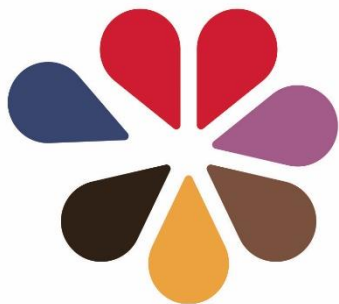




# **DOWNTOWN**

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**



Celebration of Worship  
February 2, 2025, 11:00 AM  
The Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time  
[Click Here to Watch](#)

*If you have a joy or concern you would like to have lifted in prayer today, please complete a **Prayer Request Card**, including the name of the person (and pronunciation) or event, and additional information you'd like to share. Prayer Requests will be collected in baskets during the **hymn following the sermon** to share with the pastor and/or Deacons.*

Prelude A Sabbath Melody Carl Mueller

Words of Welcome Rev. Phil Davis  
Announcements

Chime

\*Introit Lift Every Voice and Sing J. Rosamund Johnson  
"Lift every voice and sing, Arr. Craig Courtney  
Till earth and heaven ring, ring with the harmonies of Liberty;  
Let our rejoicing rise high as the list'ning skies, let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,  
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;  
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun, let us march on till victory is won."  
Text: James Weldon Johnson

\*Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 71) Pat Tweet  
Leader: In the Holy One, we take refuge; let us never be put to shame.  
Our praise is continually of you.  
Many: In your righteousness deliver us and hear our cries for justice and peace.  
Leader: In the Holy One, we draw strength; let us never be put to shame. Our praise is continually of you.

Many: Be a rock of refuge for the vulnerable, a strong fortress to save creation, for you are our rock and fortress.

Leader: In the Holy One, we receive courage; let us never be put to shame. Our praise is continually of you.

Many: Rescue us, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel, for you, Holy One, are our hope and trust.

\*Invocation

All: Emmanuel, we welcome you in our midst. You amaze and inspire, challenge and convict, comfort and fortify. May we be open and receptive to your voice and presence among us. Let your words encourage us to be prophetic, passionate, and public in our ministry as we praise and honor your name. Amen.

\*Hymn

When Morning Gilds the Skies  
*(Verses 1-3, Music may be found on page 9.)*

LAUDES DOMINI

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

All: God Who Knows Us, we pray that you form and shape us anew. Remind us who we are and draw us back to you. Transform us in love, correct us with compassion, and lead us with clarity into the paths of righteousness, truth, and peace. Forgive us for the ways that we reject your presence, your guidance, and your will. Redeem and restore us as your beloved creation and active citizens of your kingdom. In Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Words of Grace

Leader: Beloved, love never ends. You reflect the goodness, creative work, and imagination of God. The Holy One knows you well and calls you good. Receive the grace of God to live a life that ever transforms and renews through the power of God's abiding, constant, and tangible love.

## Installation of Deacons

Pastor: There are varieties of gifts, 1 Cor. 12:4-7, 27

**People: but it is the same Spirit who gives them.**

Pastor: There are different ways of serving God,

**People: but it is the same Lord who is served.**

Pastor God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

**People: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.**

Pastor: Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

**People: And Individually members of him**

Pastor: Though we have different gifts, together we are a ministry of reconciliation led by the risen Christ. We work and pray to make the church useful in the world, and we call men and women to faith, so that, in the end, every knee shall bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Within our common ministry, some are called and chosen to serve as elders and deacons. In ordination, we recognize these special ministries, remembering that our Lord Jesus said: Whoever among you wants to be great must become the servant of all, and if they want to be first among you, they must be the servants of all.

## Presentation of The Candidates

Constitutional Questions For The Candidates

Constitutional Questions For The Congregation

Prayer

Declaration of Installation

Charge To The Deacons

Welcome to This Ministry

Scripture

Leviticus 19:33

## Time with Our Children and Youth

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| Music for Meditation | I Got a Home in-a Dat Rock<br>Robert Sims, guest soloist | American Negro Spiritual<br>Arr. Moses Hogan |
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| Scripture | 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 |
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| Sermon | Not Just Wedding Words | Rev. Phil Davis |
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| *Hymn | Come! Live in the Light!<br><i>(Music may be found on page 10.)</i> | WE ARE CALLED |
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Joys and Concerns  
Prayers of the People  
+Prayer of Jesus

Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Spirit come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily  
bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not  
into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Spirit, and the  
power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

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| Offertory Music | We Shall Walk Through the Valley | American Negro Spiritual<br>Arr. Undine Smith Moore |
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\*Doxology  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Let songs rise up from earth below;  
Let stars and galaxies enthrone;  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One! Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Service of Holy Communion

Pastor: Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God! They will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God. Our Savior invites those who trust him to sit at the table in the kingdom of God. As we come to the Lord's table, let us humble our hearts and be open to the call of Your Spirit.

**People: Compassionate God, have mercy on us, we pray.**

Pastor: Let us examine ourselves: our thoughts, our actions, our motives, and our attitudes toward others.

