

We Gather for Worship

Sunday, November 19, 2017, 10:30 a.m. Thanksgiving & Stewardship Sunday

At the asterisk (*), all who are able are invited to stand.

PRELUDE, "We Gather Together"

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 123:1-2

Leader: To thee I lift up my eyes, O thou who art enthroned in the heavens!

People: Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

ALL: So our eyes look to the Lord our God, till he have mercy upon us.

* GREETING/PASSING OF THE PEACE

"Peace be with you." "And also with you."

Large-print bulletins and hymnals are available from the greeters. Please pass the Fellowship Folders to those seated next to you.

* PRAISING GOD WITH SONG PRESENTATION OF PRAYER BOX BY THE CHILDREN OPENING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

J4J CHOIR, "I Am One of God's Little Children"
CHILDREN'S TIME
STEWARDSHIP PRESENTATION
*HYMN, 131 "We Gather Together"
SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS
SILENT PRAYERS OF PETITION AND CONFESSION
WORDS OF ASSURANCE/PASTORAL PRAYER

We Hear God's Word

ANTHEM, "Every Day Is a Gift from the Lord"

Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

"Thy Word Is a Lamp"

Psalm 119:105

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, Matthew 25:14-30 p. 1031, 860

Response To God's Word

INVITATION

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY, "Praise to the Lord"

Handbell Choir & Organ

* SONG OF PRAISE (Doxology)

from Hymn 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD MESSAGE, "Divine Dividends" SENDING FORTH

- *HYMN, "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"
- * BLESSING
- * POSTLUDE, "Thanksgiving Medley"

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Please keep the following people in your prayers during the coming week: Katie Bowler; Mark & Patty Bowler, Becca, Cassandra, Samantha; Brad & Chelsie Bowman, Nevaeh, Kingston, Juliana.

Our Annual Church Charge Conference will be held next Sunday, Nov. 26 at 4:45 pm at Faith UMC, Wolcott with a worship service at 3:30 p.m. All Church leaders are encouraged to be there; everyone is most welcomed to attend.

We will be decorating our church sanctuary **next Sun. Nov. 26**, after the church service. Everyone is welcome to help with this preparation for the Advent season. Please come and help, stay for as long as you can - probably around an hour. Thank you!

United Methodist Student Sunday Offering will be taken **next Sun. Nov. 26.** United Methodist Student Sunday provides loan and scholarship funds for undergraduate and graduate students attending United Methodist-related and other accredited colleges and universities.

Next week, we will receive our monthly Mission Bank offering. This offering helps support the work of our missionary: Dr. Mark Zimmerman, serving at Patan Hospital in Kathmandu, Nepal.

Pastor Diane and Anne, will offer a four-week Advent Bible Study on Monday evenings from 7-8:30 p.m., starting November 27 until December 18. The Table Grace Meal/Covenant Group with Communion, will be held immediately before the Advent Bible Study, from 6-7 pm.

Our former Pastor, Terry Millbyer and his wife, Emily will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Dec. 9th. There will a reception at the Belgium Cold Springs Fire Co., 7920 River Rd., Baldwinsville, NY on **Sun., Dec. 10** from 2-5 pm. Please RSVP by <u>Dec. 1</u> to Carol Mastowski, 315-594-8187 or <u>carol.mastowski@yahoo.com</u>. For more information, directions please see the posting on the bulletin board downstairs. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE! Santa's Workshop (formerly known as the UMW Bazaar) <u>Sat., Dec. 2</u> from 8 am to 2 pm. Lots of help is needed. Volunteer or please say 'yes' if asked.

Soon, the "Mitten Tree" will be put up to gather mittens for the Utica Neighborhood Center until <u>Sunday</u>, <u>Dec. 4</u>. Bring your store- bought and hand-made mittens for the children of the inner-city of Utica and hang them on the tree. Let us decorate it from top to bottom! They would also appreciate board or card games for youth ages 8-12 or story books for ages 8-12, these should be classics or stories of traditional family life. Also needed are Barbie and Ken dolls, wooden puzzles and fitted crib sheets. There will be a box for these items under the tree. Thank you in advance for your generous gifts.

