

HAPPY are those who
do not follow the advice of the wicked ...
their leaves **DO NOT WITHER.**

Psalm 1:1, 3, NRSV



center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus
which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o'er us,
joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward
in the triumph song of life.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: The way of life is this: First, you shall love God who made you. And second, love your neighbor as yourself, and only treat others the way you wish to be treated. Do not initiate divisions, but rather let us bring peace to our hearts and to the world.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Leader: Hear our prayer of confession, we pray,

People: For promises unkept,

Leader: For anger unleashed,

People: For words unwatched,

Leader: For thoughts uncensored,

People: For encouragement unspoken,

Leader: For comfort ungiven,

People: For help unoffered.

Leader: For covetousness unchecked,

People: Through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Leader: Let us in silence confess our own personal sins. (Silence)

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: God will sustain us to the end,

People: because we are forgiven. Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS [Children may leave for "Roots and Wings" activities in the Large Hall, and return to their pews after the sermon.]

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (Unison)

O God by your Spirit tell us what we need to hear, and show us what we ought to do, to obey Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 1

page 424 in the pew Bible

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

CHORAL ANTHEM

“Stand By Me”

Benjamin Harlan

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 17:5-10

page 628 in the pew Bible

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Dr. Bob Spratt

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ, his Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***HYMN #450**

“Be Thou My Vision”

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
thou, mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

SHARING OF CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

Congregational Response: "Lord, we praise you." or "Lord, hear our prayer"

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES and OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY #606** (Unison) "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore.

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (Unison)

We intend, Lord, for these gifts to be a symbol of our overall faithfulness to you, for they represent just a small part of our total commitment of body, soul, mind, time, and talents. Amen.

WE GO OUT TO SERVE GOD AND OUR NEIGHBORS IN THE WORLD

***HYMN #542**

"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again;
unseen wings protecting hide you,
daily manna still provide you:
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again;
when life's perils thick confound you,
put unfailing arms around you:
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again;
keep love's banner floating o'er you;
smite death's threatening wave before you:
God be with you till we meet again.

***BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

"Tuba Tune"

C.S. Lang

CHILDCARE is available from 9:30 AM to 11:15 AM in the Church Nursery located across from the Church Library for newborns through Pre-K.

THOSE ASSISTING IN THE WORSHIP SERVICE: Dick Bauman, Richard Britton, Wayne Crawford, Bev Murray, Brenda Spratt, Beth Thomsen

LAY LITURGIST: Cheryl Fisher

ACOLYTES: Catherine Tedji, Deborah Tedji

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Joan Buri-Shaffer (Mark Buri's mother), Peg Cameron, Wilma Chadwick, Donna Hancock, Debbie Leipold (friend of Bev Murray), Melanie (Debbie Haskin's sister), Nancy Ann (friend of Virginia Britton), Bill Phillips, Richard Platt, Dee Steiner, Cliff Streams.

Prayers and Christian sympathy are extended to the Werner family at the passing of Annette "Peach" Werner.

Advance copies of the Annual Report are available in the Narthex. One per family please.

A memorial service will be held for Lisa Adaskin on Saturday, February 19, 2022 at 2pm at Bethany with a reception to follow in the Large Hall.

BETHANY CALENDAR

Sunday	2/13	9 am	Present Word - (Small Hall)
Sunday	2/13	10 am	Worship Service – (In person, Youtube, Facebook, Boxcast)
Sunday	2/13	11 am	Spirituality & Social Justice – (Large Hall)
Sunday	2/13	11:15 am	Sunday School
Monday	2/14	7 pm	Life Group #2 – (Small Hall)
Tuesday	2/15	10 am	Belles & Beaux – (Sanctuary)
Tuesday	2/15	10 am	Personnel Committee – (Small Hall Hall)
Tuesday	2/15	7:30 pm	Congregational Life – (Large Hall)
Wednesday	2/16	12:30 pm	Staff meeting – (Library)
Wednesday	2/16	6:30 pm	Budget & Finance – (Zoom)

