spring retreat! Work on your crafting hobbies, as well as enjoying fellowship, delicious meals and comfortable lodging. For more details, itinerary, and registration, see the poster in the hallway or check the LeTourneau website. Sarah Gross is also happy to answer questions!

Glorious, Indescribable! (choir)

Who hung the stars in their heavenly glory?
Who measured the waters in the hollow of His hand?
Who rules with power over all of creation,
And formed the universe at His command?

(Chorus)

Glorious, indescribable, great and marvelous, Ancient of Days.
Jesus, Savior reign forever, You alone are worthy of praise.

Who paid the price for our sins, now and forever?
Who suffered in anguish and died on Calvary?
Who rose from the grave, and with His mighty power,
Conquered death and won the victory? **(to chorus)**

Come, let us bow before Him.
Come, let us kneel and adore Him.
Come, let us praise our matchless King. **(to chorus)**

For adults that still love puzzles ... (Solution from last week was RUFUS)

Can you solve the puzzle this week? It is pretty tricky! Read all of the instructions!

1. Join horizontally, vertically, and diagonally adjacent pairs of numbers that appear next to each other in the circle.

Work out the missing numbers using the fact that only the letters shown below can be hidden in the puzzle, and each is three numbers wide and tall.

2. Arrange the revealed letters to spell a name from the Bible.

Each letter can be the right way up, upside down, or on its side.

All possible letter shapes are shown below. Some are the same when rotated!

7	9	5	0	4	1	6	1	0	7
8	7	1	6	1	6	4	6	5	3
7	6	2	8	4	0	2	7	8	0
7	2	7	4	3	5	8	5	3	5
7	4	0	7	2	0	4	7	8	0
3	0	7	3	7	3	7	3	9	3
7	9	5	9	5	9	0	5	3	7
5	0	3	5	0	6	9	4	0	4
0	7	9	0	1	9	8	5	7	0
3	9	0	1	9	2	1	6	0	3

For more visit www.begriddled.com

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z