



United Church of Christ, First Congregational
Norwich, New York



**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
Norwich, New York 13815**



An Open and Affirming Church

November 13, 2022

10:00 a.m.

Stewardship Sunday

PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *After the Harvest*

Lani Smith

WELCOME)

(Please sign the attendance pad found in the pew.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION MOMENT – Stewardship Sunday
Miranda Hunter

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Everyone who serves God come and offer thanks.

ALL: Thank you God for your love to me.

ONE: Everyone who has gathered in this place and in cyberspace, lift your hands and praise God.

ALL: Thank you God for your love in this place.

ONE: Shout praises to God for you are God's servants, so shout praises.

ALL: Thank you God for your love to others.

ONE: All who serve in this place, who serve our God, come and shout praises.

ALL: Thank you God for your love that we can share.

ONE: Praise the name of our God who is kind and good.

ALL: Thank you God for your love endures forever.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*Please rise in body or spirit.

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***OPENING HYMN** *Enter, Rejoice, and Come In*
(Tune: ENTER REJOICE)

#73

TIME OF SHARING

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, Who art in heaven hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we
forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us
from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory
forever. Amen.**

PASTORAL BLESSING OF PEACE

ONE: May the Peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

DISCIPLESHIP PLEDGE (An Offertory Prayer)

ONE: We love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.

ALL: **We pledge our whole selves to God.**

ONE: We love our neighbors as ourselves.

ALL: **We pledge to do justice as Christ's ambassadors of
reconciliation.**

ONE: We love one another as Jesus loves us.

ALL: **We pledge to be and become Christ's Beloved Community in
our life together.**

ONE: We make disciples by teaching and modeling how to
follow Jesus' Way of Love.

ALL: **We pledge to be Jesus' disciples sharing Jesus' Way of Love
in the way we live our lives and practice our faith.**

Offering plates are located at both Nave doors for your convenience.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 98

Luke 21:5-19

Pew Bible OT p. 610

Pew Bible NT p. 87

INTERLUDE

SERMON *Temples Still Undone*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

CHOIR ANTHEM

For the Beauty of the Earth
Leona Tyler, flute

Words by Folliot S. Pierpoint
Tune: DIX by Conrad Kocher
Arr. by Anna Laura Page

LITANY FOR STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

ONE: God gave us starry nights and sunsets that take our breath away.

ALL: God gave us summer rainstorms and the crunch of autumn leaves.

ONE: God gave us grocery store clerks that carry bags to our cars and miraculously memorize the number for every avocado and tangerine we place in our basket.

ALL: God gave us the sound of music—choirs singing in harmony, the swell of the violin, the satisfying ripple of the snare, the holy joy of the bells.

ONE: God gave us pancakes, real maple syrup, and coffee—that holy bean water that wakes our bones.

ALL: God gave us feather down blankets, fall scented candles, and sacred worn down slippers that slide onto weary feet.

ONE: God gave us grandparents that slip candy into our hands when our parents are not looking.

ALL: God gave us toddlers that bounce up and down to music and smash food into their open mouths like baby birds.

ONE: God gave us new years of life, marked by embarrassing renditions of “happy birthday” in restaurants and the extinguishing of a candle on a glorified pastry.

ALL: God gave us nurses and doctors, who cover shots with colorful band-aids and keep lollipops in their scrub pockets.

ONE: God gave us welcome mats and nametags and all manner of things that help us feel at home in a place.

ALL: God gave us cats that curl up next to us to lend their warmth and dogs that run and slide to the front door to welcome us home.

ONE: God gave us old familiar blue jeans that feel like home, and sweaters pulled over hands that feel like security.

ALL: God gave us church—this imperfect clump of humanity that gathers week after week, striving to be better, striving to do good in the world.

ONE: God gave and gave, and gives and gives; and how do we respond?

ALL: We say thank you. We keep God's covenant. We give what we can. We let it feel like a joy, not an obligation. We let it feel like a gift, not a burden. We show up in this space. We believe these gifts can somehow make a difference, and we refuse to give up on this world.

