

Sunday, December 6, 2020
ORDER OF WORSHIP 10:00 AM

Mr. Timothy Flynn * Pastor

Carolyn Lansing * Organist & Choir Director

(*People Stand If Able)

Please mute your cell phones

PRELUDE *(Time for quiet reflection & meditation)*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

COME, LET US WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 66:8-9

SENTENCES

Psalm 85:8-13

(with Congregational Response)

Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

The LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.

SALUTATION

2 Peter 3:8-15

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given him.....Grace mercy and peace be with you from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

***Hymn # 145 “O Come All Ye Faithful”**

***RESPONSIVE READING**

Isaiah 40:1-8

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. **Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.**

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever.

***GLORIA PATRI #622**

PRAYER (in Unison):

God of justice and peace,
from the heavens you rain down mercy and kindness,
that all on earth may stand in awe and wonder before your
marvelous deeds. Raise our heads in expectation, that we
may yearn for the coming day of the Lord and stand
without blame before your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and
reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN # 128 “It Came Upon A Midnight Clear”

*OFFERING

*OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #625 (found in the back of the hymnal)

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

(Children preschool age and below are dismissed for
nursery care following the Children’s Message)

THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:1-8

MESSAGE: “Prepare The Way”

*HYMN # 124 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

DEPARTING TO SERVE

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

AMITY REFORMED CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

*“Our mission is to grow into the people God created us to
be in Jesus Christ through Worship, Service and
Fellowship within our congregation and our community.”*

TODAY AT AMITY

Lose Change Sunday

Today’s Greeter: Judy Cranfield

COMING UP AT AMITY

Wednesday, December 9,2020 Bible Study 6:00 PM
Monday, December 14, 2020 Consistory Meeting 7:00 PM
Thursday, December 24,2020 Christmas Eve Service 7:00 PM

**** Arch Angels will be collecting non-perishable items from now till December 16th to make Baskets to Share. Please see Debbie Bango or the office for more information.**

**** Please remember that we have a RADA Fund raiser on our Facebook page. The church receives a percentage of each sale. These make a great Christmas and Holiday party gifts. They have much more than just knives. This is a contact free fundraiser. You place your orders online and they are delivered to your home.**

****Please note the Christmas tree in back with a list of toys for local children through Captains You and Family Services. You can select a toy from the list and drop it unwrapped in the children's room where there is a box.**

**** Please be saving and bring in plastic mayonnaise, peanut butter, and jelly jars in for the Deacons.**

2020 CONSISTORY

ELDERS

Patti Knowlton	371-0494	Debbie Bango	369-3699
Judy Cranfield	847-3575	Will Shippey	423-6606
Georgia Beatty	371-2568	Dan Cargill	312-2157
Jane Stevens	383-3107	Jeff Sauter	384-1034

DEACONS

Pastor Tim is available for pastoral calls. You can contact him at (518) 334-0408.

Boy Scout Troop 30 meets every Wed. @ 6:30 pm in Chapel Hall
Girl Scouts meets the 2nd & 4th Monday's in Chapel Hall

FINANCIAL REPORT FROM THE DEACONS**Offering from November 29, 2020**

Program	\$659.00
Special	\$320.00
Total:	\$979.00
Special: Holly Berry/Bake Sale Pie Sale	\$1,711.70

December Mission:**Things of My Very Own, Inc.***(1011 Cheyenne Rd., Scotia, NY 12302)*

Things of My Very Own, Inc. provides crisis intervention services to children impacted by extensive abuse and/or neglect. Our goal is to keep children together with non-abusive family members, and out of the foster care system, whenever possible. Legally a child must have their own bed, warm blankets, clothing, hygiene products and an adequate supply of food to remain with their non-abusive family members. We strive to ensure that these children are given everything they need from the first moment on and to help them know that what they have endured does not define who they grow up to be.

www.thingsofmyveryown.org