**People: O Holy God, have mercy and forgive us our shortcomings.**

Pastor: Help us to remember our responsibility to our families and our neighbors, our stewardship to You, and the work You have given to our hands.

**People: O Living God, we stand in need of Your grace, strength, and mercy.**

Pastor: As we eat the bread which represents Your body, which is the True and Living Bread, open our eyes to recognize the intimacy that You yearn to share with us.

**People: O Loving God, teach us to love You above all else.**

Pastor: As we drink the cup which represents Christ's blood shed for us, we thank You for the new covenant, "Love ye one another," which is written in our hearts. Let us rejoice because our names are written in heaven.

**People: Tender Father and Mother, may Your great sacrifice of redeeming love renew us for loving service and sacrifice for others.**

Pastor: May this Lord's Supper energize every area of our lives and enable us to transcend our circumstances, our inadequacies, and our enemies.

**People: God who sees us, touch and empower us so that our lives will be renewed.**

Pastor: We praise You, O God, who made us Your own people through the death and resurrection of Your Son, our Lord.

**All: Abide in us, Savior and Redeemer. Fill us with the life-giving power of Your Spirit, now and forever.**

### The Words of the Institution

Pastor: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, And after giving thanks to God, He broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Pastor: In the same way, he took the cup saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, Shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

Pastor: Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord. Now all the people say  
**People: Amen, Amen, and Amen.**

### Sharing the Bread and Cup

Music at Communion

Cristo Redentor

Duke Pearson  
Transc. G. Franklin

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Hymn

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly  
*(Verse 3. Music may be found on page 11.)*

HOLY MANNA

\*Benediction

Choral Response

Amen

Justin Wallace

\*Passing of the Peace

Thank you to. . .

Liturgist: Pat Tweet  
Chancel Choir Members

Soprano: Nicole Knickerbocker, Lindsey Puc, Carolina Sullivan, Joan Sussman

Alto: Cecelia Allchin, Isabella Apodaca, Leah Rosenman

Tenor: Olivia Anderson, Jason Cloen, Mark Darling, Evan McMahon

Bass: Rob Brown, John DeHORITY, Elijah Gebers,  
Alan Jones, Stephen Lloyd, Sumner Tessier

Live Stream Team: Don Fairman, David McDowell, Jim Parks, Sally Allison

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# 667 When Morning Gilds the Skies

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing  
 2 Does sad - ness fill my mind? A so - lace here I  
 3 Let earth's wide cir - cle round in joy - ful notes re -  
 4 Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di -

cries: may Je - sus Christ be praised! A -  
 find: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Or  
 sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let  
 vine: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be

like at work and prayer to Je - sus I re -  
 fades my earth - ly bliss? My com - fort still is  
 air and sea and sky from depth to height re -  
 this the e - ter - nal song through all the a - ges

pair: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 this: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 ply: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

This is not just a morning hymn, though this excerpt from an English translation of an early 19th-century German text may not convey how thoroughly the original deals with different kinds of time throughout the day. The tune was composed as a setting for this English text.

# 749 Come! Live in the Light!

## We Are Called

G C D G

1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the  
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your  
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that

C D Em

joy and the love of the Lord! We are called  
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called  
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,

Em7 C G Am7

to be light for the king - dom, to live in the  
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and  
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as chil - dren of

G C Dsus D

free - dom of the cit - y of God.  
 vio - lence will be no more.  
 God u - nit - ed in love.

*Refrain* G C D C D G C

We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to

D Em Em7 C D

love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -

C D G C D C G

oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

The thematic and musical center of this hymn on the vocation of all believers is found in the refrain, which is based on the well-known challenge of Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

# All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly 509

1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man-na is our bread.  
 2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang-ers, seek-er, be a wel - come guest.  
 3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er; Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.

Come from wil-der-ness and wan-dering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.  
 Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.  
 Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.

You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.  
 We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.  
 Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat-i - tude.

Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

The United Church of Canada minister who wrote this text was introduced to shape note tunes at the 1990 Hymn Society conference in Charleston, South Carolina. Afterwards she vacationed with friends nearby and worked out this text while humming this tune as she walked up and down the beach.

## ***Welcome Visitors!***

**Nursery Care** for children up to 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade is available in the Library

**Children not in nursery care** will be invited forward during the “Time with Our Children and Youth” for a brief time with the pastor, and then will be taken up to their Sunday School room by their teacher. Parents are welcome to come up with their kids if they would like.

**You may place your offering** in the offering plates as they are passed. If you would like to donate online you can use the QR code to the right to make your contribution to the church.



**+We seek** to use diverse images and liberating language about divine presence in our services of worship. Please feel free to adapt the words in hymns and prayers as needed so that they express your faith.

**This is a Hearing Loop equipped sanctuary** – please switch your hearing aid to the “T” (telephone) position.

**\* An asterisk indicates** “please rise in body or spirit.”

**We hope you will join us** after worship for conversations and refreshments! Cookies and drinks are available in the front of the sanctuary.

**Joys and Concerns**– If you have a joy or concern that you would like to lift in prayer today, please complete a Prayer Request card (available by the worship bulletins) naming the person(s), situation or event, and any other information that you would like to be shared. The prayer requests will be collected during the hymn following the sermon and provided to the pastor.