ONE: Thank goodness for a God that forever outgives.

ALL: Thank goodness for the opportunity to say thank you for it all.

PLEDGE DEDICATION HYMN

Take My Gifts

#562

(Tune: TALLAVERA TERRACE)

You are invited to bring your pledge cards forward during the hymn.

AFFIRMING OUR FAITH

United Church of Christ Statement of Faith in the form of a doxology

ONE: We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit,

ALL: God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:

ONE: You call the worlds into being,

ALL: create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.

ONE: You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

ALL: You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

ONE: In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot,

ALL: conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.

ONE: You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit,

ALL: creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

ONE: You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others,

ALL: to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

ONE: You promise to all who trust you, forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,

ALL: courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

ONE: Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you.

ALL: Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS/CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

*CLOSING HYMN

God Whose Giving Knows No Ending

#565 (v. 1-3)

(Tune: AUSTRIAN HYMN)

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

God Whose Giving Knows No Ending
(Tune: AUSTRIAN HYMN)

#565 (v. 4)

POSTLUDE

Voluntary in C

John Zundel
arr. Michael Ryan



Bulletin Notes:

Prayer of Invocation from Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa, New Zealand
Litany for Stewardship adapted from Rev. Sarah Speed

*The flowers are given by our Congregation in
celebration of Pastor Boyd's Installation.*

CALENDAR

*The Chenango Muslim Community meets upstairs daily at 9:30 p.m. &
Fridays at 1:30 p.m.*

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

- 9:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School on Zoom this week
- 9:00 a.m. Nursery, upstairs
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Nave
Stewardship Sunday
- 11:30 a.m. Bell Choir
- 3:00 p.m. Installation Service
followed by dinner in the Founders' Room
- 6:00 p.m. LGBTQ+ Forum Zoom

MONDAY NOVEMBER 14

- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle, Zoom
- 3:00 p.m. Tai Chi, Founders' Rm.
- 3:00 p.m. J. Handy Lessons, upstairs
- 3:30 p.m. E. Fischer Lessons, Nave
- 4:00 p.m. Helping Hands Collection Night at the YMCA
- 6:00 p.m. Garden Club Meeting, Founders' Room.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

- 1:00 p.m. Quilting Circle, Kitchen
- 7:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting, Chapel

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

9:00 a.m. Home Bureau, Kitchen
10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle, Zoom
6:00 p.m. Democratic Committee, Founders' Room
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Nave

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17

6:00 p.m. Helping Hands Give-away night at the YMCA
7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting, Zoom

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18

10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle, Zoom
3:00 p.m. J. Handy Lessons, upstairs

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

9:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School in person and Zoom
9:00 a.m. Nursery, upstairs
10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Nave
11:30 a.m. Bell Choir, upstairs
2:00 p.m. Filling Thanksgiving Boxes, Founders' Room
6:00 p.m. LGBTQ+ Forum, Zoom



Watch a live stream of our service Sundays at 10:00 a.m. at
www.uccnorwichny.org/live-stream-2

Past worship services can be viewed at
www.uccnorwichny.org/sermons

TODAY'S PARTICIPANTS IN MINISTRY OF SERVICE:

Pastor and Teacher: **Rev. Jason Boyd**
Liturgist: **Ericka Tyler**
Director of Music Ministries: **Mary Williams**
Organist: **Jason Handy**
Live Stream: **Jennifer Mallozzi, Chris McSweeney**
Sunday Sexton: **Elsbeth Hunter**
Nursery: **Fiora Breese**

NEXT WEEK'S PARTICIPANTS - 11/20

Usher:
Liturgist: Ericka Tyler
Flowers: The Johnsons

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MINISTERS: All the People

PASTOR AND TEACHER: Rev. Jason Boyd

MODERATOR: John Kolb

CHAIR OF DEACONS: Mary Williams

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES: Mary Williams

INTERIM DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES: Jessica Posner

PARISH COORDINATOR: Cheri Oakley

FINANCIAL ASSISTANT: Jennifer Mallozzi

CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

UCC Norwich Reopening Guidelines

Revised 03/31/22

COVID Protocols that have been modified:

