

Advent 2025



December 7, 2025
Second Sunday of Advent
Communion Sunday



UNITED CHURCH
of **PITTSFORD**

American Baptist & United Methodist

Liturgist: Logan Hazen
Music Director: Alan Murphy
Pastor: Rev. Julius David Jackson, Jr. (Pastor JD)
Advent Readers: Logan and Verna Hazen

*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

Acknowledgement of December Birthdays

***HYMN #64 (1-4)**

Holy, Holy, Holy

PRAYER OF GATHERING *(in unison)*

God of Hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. We put our hope in you and ask that the power of the Holy Spirit move mightily upon us. Open our eyes to the needs of those around us so that we might reach out in your power and love to all. Amen.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: Welcome to this advent of worship, this time of preparation.

ALL: We have come to worship in the name of Jesus Christ.

ONE: Welcome one another just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

ALL: All are welcome in the name of the root of Jesse.

ONE: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Let us rejoice and praise the Lord.

UNISON PRAYER

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant us to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together we may, with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 11:1-10 NRSV

ADVENT HYMN #211 (1&2) O Come, O Come Emmanuel



PEACE - ADVENT CANDLELIGHTING

Readers: Logan and Verna Hazen

On this second Sunday of Advent, as we think about the coming of Jesus Christ, we light the candle of peace. Jesus Christ is our peace. He is the Prince of Peace, and the fruit of His presence is peace.

Christ comes to bring justice, wholeness, and harmony to every relationship throughout all creation. He wants to continually grant us peace in every situation.

Jesus, we pray, guide our feet into the path of peace.

MEDITATION HYMN #420 (1-4)

Breathe On Me, Breath of God

SCRIPTURE/MORNING MESSAGE

Matthew 3:1-12 NRSV

"PREPARING FOR HOPE AND PEACE"

Pastor Rev. Julius D. Jackson, Jr.

***INVITATION HYMN #622 (1-3)**

There is a Fountain Filled With Blood

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

***HYMN #491 (ALL)**

Remember Me

ONE: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

ONE: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

ONE: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

ONE: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

ONE: In remembrance of the mighty acts of Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

ALL: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

ONE: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

ONE: By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

ONE: And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

The Lord's Prayer (Sing)

***ALL ARE INVITED TO COME FORWARD TO
RECEIVE COMMUNION**

COMMUNION HYMN #618 (ALL)

Let Us Break Bread Together

***Response: Sing Hymn #71**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, World without end. Amen, Amen.

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

Pastoral Prayer

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Musical Selection

***Response: Sing Hymn #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: Dedication of Offering**

***UNISON READING of THE COVENANT OF THE
UNITED CHURCH OF PITTSFORD (*Front Cover of Hymnal*)**

***HYMN #431**

Let There Be Peace on Earth

POSTLUDE

Musical Selection

~ Those who are able may stand! ~

Announcements

Please join us for coffee in Howard Hall.

Calendar

2025

Mon., Dec. 8	Capital Campaign Comm Mtg 5:30-7pm
Sun., Dec. 14	John Williams Concert – 7 pm
Wed., Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Worship – 7 pm
Sun., Dec. 28	Unique Sweater Sunday & Hymn Sing Sunday

2026

Wed., Jan. 14	MLK Event – 7 pm
Sun., Jan. 18	UCP Annual Budget Meeting
Mon., Jan. 19	King Day Celebration @ Eastman 10 am
Wed, Jan. 21	MLK Event – 7 pm
Sun., Jan. 25	MLK Event – 3 pm
Sun., Feb. 1	UCP Annual Congregational Meeting

Mitten Tree for Cameron

Please join us once again in decorating the tree in Howard Hall with socks, gloves, mittens, scarves or knitted hats for Cameron Community Services. **Please bring your gifts by Sunday, December 14th**, so we can deliver them before Christmas. Thank you for your generous support.

December is Pasta Month

December is Pasta Month for the Community Food Cupboard of Rochester. We would like to collect the pasta in time for a Christmas delivery. **Let's see how much we can collect by Sunday, December 21.**

From the Missions Committee: Christmas Offering

Our Christmas offering will be used to support the Community Food Cupboard of Rochester. The Community Food Cupboard of Rochester is dedicated to feeding hungry families and home-bound senior citizens in Northeast Rochester and Irondequoit. Thank you for your support.

Santa's Mailbox

"Santa's Mailbox" is back in Howard Hall! Come "mail" your Christmas cards to all your friends at UCP. What a festive way to share your greetings and save on postage!

Thank You - Family Promise Gift

Thank you for the generous response to our family Christmas gift appeal for Greater Rochester Adopt-a-Family. Thank you to all who donated to help make this family's Christmas a special one.

Pastor JD To Speak at King Day Celebration on Jan. 19th

Pastor JD will speak at the Greater Rochester Martin Luther King Jr. Commission's annual King Day celebration at Eastman School of Music Kodak Hall on Monday, January 19, 2026, at 10AM. Please consider joining him!

Lectionary Texts for next week (December 14, 2025)

Third Sunday of Advent - JOY

Isaiah 35:1-10

Psalm 146:5-10

James 5:7-10

Matthew 11:2-11

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH AT 7 PM

“HAPPY HOLIDAYS” CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The United Church of Pittsford

123 S. Main St. - Pittsford

ucpittsford.org

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.

FREE CONCERT. FREE AND ACCESSIBLE
PARKING. EVERYONE WELCOME!



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