

Sunday, November 12, 2023  
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**

**Matthew 5:9**

**SENTENCES**

**Psalms 78:1-7**

(with Congregational Response)

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

**I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old,**

things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.

**We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.**

He established a decree in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach to their children;

**that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and rise up and tell them to their children,**

so that they should set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God,

**but keep his commandments.**

## **SALUTATION**

## **Joshua 24:14-18**

"Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD.

Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.".... Grace Mercy and Peace be with you from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

### **\*Hymn #569 "Battle Hymn of the Republic"**

#### **Responsive Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.

**For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.**

For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died.

**For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise**

**first.**

Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever.

**Therefore encourage one another with these words.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI #622**

**PRAYER (in Unison):**

**God of the ages, your saints who lived in faithful service surround your throne and offer you praise and worship both night and day. May we, your saints on earth, join our voices with theirs to proclaim your rule of righteousness and peace, which comes to us through Jesus Christ now and forever. Amen.**

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD  
JOYS AND CONCERNS  
PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**\*HYMN #394 "In My Life Lord, Be Glorified"**

**\*OFFERING**

**\*OFFERTORY**

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

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**SCRIPTURE: Matthew 25:1-13**

**Message: “Semper Paratus”**

**\*HYMN #393 “Nearer My God To Thee”**

**DEPARTING TO SERVE**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

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**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**

***Today's Greeter:***

**Bruce Jerome**

**COMING UP AT AMITY**

**Saturday, November 18, 2023**

**Holly Berry & Bake Sale 9:00 – 3:00 pm**

**Sunday, November 26, 2023 \*\*\*A portion of this Service will be a Memorial Service for Jeff Sauter followed by the Flag Raising in the Memorial Garden and a reception in Chapel Hall\*\*\***

**\*\*\*Apple Pies are available for \$10.00 ea. Please see Jean Hill\*\*\***

**\*\*\* We are in need of at least one Sunday School Teacher for**

our kids. Please see a Deacon if you are interested\*\*\*  
**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 meet on Thurs. @ 6:30 in Chapel Hall

**FINANCIAL REPORT FROM THE DEACONS**

**Offering from November 5, 2023**

Program	\$2,231.00
Benevolence	\$195.00
Rental Income	\$30.00
Special Income	\$57.30
Miscellaneous	\$60.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>\$2,573.30</u></b>

**Monthly Mission:**

**Things of My Very Own, Inc.**

**1011 Cheyenne Rd., Scotia, NY 12302**

**(518) 630-5143**

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.

**[thingsofmyveryown.org](http://thingsofmyveryown.org)**

**This Week's Prayer List**

**(Please have prayer requests sent to the office no later than Thursday to be added to the list)**

**Jim Lee, Hester Male, Ginny Shippey, Pam Howard,  
Mike & Kathy Whitehead, Doug Gould, Johnny Cranfield,  
Miss Millie, Joe & Donna Flynn, Tristian's recovery, The  
Sauter Family, Georgia Beatty, Zoey Lansing, Unspoken,  
Our Military & 1<sup>st</sup> Responders**