- Face coverings in the church building will be optional
- Social distancing of 6 feet is still recommended.
- Childcare will be available again beginning in September 2022
- Parishioners may choose their own seating in the Nave. Distancing between non-family groups is still recommended.
- Hymnals, Pew Bibles will be in the pew racks and may be used.
- Congregational singing is now permitted.
- Prayer requests may be spoken during the worship service or may be submitted in the prayer basket. (Usher will bring microphone around to congregation. Microphone cover will be supplied)
- Coffee Hour will resume April 24, 2022 and will be hosted and coordinated by the Deacons.
- Passing of the peace will continue to be suspended at this time.
- Offerings will be collected by placing your envelope in a basket upon entering or exiting the Nave.
- Communion will be offered in the pews using individually portioned elements.
- Hearing assistive devices will be available for those that need them. You will receive the headset in a bag. Please write your name on the bag and store the headset in the same bag for use during future services.
- Hand sanitizing stations are located near the Nave entrance hall and in each pew. Please wash your hands or use sanitizing stations frequently.
- We ask that if you are not feeling well and /or may be exhibiting cold or flu-like symptoms, that you refrain from attending until you feel better.
- Disinfection Plan: our Custodian will disinfect all high touch surfaces, including rest rooms and seating areas, before and/or after weekly services.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NURSERY CARE is available for children up to the age of five beginning at 9:00 a.m. The Nursery is located up the stairs at the front of the building. Children are also welcome in the entire the service or can leave after the Children's Moment – whatever works best for your family.

OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY to the family of Irene Sobers who died on October 27, 2022.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

11/14 Vincent Mallozzi

11/18 Matt Maholchic

ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK

Annette Piacquadio and Paul Currie – 11/14/92

TODAY AT 3:00 p.m., Pastor Jason Boyd will be installed as the settled pastor of our church. We hope you can join us for the service and the potluck that follows. It's not too late - we've set up some extra seats. Please bring a food item to share. Table service and beverages will be provided.

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS- It is wonderful that so many of us are going to read a book together! Our group planning to read *The First Christmas*, by noted Jesus scholars Marcus Bork and John Dominic Crossan, has gotten bigger, and we've had to order more books. **You can still sign up in the office.** The discussion meetings will begin right after Thanksgiving. The authors divided the book into 3 parts, so we will too for our discussions on Zoom. Those times are:

Part I: Tuesday, 11/29 at 2:00 p.m. or Thursday, 12/1 at 7:00 p.m.

Part II: Tuesday, 12/6 at 2:00 p.m. or Thursday, 12/8 at 7:00 p.m.

Part III: Tuesday, 12/13 at 2:00 p.m. or Thursday, 12/15 at 7:00 p.m.

Even if you cannot or prefer not to participate in the discussion groups, you are absolutely still invited to join in reading the book. And also by the way, Pastor Jason is also already planning for an Epiphany Bible Study, and has another book picked out for us to read together during Lent. Stay tuned!

THE DEACONS INVITE YOU to help decorate the church for the Advent season on Saturday, December 3 at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome!

HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER FOR THE PLACE - Order your wreaths and poinsettias and support the good work of The Place.

Fraser Fir Wreaths - 10" ring (25" tip to tip) - \$35.00

Red Poinsettias - in a 6" pot - \$15.00

Pick up dates are Nov. 25 through Dec. 16 at Pires Flower Basket, 216 N Broad St., Norwich. **You can purchase tickets from Norma Kinney** at church or call her at 607-334-8911.

THANKSGIVING VOLUNTEERS - Please take a look at the insert in this bulletin and sign up to help with the Thanksgiving Boxes November 20, 21 or 22.

THE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRIES is currently being covered by Jessica Posner on an interim basis. If you are interested in this position, details are available from Bob Oehme or the church office.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING HOW THE LIVESTREAM EQUIPMENT WORKS? The Livestream Group is looking for a second intern to learn how to operate the computer that generates the livestream. Contact the Church Office or Jennifer Mallozzi for more information.