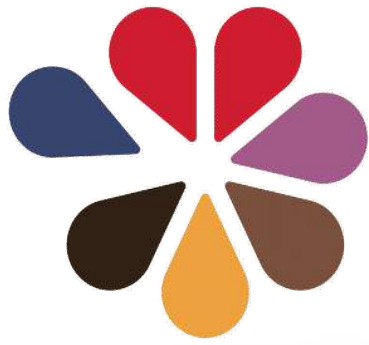




DOWNTOWN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**We Live
Into Jesus'
Inclusive Call
to Love
Every Person,
Care for
Creation,
and Work for
God's
Justice.**

November 2nd, 2025, 11:00 AM
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

*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.*

defend the orphan, plead for the widow.

Leader: Holy One, hear the heart of our praises this hour,

People: May you be honored and pleased by the truth of our worship this day.

*Hymn

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

(Verses 1, 3 and 5—Music may be found on pg 7.)

Time with Young Disciples

Robin Sheikh

Centering Prayer

Holiest of All, we confess that we want to honor and worship you,
but the truth is we offer you the shallow sacrifices we want, not the
deep that you desire,

Silent prayer

We confess that too often we fall short of your intentions for us. We
yearn to touch the world with goodness and kindness, but instead
we offer criticism and hurt.

Silent prayer

We seek to live with honesty, integrity and stand for truth, but instead
choosing our own gain.

Silent prayer

We would love others, but we hesitate, wondering if they will love us
in return.

Silent prayer

We desire to bring confidence and joy to our daily tasks, but instead we
let the struggles of the day make us grouchy and miserable toward all
those we meet.

Silent prayer

We need your presence, O God, if we are to be what we could be and want
to be. We need our hearts healed and transformed by your love. So we ask
you to wash us and make us clean; that you forgive us, and renew us, that
we may go out in joy and bring your peace, led by the power of your Spirit.

First Reading

Isaiah 1:10-20

Music for Reflection

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Harold W. Friedell

*"Draw us in the Spirit's tether, for when humbly in your name,
two or three are met together, you are in the midst of them;
alleluia, alleluia! Touch we now your garment's hem.
As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,
then with thanks to our Creator, break the bread and bless the cup,
alleluia, alleluia! So now bind our friendship up.
All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of you,
that by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be.
Alleluia, alleluia! We will serve thee faithfully."*

Second Reading

Luke 19:1-10

Sermon

Making Friends

*Hymn

God of the Sparrow

ROEDER

(Verses 1-5—Music may be found on pg 8.)

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for Healing and Justice

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Music

Shall We Gather at the River

Robert Lowry

Arr. Jonathan T. Madden

*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

Your servant Zacchaeus gave half their possessions to benefit

and bless the poor. Following their lead, we too offer our possessions this day. Please accept, bless and multiply our gifts and may they help bring about your kingdom where all have enough.

*Hymn

Will You Come and Follow Me
(Verses 1 and 2—Music may be found on pg 9.)

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Service of Communion

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

One: Let us pray.

Memorial Acclamation

The Great Amen

† 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.

The Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Music at Communion

Prayer after Communion

O Loving God, the broken bread has fed us and we have drunk the cup of joy. Each time we share the Lord's supper we remember our commitment in Jesus' love. May justice and mercy be our path, and may we be freed from

every shackle and live together in peace. Amen.

*Hymn

Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE

(Verses 4 and 5—Music may be found on pg 9.)

*Benediction

Choral Response

We Are

Ysaye M. Barnwell

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us extend the Peace of Christ to one another.

Thank you to...

Guest Worship Leader: Rev. Tedd Pullano

Liturgist: Lea Kone

Chancel Choir Members

Soprano: Cecelia Allchin, Isabella Apodaca, Nicole Knickerbocker,

Lindsey Puc, Joan Sussman Alto: Alyssa Koh, Leah Rosenman

Tenor: Olivia Anderson, Jason Cloen, Shawn Cox, Mark Darling

Bass: Rob Brown, John DeHority, Elijah Gebers, Alan Jones, Stephen Lloyd

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

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We continue to welcome a wide variety of worship leaders. The Worship Team and the Session encourage you to consider what speaks to you in each worship experience and share your feedback with them. This feedback is vital as decisions are made about our pastoral leadership.

Next Sunday, we will welcome The Rev. William Wilkinson.

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For All the Saints



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
 3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
 5 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
 We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
 all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The broad and sweeping tune with which this hymn is so closely identified was created to be sung during a reverent but dramatic procession at the beginning of an All Saints' Day service, an enacted representation of the enduring "fellowship divine" celebrated by this text.