Soon we will put up our Christmas tree in the sanctuary. The tree will be decorated with ornaments shared by our church families, past and present. We invite you to add an ornament to the tree from your family anytime during the Christmas season. Simply fill out a tag from the glass dish below with the year and your family name & members. Then, attach the tag to your ornament and hang it on the tree. Ornaments, saved from year to year, fill our sanctuary tree with the love of our past church families as well as those of the present.

Every year many beautiful poinsettias adorn the Sanctuary of the Church on Christmas Sunday and Christmas Eve. Again this year, you have the opportunity to purchase Memorial Plants for the holidays. For those who wish, we also welcome donations in memory or honor of someone at Christmas, without the purchase of a poinsettia. These memorial gifts will also be included in the list of Christmas memorials. These donations (any amount of your choosing) will support the ministries of our church. Order forms are on the table at the bottom of the stairs in the Fellowship Hall and also in the back of the church on the bulletin rack and name tag table. (So that we can have all orders processed in time, please return them to Melissa Taber by **Mon. Dec. 4**.) Thank you.

Snow Shovelers Needed! As snow season approaches, help with Sunday snow shoveling at the church entrances will again be needed this year. (Attention youth: this counts toward community service hours.) Please sign up for a Sunday... or more if you are able. A sign-up sheet is located on the information table in the Fellowship Hall. Many thanks, Board of Trustees.

Prayer Chain Requests: If you have a request, call or email the church office at 587-9544 or nrumcofficeasst@rochester.rr.com and we will activate the prayer chain for that request. When the office is closed, contact Linda Tompkins at 587-9061. Thank you!

For any concerns about the church buildings and grounds, please leave a written message in Greg Peck's mail folder. For any concerns about the Pastor(s) or staff, please call Renee Stewart, SPPRC chair, 315-945-7683 or leave a signed letter in her mail folder. Thank you!

We have a prayer box on the small table in the back of the sanctuary. Everyone is welcome to write prayer needs on a slip of paper and place them in the box. This prayer box is laid on the altar each Sunday. Pastor Anne takes the prayer requests home and continues to pray for these needs during the coming week. However, if you wish to keep your request known to God alone, just write "private" on the front, and Pastor Anne will not read it.

REMINDER: The church still collects used stamps, medicine bottles (please remove labels) and ink cartridges. The collection boxes are located in the fellowship hall. Thank you!

We have printed up copies of the praise music, which include the musical notes. If you would enjoy a copy, please pick it up on the Upper Room table in the back of the sanctuary.

<u>Today</u> – <u>11:30 a.m.</u> Fellowship Time <u>11:45 a.m.</u> Handbell Choir Rehearsal <u>6:00-7:30 p.m.</u> MS Youth Group: Pizza, Games, Lesson <u>Monday</u> – <u>2:00-3:30 p.m.</u> Grief Support Group <u>Tuesday</u> – <u>1:00-4:00 p.m.</u> Cards & Games

No Grief Support Group

Thursday - Church Offices Closed for Thanksgiving

No Chancel Choir

Friday – Church Offices Closed

<u>Sun. Nov. 26</u> – Mission Bank, Student Day Offering, Deadline for Advent Bags

9:15 a.m. Youth/Adult Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Hymn Handbell Ringers Rehearsal

10:30 a.m. Worship: "When the Son of Man Comes in His Glory"

Scripture: Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25: 31-46, J4J SS

11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time and church decorating

11:45 a.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal

4:45 p.m. Church Charge Conference at Faith UMC, Wolcott

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Pastor: Rev. Anne Canfield

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<u>Financial Update-Basic Operations:</u>

October: Intake 14,391.86 Average Budget Need

\$15,868.17

Year-to-Date: Average Budget Need \$63,472.67

77 Last Sunday's attendance