

Sunday, December 11, 2022
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 112:4

SENTENCES

Psalm 146:5-10

(with Congregational Response)

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God,

who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;

who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free;

the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the

righteous.

The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!

SALUTATION:

Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away..... Grace mercy and peace be with you from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

***Hymn #141 "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem"**

Responsive Reading:

James 5:7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth,

being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains.

You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near.

Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors!

As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

***GLORIA PATRI #622**

PRAYER (in Unison):

God of timeless grace, you fill us with joyful expectation.

Make us ready for the message that prepares the way, that with uprightness of heart and holy joy we may eagerly await the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN #132 "Angels We Have Heard On High"**

***OFFERING**

***OFFERTORY**

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

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Welcoming of the Confirmands into membership

Advent Candle - JOY

THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE: Luke 1:46-55

Message: “Get the Message?”

***HYMN #131 “Angels From the Realms of Glory”**

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

Congregational Meeting After Service

Today's Greeter:

Will Shippey

COMING UP AT AMITY

<u>Wednesday, December 14, 2022</u>	Bible Study	6:00 PM
<u>Sunday, December 18, 2022</u>	Christmas Caroling	4:00 PM
	Pizza & Cocoa	6:00 PM

***** Guardian House** is in need of: wash cloths, towels, personal hygiene products, cleaning products and paper products. These are items not covered by food stamps. Envelopes for cash donations will be available on December 4th and due on December 11th. If you are interested in make a donation of these items please contact: **Georgia Beatty at 518-371-2568**

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 Thursdays in Chapel Hall

FINANCIAL REPORT FROM THE DEACONS

Offering from December 4, 2022

Program	\$2,552.00
Benevolence	\$230.00
Special Income	\$42.30
Miscellaneous	\$60.00
Total:	\$2,884.30

Monthly 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.

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