



May the good things of life be yours in abundance
not only at Thanksgiving but throughout the coming year.

HAPPY
Thanksgiving

*Central and Algonquin
United Methodist Churches*

Sunday, November 19, 2023

Mission Statement:
**Connecting all people to God by building bridges
of caring, outreach, and acceptance.**

With Pastor Marty Johnston

Central and Algonquin UMC's Worship Gathering

November 19, 2023, 10:30 am

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*Indicates please stand on your feet or in your heart.

TWENTY- FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Greeters/Ushers: Tom Brown/Kelley Bunker

Liturgist: Jackie Willey

*The quartet, Notorious, is providing today's music: Susan Autore, Lead; Pat Deatricks, Baritone; Nancy Kirkpatrick, Tenor; and Sharon Smith, Bass.

PRELUDE "Gentle Shepherd, Lead Us" Khoury

INTROIT "Alleluia" Gatlin, arr. Bromert

WELCOME/MISSION STATEMENT

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*CALL TO WORSHIP¹

One: We lift up our eyes to you, O God,

All: longing for a glimpse of your grace.

One: We watch for you.....and wait,

All: trying to keep awake and aware,

One: trying not to fall asleep,

All: trying to not miss your presence,

One: trying not to miss our very lives.

All: Today, we come to you awake—

One: clothed in faith, decked out in love,

All: wearing hope for all to see.

One: Come and meet us here, O God,

All: in your mercy and your grace.

*OPENING HYMN "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" UMH 139
LOBE DEN HERREN

PASTOR'S OPENING PRAYER *

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

Youth are invited to attend Young Christian's Worship at this time downstairs.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING I Thessalonians 5:1-11

ANTHEM "I Believe" Graham et al, arr. McColl

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25:14-30

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks be to God

SERMON

The Parable of the Talents

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Let us continue in our worship of God through the giving of gifts and offerings.

OFFERTORY

“Wenn Wir In Hochsten Noten Sein”

J. C. Bach

*DOXOLOGY

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.

UMH 95

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION²

Gracious God, you have filled our lives with the protection of faith, the guidance of love, and the hope of salvation without end. Take our lives, Holy One— our time, our talent, and our treasure— and use them to encourage the hopeless, to build up the broken, and to heal the wounded souls in our world. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the
glory, forever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CLOSING HYMN

“Give Me the Faith Which Can Remove”

UMH 650

CAREY'S (SURREY)

BENEDICTION

*God be with you till we meet again, by his council guide, uphold you,
with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again...*

BENEDICTION RESPONSE “A Parting Blessing” arr. Gray

POSTLUDE “St. George’s, Windsor” arr. Lorenz

Footnotes: UMH—The United Methodist Hymnal
2023

**1. Taken from the Abington Worship Annual

Pastor: Pastor Marty Johnston

Organist: Pat Deatrack

Ushers/Greeters: Tom Brown/Kelley Bunker

Family Ministry Coordinator: Jenny Shelley

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Liturgist: Jackie Willey

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Announcements – November 19, 2023

Hanging of the Greens is Sunday, **November 26**, following the **morning service**. Tree trimming, boughs hung, creche assembled and lights put up are a few of the jobs needed to be done to ready our sanctuary for the Advent season. Please consider lending a hand—we can find you a job—no age is too old or too young.

Reminder: The deadline to order poinsettias is Sunday, December 10th

Central Birthdays/Anniversaries

Nov. 18 – Bob Arfstrom, Nov. 21 – Bob Vincent,
Nov. 22 – Pat Deatrack, Nov. 25 – Joe Bartelsmeyer
Nov. 21 – Tina and Pastor Marty (11th Anniv.)

Algonquin Birthdays/Anniversaries

Nov. 19 – Amanda Sibbald James
Nov. 24 – Jim Sylvester
Nov. 21 – Tina & Pastor Marty (11th Anniv.)

This Week

Monday: Rebecca Circle meets in the Fellowship Hall at **1:30 p.m.** for refreshments, discussion & planning for the coming month.
Hostess: Sue Ann Bartlesmeyer.

Tuesday: Foster Parent Group Meeting - CUMC

Wednesday: Bible Study @10:30 in the CUMC library

Thursday: Happy Thanksgiving!!

Save the Date

Sun., Nov. 26 - Hanging of the Greens following the service

Sun., Dec. 3 – Advent Family Night, 5:30-7 p.m. CUMC Fellowship Hall.

Let us come together for an evening of fellowship, crafts, and activities centered on Advent. **Dinner** will be provided.

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