

Sunday, December 31, 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

Revelation 21:5-6

SENTENCES

Psalm 148

(with Congregational Response)

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.

He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him.

Praise the LORD!

SALUTATION

Galatians 4:47

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God Grace Mercy and Peace be with you from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

***Hymn #139**

"I Wonder as I Wander"

Responsive Reading:

Isaiah 62:1-3

"My For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,

until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch.

The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory;

and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give.

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, **and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.**

***GLORIA PATRI #622**

PRAYER (in Unison):

We bless you, Abba, Father, for you have visited your people in one like us in all things but sin, and in human fragility you have revealed the face of divinity. Gather into your arms all the peoples of the world, so that in your embrace we may find blessing, peace, and the fullness of our inheritance as your daughters and sons. Amen.

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

***HYMN #151 "Good Christian Men Rejoice"**

***OFFERING**

***OFFERTORY**

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

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:22-40

Message: "Nunc Dimittis"

***HYMN #152 "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"**

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

Today’s Greeter:

Mark Hill

COMING UP AT AMITY

<u>Wednesday, January 3, 2024</u>	Bible Study	6:00 PM
<u>Monday, January 8, 2024</u>	Elders & Deacons Mtg	6:00 PM
<u>Monday, January 8, 2024</u>	Consistory Mtg	7:00 PM
<u>Wednesday, January 17, 2024</u>	ARC Angels MTG	10:00 PM

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

****** A special thank you to June Lee for a years’ worth of beautiful Bulletin covers this year******

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 24, 2023

Program	AM Service	\$3,134.00
Program	PM Service	\$625.00
Total:		<u>\$3,759.00</u>

Monthly Mission:

RCA, General Humanitarian Problems

“Feed One”

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

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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