Wednesday	2/16	7 pm	Christian Ed – (Library)
Wednesday	2/16	7:30 pm	Celebration Ringers – (Sanctuary)
Thursday	2/17	7:15 pm	Choir - (Sanctuary)
Saturday	2/19	2 pm	Lisa Adaskin Memorial – (Sanctuary)
Sunday	2/20	9 am	Present Word - (Small Hall)
Sunday	2/20	10 am	Worship Service – (In person, Youtube, Facebook, Boxcast)
Sunday	2/20		Congregational Meeting – (Sanctuary)
Sunday	2/20	11:15 am	Sunday School

EMERGENCY CONTACT: At times, families or individuals may find they need pastoral support for various reasons ranging from a long-term matter or an emergency. In the event of a pastoral emergency, this can be sought by calling the church office (585) 663-3000 during normal business hours or after hours at (585) 496-4699. In addition, there are several members of the congregation that can be called on for support called Stephen Ministers. Stephen Ministers are congregation members trained by Stephen Leaders to offer high-quality, one-to-one Christian care to people going through tough times. To receive support from a Stephen Minister contact Kim Bolinger at (585) 227-2540 or Wendy Watt (585) 415-2351.

THIS MORNING AFTER WORSHIP: in the Large Hall Flower City Habitat for Humanity will present a discussion on Housing. Pam Bradley, SAWS2 Women Build, and Ken Braley, Communications & Advocacy Manager, will discuss the work Habitat is doing to provide affordable housing for families in and outside of Rochester.. Join us for this discussion. “Descent, affordable housing should be a basic right in this country. The reason is simple: without stable shelter, everything else falls apart.” Quote from Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City by Matthew Desmond. Rochester is the 3rd poorest city among the top 75 metropolitan areas in the US. For more information, contact Cherie Livoti from C&GM and Spirituality & Social Justice Phone 414-4687 (new phone no.) or clivoti2@gmail.com

CHILDREN = FUTURE With Sessions' approval, the Personnel and Operations committee is forming a **search committee** for the purpose of hiring a **Christian Youth Leader**. This is a part-time, non-ordained position. The Youth Leader would be responsible for coordinating and organizing Sunday School curriculum, providing training and support to our Sunday School teachers, and leading Bethany Youth Fellowship (BYF) programs, events, activities, and missions. If you are interested in supporting Bethany's children and young adults by working on the Christian Youth Leader Search Committee, please contact Jim Hetzler (585-317-1956 or jmshetzler@gmail.com) or Craig Johnson (585-415-1578 or crjohnso@msn.com)

SOUPER BOWL for CARING: This morning after worship Alexa McGarrity and Connor McGarrity will be collecting donations and are urging you to contribute to the SOUPER BOWL for CARING. This is a national youth-led effort to off-set the excesses of football mania by collecting money to support the Food Cupboards in their local communities. All money collected is taken directly to the Greece Ecumenical Food Shelf to feed our neighbors in need.

The **Annual Meeting** of Bethany Presbyterian Church has been called for **Sunday, February 20, 2022 immediately following the worship service** for the purpose of hearing reports, receiving the 2022 annual budget and the pastors terms of call, and for any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

ASH WEDNESDAY OFFERING: The Ash Wednesday offering will be collected on Wednesday, March 2. The Community and Global Missions Committee has designated Rocoverly Fitness as the recipient of this year's donation. Jonathan Westfall, Executive Director, will be presenting a Minute for Mission at the Worship Service on Sunday, February 27.

Rocoverly Fitness is located in the Maplewood neighborhood at 1035 Dewey Avenue. They are a supportive community of physically active individuals brought together by sober living, committed to creating an environment of healing and recovering. Members, friends and families are empowered to discover their inner strength and confidence through adventure, fun and camaraderie.

Programs are free and open to anyone with 48 hours of continuous sobriety. Founded in 2015, Rocoverly Fitness welcomes friends, family members and those who choose to live sober. Additional information can be found at Rocoverlyfitness.org