

Advent 2025



November 30, 2025
First Sunday of Advent



UNITED CHURCH
of **PITTSFORD**

American Baptist & United Methodist

Liturgist: Karen White

Music Director: Alan Murphy

Pastor: Rev. Julius David Jackson, Jr. (Pastor JD)

Advent Readers: Diane and Don Reeve

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

** Indicates: Those who are able may stand.*

PRELUDE

Musical Selection

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN #368 (1-3)**

My Hope is Built

Invocation (*in unison*)

As our world prepares for Christmas, we begin our Advent journey remembering the events that lead up to the birth of Jesus and his promises that he will come again. God we praise you for the gift of Jesus both in history and in our hearts. In the name of Jesus, we ask for healing for those who are sick; strength for those who are weak; food, clothing and shelter for those who are in need; and love for those who are unloved. Help us share the good news of Jesus to all we meet. Amen.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

All: We have come to the house of the Lord to worship together.

One: Come; let us give thanks to the name of the Lord!

All: We have come to give thanks to the name of the Lord for all God has done for us!

One: In this season of Advent, let us pray for peace and prosperity throughout the world!

All: We have come to seek Jesus. Come let us worship together!

UNISON PRAYER

Hear the good news: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not

send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 2:1-5 NRSV

***HYMN #707 (1-3)**

Hymn of Promise



HOPE - ADVENT CANDLELIGHTING

READERS: Diane and Don Reeve

Today we begin our celebration of Advent. On these four Sundays leading up to Christmas, we will rejoice in the great gift that is ours in Jesus Christ. To help us celebrate, we will be lighting the candles of the Advent wreath. The candles signify that Jesus is the Light of the World. The evergreens remind us that He is life and brings life to us. All these are arranged in a circle because life in Christ has no end. Each Sunday we will light an additional candle. Then on Christmas Eve, we will light all the candles, including the center one, the Christ candle. As we do, we will rejoice that Christ has come to us. He is Immanuel...God with us. On this first Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of hope. Hope is our assurance that God will finish all He has started. Hope is our confidence that He will do all He has promised. All the promises of God are fulfilled in Jesus Christ. He is our hope, today and forever! Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

Lighting of the Christmas Tree

Reading by Verna Hazen

ADVENT HYMN #211 (1,2,3,4) O Come, O Come Emmanuel
During this hymn, you are invited to come up to the tree by the center aisle, hang an ornament and chrismos, and return to your seats via the side aisles.

SCRIPTURE/MORNING MESSAGE

Matthew 24:36-44 NRSV

"The Vision of God"

Pastor Rev. Julius D. Jackson, Jr.

HYMN #451 (1-3)

Be Thou My Vision

**MORNING PRAYERS/ SHARING OUR JOYS
AND CONCERNS**

Pastoral Prayer

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory *Musical Selection*

* Prayer of Dedication for Offering

***HYMN #568 (1,2,4)**

Christ for the World We Sing

BENEDECTION

CLOSING HYMN#706 (1-3)

Soon and Very Soon

POSTLUDE *Musical Selection*

~ Those who are able may stand! ~

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us for coffee in Howard Hall.

CALENDAR

Sun., Dec. 14	John Williams Piano Concert – 7 pm
Wed., Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Service – 7 pm

Bring a Family Joy This Christmas

Today is the final day to bring gifts for Greater Rochester's Adopt-a-Family program. Thank you for your generosity!

Christmas Flowers

Today is the final day for Christmas flower orders. See the order form insert in today's bulletin. *Please remember to write your dedication on the backside of the order form.*

Interfaith Hanukkah Celebration - 12/13

Temple Sinai and Rabbi Zohar have invited members of UCP's congregation to join them for their Interfaith Hanukkah Celebration on Saturday, December 13, from 7 - 9 pm. This is a meaningful opportunity to learn more about Hanukkah and to celebrate together. Please consider joining Pastor JD at this event to share in the light and joy of the season! Please RSVP to Pastor JD today. Thank you.

Lectionary Texts for next week (December 7, 2025)

ADVENT 2 - PEACE

Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19

Romans 15:4-13

Matthew 3:1-12

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH AT 7 PM

“HAPPY HOLIDAYS” CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The United Church of Pittsford

123 S. Main St. - Pittsford

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Rev. Julius “JD” Jackson, Jr.
Pastor



John Williams
Pianist

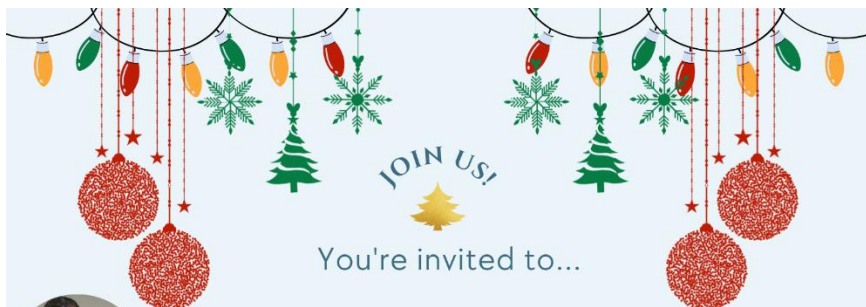
FEATURING: JOHN WILLIAMS ON PIANO

Join us for “Happy Holidays” - a one-hour, narrated piano program of Christmas carols and holiday tunes saluting the season. The performance will conclude with a few singalong selections.

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JOIN US!

You're invited to...



REV. JULIUS "JD" JACKSON, JR.
PASTOR

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2025

7 PM

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decided in your heart to give,
not reluctantly or under compulsion,
for God loves a cheerful giver.*
2 Corinthians 9:7

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