

November 8, 2026

UNITED CHURCH *of* PITTSFORD

American Baptist & United Methodist

Pastor: Reverend Julius David Jackson, Jr. (Pastor JD)
Music Director: Alan Murphy
Liturgist: Judi Yaneka

A hearing loop is available for the hearing impaired.
Please ask the ushers if you need assistance.

** Those who are able may stand.*

PRELUDE *Musical Selection*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN #398 (1-4)** Jesus Calls Us

PRAYER OF GATHERING (in unison***)**
Loving God, thank you for inviting us to the extravagant celebration of your kingdom. WE are gathered here to receive your blessings and become a blessing for others. We are grateful for your presence with us and ask that through your Spirit we may be given a heart full of wisdom. Help us in the decisions we make for ourselves and for others. Watch over those who struggle with infirmities, loss of life, and loss of income; empower us to help. Guide us as we seek to follow you and bring us safely to your home. In Jesus' name. Amen.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
ONE: God's decrees are established to teach our children.
ALL: That the next generation might know them and rise up to tell their children.
ONE: So that they should set their hope in God.
ALL: And forget not the works of God but keep the commandments.
ONE: Let us worship God.

***HYMN #432 (1-5)** Jesu, Jesu

***UNISON READING**
God has freely invited all of us for the kingdom celebration that Jesus proclaimed. We rejoice that God's Spirit is ever flowing and that forgiveness comes from the cross, not from

our own doing, I declare unto you in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***HYMN #206 (1-3)** I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

SCRIPTURE READING Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 NRSV

Special Music – Musician

Hallelujah (Sung)

GOSPEL/MORNING MESSAGE
Matthew 25:1-13 NRSV
"EVER READY"
Rev. Julius David Jackson, Jr. (Pastor JD)

***HYMN #344 (1-4)** Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 #440 (1-6)** Let There Be Light

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Musical Selection*

~ Those who are able may stand! ~

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us for coffee hour in Howard Hall.

CALENDAR

November – Soup and Cereal for food cupboard

Sun., Nov. 15	Christmas Flower Order Forms Out
Sun., Nov. 22	**NEW DATE**: 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)
Sat., Nov. 28	Hanging of the Greens
Sun., Nov. 29	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

Last Chance for Pie!

Today is the last day to order pie. Questions? See Verna H.

Cost:	$20 each (*Same as last year!)
Orders due:	**Sunday, November 8th**
Pickup:	Tuesday, November 24rd - 3:30 - 6:00 PM
Selections:	Apple Crumb Pumpkin, Pecan, Rumbleberry, and Strawberry Rhubarb. (*Same as last year!)

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 Howard Hall Christmas 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. Those 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 15, 2026)

Alzheimer's Sunday / Purple Sunday

Judges 4:1-7

Psalm 123

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 25:14-30

UNITED CHURCH
of PITTSFORD

Each of you should give what you have
decided in your heart to give,
not reluctantly or under compulsion,
for God loves a cheerful giver.
2 Corinthians 9:7

Scan this QR code with your cell phone to access UCP's secure giving page at **ucpittsford.org/give**. Once there, choose from the following funds:

SCAN ME

General Offering
Memorial Fund
Capital Improvements,
Repairs & Replacements
Missions
Music
Christian Education
Fellowship

For more ways to give, please see the
WAYS TO GIVE card in the seatback.
Thank you for your support.