

Sunday, December 22, 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 "If Today Were His Birth"

By: Melody Dryer

COME, LET US WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

Micah 5:2

SENTENCES

Psalm 80:1-7

(with Congregational Response)

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth

Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up your might, and come to save us!

Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

You have fed them with the bread of tears and given them tears to drink in full measure.

You make us the scorn of our neighbors; our enemies laugh among themselves. Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

SALUTATION

Hebrews 10:7-10

Then I said, 'See, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.....Grace Mercy and Peace be with you from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

***Hymn #128 "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"**

Responsive Reading:

Luke 1:46-55

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on the lowly state of his servant. Surely
from now on all generations will call me blessed,
**for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his
name;**

indeed, his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to
generation.

**He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud
in the imagination of their hearts.**

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up
the lowly;

**he has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away
empty.**

He has come to the aid his child Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,
**according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham
and to his descendants forever."**

***GLORIA PATRI #622**

PRAYER (in Unison):

O God of Elizabeth and Mary, you visited your servants with news of the world's redemption in the coming of the Savior. Make our hearts leap with joy, and fill our mouths with songs of praise, that we may announce glad tidings of peace, and welcome the Christ in our midst. Amen.

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

***HYMN #131 "Angels From the Realms of Glory"**

***Choir Anthem "No Golden Carriage, No Bright Toy"**
By: Gilbert M. Mortin

***OFFERING**

***OFFERTORY**

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

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
Advent week 4- Love

Sharing our Memories

THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE: John 11:17-43

Message: "Love"

***HYMN #133 “Hark the Herald Angels Sing”**

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:

Pieter Lansing

COMING UP AT AMITY

Tuesday, December 24, 2024 Christmas Eve Service 7:00 PM

Sunday, December 29, 2024 Congregational Mtg

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**

****** 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****

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 15, 2024

Program	\$2,265.00
Benevolence	\$30.00
Rental	\$40.00
Special Income	\$28.40
Total:	\$2,363.40

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)

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, Family & Friends of Holly Companion, Unspoken, World Unrest, Our Military & 1st Responders