

November 15, 2026

UNITED CHURCH *of* PITTSFORD

American Baptist & United Methodist

Guest Minister: Reverend Dr. Catherine Wilson
Pastor: Reverend Julius David Jackson, Jr. (Pastor JD)
Music Director: Alan Murphy
Liturgist: Katie Zink

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Please ask the ushers if you need assistance.

** Those who are able may stand.*

PRELUDE *Musical Selection*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN #145 (1-3)** Morning Has Broken

***PRAYER OF GATHERING** (*in unison*)
Thank you, God, for the kindness of those present and those absent from us today. We invest in your abundant grace so that the love shared with one another might be enriched. Make us faithful stewards in our benevolence to those in need – for those caught up in the despair of disasters and downturns, for those suffering physical or economic loss, or loss of hope. Help us not to hide our faces from the sorrow of others, but to join with them through our support and comfort. Hold us close to the Spirit of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
ONE: O God, you are my God, I seek you.
ALL: My soul thirsts for you.
ONE: Because you steadfast love is better than life.
ALL: My lips will praise you.
ONE: I will lift up my hands and call on your name.
ALL: For you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

***HYMN #378 (1-4)** Amazing Grace

***UNISON READING**
If God should mark our iniquities and remember our sins, who of us would be left standing? But there is forgiveness with God that we may continue to worship and serve as

participants in God's abundant grace. We have that promise of forgiveness in Christ's name.

***HYMN #334** Sweet, Sweet Spirit

SCRIPTURE READING Judges 4:1-7 NRSV

Special Music – Musician

Hallelujah (Sung)

GOSPEL/MORNING MESSAGE
Matthew 25:14-30 NRSV
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***HYMN #89 (1-3)** **Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee**

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Stewardship Moment

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Musical Selection*

***Response:** #95 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication for Offering**

***HYMN #557 (1-3)** Blest Be the Ties That Bind

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Musical Selection*

~ Those who are able may stand! ~

Today's Guest Minister
Reverend Dr. Catherine Wilson



Reverend Dr. Catherine Wilson serves faithfully on the ministerial leadership staff at St. Luke Tabernacle Community Church in Rochester, New York, under the pastoral leadership of Reverend Linda A. Hickmon Evans, Ph.D.

Dr. Wilson was licensed into ministry in September 2010 and ordained in June 2014 while serving at Elim Christian Fellowship under the leadership of the late Right Reverend Dr. Bishop T. Anthony Bronner. She earned her Doctor of Ministry degree and Master of Arts in Transformational Leadership from Northeastern Seminary at Roberts Wesleyan University.

A committed womanist theologian, Dr. Wilson is passionate about preaching, teaching, and empowering others through the transformative power of God's Word. Her doctoral research explored the historical, cultural, theological, and institutional barriers African American women encounter in pursuing senior leadership roles within the Black Church. Her scholarship reflects her commitment to advocating for greater opportunities for women in ministry and affirming their gifts, calling, and contributions to the life and mission of the Church.

Beyond the pulpit, Dr. Wilson serves as an Executive Assistant with the Rochester City School District, where she was honored as the 2024 Educator of the Year (Support Staff). She also serves on the Board of Directors of Families Thrive, Inc. (formerly Children Awaiting Parents, Inc.) and is a proud member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, Psi Omega Zeta Chapter. Dr. Wilson is the proud mother of two adult children, Jah'Leeah and Joshua Wilson. Her favorite scripture, Philippians 4:13 (NKJV), declares: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us for coffee hour in Howard Hall.

CALENDAR

November – Soup and Cereal for food cupboard

Sun., Nov. 22	Alzheimer's Sunday/Purple Sunday Wear Purple UCP Shirt
Tues., Nov. 24	**Pie Pick Up: 3:30 - 6 pm at UCP**
Thurs., Nov. 26	Happy Thanksgiving! (UCP Office Closed)
Sun., Nov. 29	Hanging of the Greens First Sunday of Advent Christmas Hymn Sing Sunday **Christmas Flower Orders Due** **Adopt a Family Gifts Due**

December

Thurs., Dec. 10	Rick Holland Big Band Christmas Concert – 7 pm
Sun., Dec. 13	**Tree Decor (Cameron Donations) Due**
Thurs., Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Service – 7 pm
Sun., Dec. 27	Unique Sweater Sunday



Christmas Flowers

Christmas flower order forms are available in today's bulletin. Orders are due on Sunday, November 29th. We are offering the same plants at the same prices as last year.
Questions? Please see Jen C.

From the Missions Committee:

Thanksgiving Offering

Our Thanksgiving offering will provide support for the Family Promise of Greater Rochester. Family Promise assists families at risk of or experiencing homelessness to achieve sustainable independence by providing person-centered, holistic services in collaboration with the greater community. Thank you in advance for your support.

Cameron Community Christmas Tree Decoration



Once again, we will be decorating our Christmas tree in Howard Hall for Cameron Community Services. **Please bring 'decorations' for our tree by Sunday, December 13th: new pairs of gloves or mittens, warm hats, scarves, and pairs of socks.** These items will be collected and delivered to Cameron Community Ministries during their annual Christmas party. **These donations need to be on the tree in Howard Hall by Sunday, December 13th** after the service for delivery to Cameron.

Family Promise Adopt-a-Family Gifts

We will also be providing gifts to a family through the Family Promise Adopt-a-Family program. As soon as we receive the information from Family Promise, the information will be posted in Howard Hall. **Please bring family gifts to Howard Hall by Sunday, November 29. As always, thank you for your support of UCP mission activities.**

Lectionary Texts for next week (November 22, 2026)

Ezekial 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 100
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46



GET READY FOR ADVENT!!

Want to get into the Christmas spirit early? Come and join us at church at 10:00 AM on Saturday November 28th.

We'll be preparing and putting up the wreaths, Christmas trees and other decorations around the church, ready for our service the following morning (the first Sunday of Advent) and the rest of the Christmas season.

This is a fun time. It isn't hard work, and it's a great opportunity for fellowship as you get into the Advent mood.

There's no need to sign up – just come along on the Saturday morning.

If you have any questions, give me a call at 381-2189. See you there at 10 o'clock!



Donella Ashworth

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for God loves a cheerful giver.
2 Corinthians 9:7

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