

Sunday, December 24, 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 Isaiah 52:7-10

SENTENCES Psalm 96:5-13

(with Congregational Response)

For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens. Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts.

Worship the LORD in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth.

Say among the nations, "The LORD is king! The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved. He will judge the peoples with equity."

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

let the field exult, and everything in it. Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy

before the LORD; for he is coming, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with his truth.

SALUTATION

Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds..... Grace Mercy and Peace be with you from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Responsive Reading:

John 1:10-14

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him.

He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him.

But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

***GLORIA PATRI #622**

PRAYER (in Unison):

O Holy One, heavenly angels spoke to earthly shepherds and eternity entered time in the child of Bethlehem. Through the telling of the Christmas story, let our temporal lives be caught up in the eternal in that same child, that we might join shepherds and all the heavenly

host in praising the coming of Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

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

***OFFERING**

***OFFERTORY**

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

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE - Love

THE WORD OF GOD

***HYMN # 127** "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"
Choir – Mary Did you Know?
***HYMN # 123** "Oh Come Oh Come Emmanuel"
Choir – Joseph's Song
Choir – Carol of the Donkey
***HYMN # 157** "Away in a Manger"
Choir – No Golden Carriage
***HYMN # 137** "What Child is This"
***HYMN # 132** "Angels we have Heard on High"

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

Today's Greeter:

Jane Stevens

COMING UP AT AMITY

Sunday, December 24, 2023 Christmas Eve Services 7:00 PM

Sunday, December 31, 2023 Congregational Mtg immediately
Following Church Service

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 December 17, 2023

Program	\$2,697.00
Benevolence	\$35.00
Special Income	\$390.00
Total:	<u>\$3,122.00</u>

Monthly Mission:

RCA, General Humanitarian Problems

“Feed One”

Make a gift to Feed One to help address hunger and support sustainable agriculture worldwide.

www.rca.org/give/feed-one-care-network

hello@rca.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, 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, World Unrest, Our Military & 1st Responders