## This Week at Downtown United Presbyterian

### Sunday, February 2

9:45AM Sunday Forum-Thomas  
Merton- Dr. Monica Weis  
10:00AM Choir Warm-up  
10:45AM Nursery  
11:00AM Worship -Rev. Phil Davis  
11:15AM Sunday School  
12:00PM Congregational Meeting  
12:15PM Refreshments in Sanctuary

### Tuesday, February 4

10:30AM Bible study via Zoom  
5:30PM Justice Team Mtg. via Zoom

### Wednesday, February 5

7:00PM Choir Rehearsal

### Wednesday, February 5

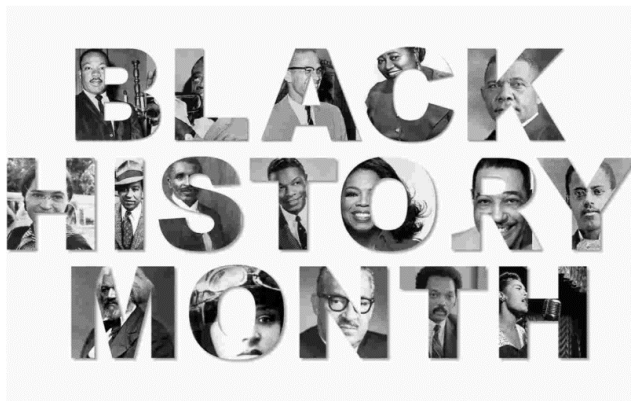
7:00PM Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, February 6

7:15PM Worship Team Mtg via Zoom

### Sunday, February 9

9:45AM Sunday Forum –Spiritual  
Journey- Gail Mott  
10:00AM Choir Warm-up  
10:45AM Nursery  
11:00AM Worship -Pastor Phil  
11:15AM Sunday School  
12:00PM Reception for Keisha Betts



# ***DUPC Sunday Forums February 2025***

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**February 2<sup>nd</sup>**

## **The Spirituality of Thomas Merton**

**Dr. Monica Weis**

Dr. Weis will present highlights from the life of Thomas Merton, an American Trappist monk who was also a social activist, theologian, mystic, and scholar of comparative religions. Dr. Weis, emerita professor of English at Nazareth University, has written several books on Merton.

**February 9<sup>th</sup>**

## **My Spiritual Journey: Fireflies and Illuminations**

**Gail Mott**

Gail has spent many of her 90 years bringing attention and care to those in need, both in our community and across the world. In all of the many justice actions she has been a part of throughout the years, Gail has been there as a gentle, yet powerful presence. She shares that, "after 90 years you would think that the path on my faith journey would now be a straight one-but it continues to be a bumpy road illuminated by great souls who show me the way and help keep me moving forward."

**February 16<sup>th</sup>**

**No Sunday Forum - Food and Kinship Worship**

**February 23<sup>rd</sup>**

## **My Spiritual Journey**

**Reverend Phil Davis**

Come hear Rev Davis share about his own faith experiences, from his early days growing up in the Bronx, to his change of careers, to what brought him to DUPC.

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***Sundays, 9:45 AM ~ The Shaw Room***



Presbytery of Genesee Valley's  
**CONGREGATIONAL LEARNING DAY**

For New and Experienced Church Leaders and Church Members

**Saturday, March 1, 2025**

**8:30 am - 1:00 pm**

**Online via Zoom. Free**

**Register by February 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Offering 7 Workshops and Worship**

1. **Claiming the High Calling: Ruling Elder Training -**  
Led by Rev John Odom PGV Executive Presbyter
2. **Presbytery of Genesee Valley Anti-Racism Policy Overview -**  
Led by a panel of experts
3. **Teaching Elders – An Introduction to Enneagram –**  
Led by Rev Michelle Allen

**Worship:** Led by Rev Jim Renfrew with music by Bill Hockey

4. **Equipped to Care: A workshop for Deacons -**  
Led by Rev Erin Jacobson
5. **Enlivened Worship Leadership -**  
Led by Rev Susan Thaine
6. **Not Safe for Worship Part II: Modern Bible Interpretation**  
Led by a panel
7. **Two Way Q & A**  
Led by Rev Bethany Benz-Whittington, PGV Stated Clerk  
and Rev John Odom, PGV Executive Presbyter

**To Register:** [CLICK HERE](#)

**Or scan here:**



**Or go online to:** <https://pbygenval.org/congregational-learning-day/>

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, please contact Nancy Simpson or Nancy Brown.**

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## Paris Leaders

Mary Rees and Pat Tweet, Clerks of Session  
Cindy Hamilton, Jacque Hancock co-Moderators of Deacons

### Session

The Rev. Philip B. Davis,  
Moderator  
Nancy Brown  
John DeHority  
Lea Kone  
Bob Richane  
Sally Allison  
Sam King

Jim Vesper

Pat Tweet

Mary Rees

### Deacons

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Andrea Folan  
Helen Ganotis  
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