

Sunday, December 8, 2024  
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 9:6

SENTENCES

Philippians 1:3-11

(with Congregational Response)

I thank my God for every remembrance of you,  
always in every one of my prayers for all of you, praying with  
joy for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until  
now.

I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you  
will continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.

**It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because I  
hold you in my heart, for all of you are my partners in God's  
grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and  
confirmation of the gospel.**

For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the tender  
affection of Christ Jesus.

**And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and  
more with knowledge and full insight**

to help you to determine what really matters, so that in the day of  
Christ you may be pure and blameless,

**having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes  
through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.**

## **SALUTATION**

### **Malachi 3:1-4**

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight--indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like washers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD, as in the days of old and as in former years.....Grace Mercy and Peace be with you from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

### **\*Hymn #141 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"**

#### **Responsive Reading:**

#### **Luke 3:1-6**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene,

**During the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness.**

He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins,

**As it is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.**

Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth,

**And all flesh shall see the salvation of God."**

**\*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 #137 "What Child Is This?"**

**\*ANTHEM "Carol of the Donkey"**  
Words by: Charlotte Lee & Douglas Wagner

**\*OFFERING**

**\*OFFERTORY**

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

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

*Advent week 2 - Peace*

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**SCRIPTURE: Luke 1:68-79**

**Message: "Peace"**

\*HYMN #143 “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

**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:**

Fred Stevens

**COMING UP AT AMITY**

<u>Monday, December 9, 2024</u>	Elders & Deacons Mtg	6:00 PM
<u>Monday, December 9, 2024</u>	Consistory Mtg	7:00 PM
<u>Friday, December 13, 2024</u>	Paint & Sip	6:00 PM
<u>Sunday, December 15, 2024</u>	Caroling & Pizza Party	4:00 PM
<u>Tuesday, December 24, 2024</u>	Christmas Eve Service	7:00 PM
<u>Sunday, December 29, 2024</u>	Congregational Mtg	

\*\*\*\* Weekly Donations Needed For The Backpack for Kids is an on-going program. If you are interested in helping to support this please reach out to June Lee in person or at 518-371-7879 \*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*\* Nominated Slate for Elders & Deacons of 2024:

Peiter Lansing & Deb LaRose for Elders and  
Mark Hill & Dan Cargill for Deacons\*\*\*\*\*

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

\*\*\*\* Current Elders; Dan Cargill, Jean Hill, Patty Knowlton & Barb Sauter.

\*\*\*\* Current Deacons; Debbie Bango, Jane Cargill, Carolyn Lansing & Will Shippey

Boy Scout Troop 30 meets every Wed. @ 6:45 pm in Chapel Hall  
Girl Scouts meet on Thurs. @ 6:30 in Chapel Hall

**FINANCIAL REPORT FROM THE DEACONS**

**Offering from December 1, 2024**

Program	\$914.00
Benevolence	\$65.00
Special Income	\$200.00
Miscellaneous	\$51.90
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,230.90</b>

**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](http://www.rca.org/give/feed-one-care-network)

[hello@rca.org](mailto: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)**

**The Lee Family, Kathy Whitehead, Clara and her family, Doug  
Gould, Johnny & Judy Cranfield, Kim, Art, Miss Millie, Mariah,  
Bob Shippey, Brittany Hernandez, Joe & Donna Flynn, Emily &  
Family, Georgia Beatty, Bill LaRose, Pastor Kent, Pastor  
Heather, Unspoken, World Unrest, Our Military & 1<sup>st</sup>  
Responders**