TEXT: William Walsham How, 1864
 MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

SINE NOMINE
 10.10.10 with alleluias

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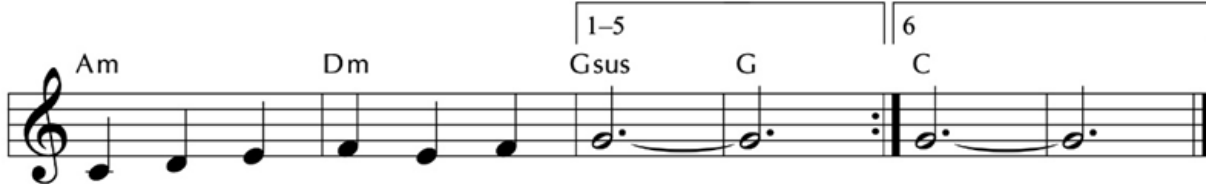
God of the Sparrow



1 God of the spar - row God of the whale God of the
 2 God of the earth - quake God of the storm God of the
 3 God of the rain - bow God of the cross God of the
 4 God of the hun - gry God of the sick God of the
 5 God of the neigh - bor God of the foe God of the
 6 God of the a - ges God near at hand God of the



swirl - ing stars How does the crea - ture say Awe
 trum - pet blast How does the crea - ture cry Woe
 emp - ty grave How does the crea - ture say Grace
 prod - i - gal How does the crea - ture say Care
 prun - ing hook How does the crea - ture say Love
 lov - ing heart How do your chil - dren say Joy



How does the crea - ture say Praise
 How does the crea - ture cry Save
 How does the crea - ture say Thanks
 How does the crea - ture say Life
 How does the crea - ture say Peace
 How do your chil - dren say Home

Though a lack of punctuation makes this text appear freeform and the flowing tune enhances a sense of movement, each stanza here is firmly anchored by a final weighty word (praise, save, thanks, life, peace, home), a sign of God's eternal presence in an ever-changing world.

TEXT: Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1983
 MUSIC: Carl F. Schalk, 1983
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ROEDER
 9.6.7.7

726 Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)
F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C

1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
F C7 Dm Gm7 Bb F

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?
Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus) (A)
Gm7 Bb Am7 Bb Csus C

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
F C7 Dm Gm7 Bb F

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.

Coming up at Downtown United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 2

9:45AM Sunday Forum, Hybrid
10:00AM Choir Warm-up
10:45AM Nursery
11:00AM Worship - Rev. Pullano
11:15AM Sunday School
12:00PM Refreshments, Sanctuary
4:00PM Arts Link Community
PRISM Concert

Tuesday, November 4

Election Day
10:30AM Psalms+ Bible Study
5:00PM Justice Team Mtg, Zoom

Wednesday, November 5

3:00PM DEIB Meeting, Zoom
7:00PM Choir Practice

Friday, November 7

7:30PM Arts Link: First Inversion
Concert—We/Our

Sunday, November 9

9:45AM Sunday Forum, Hybrid
10:00AM Choir Warm-up
10:45AM Nursery
11:00AM Worship - Rev. William
Wilkinson
11:15AM Sunday School
12:00PM Congregational Mtg.
4:00PM Arts Link: First Inversion
Concert—We/Our



We live into Jesus' inclusive call to love all people,
care for creation, and work for God's Justice.

Welcome Visitors!

Nursery Care is available for young children beginning in the library and moving to C-23 on the second floor. Parents are welcome to come up with their kids if they would like.

Sunday School Children not in nursery care will be invited forward during the "Time with Our Youth" and then will follow their teacher to the Sunday School room.

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 requests will be collected during the hymn following the sermon and provided to the Deacons.

The Downtown Church Staff

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

Session

The Rev. Val Fowler, Moderator	Lea Kone	Jim Vesper
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John DeHority	Sally Allison	Mary Rees
	Sam King	

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Sunday Forum - November 2025

Working for God's Justice Locally and Globally

Nov. 2 "Making Policy in Community: Presbyterians Proclaiming Anti-Racism"



Presenters: Beth Laidlaw, Elder, Third Presbyterian Church and Pat Tweet
The Genesee Valley Presbytery has directed each church in the region to create their own Anti-Racism Policy with strategies and practices specific to that congregation. Elder Beth Laidlaw, from Third Pres. will share the process her church experienced, and Pat Tweet will summarize additional suggestions and guidance that the DEIB will use in crafting a policy for our congregation's approval on November 9th.



Nov. 9 "Federal Lawmaking with Local and Global Consequences: The View from the House Chamber."

Presenter: Representative Joe Morelle

Congressperson Morelle will speak about the role he has played in solving domestic problems and impacting global troubles and tragedies. Joe has been apprised of our church's progressive tradition, and welcomes questions about the daily challenges of bipartisanship.

Nov. 16 "From Sudan to Rochester to South Sudan: Always Seeking to Make a Difference."



Presenter: Mathon Noi

Mathon is the Vice President and Co-founder of Building Minds in South Sudan. He fled Sudan as a "Walking Boy" at the age of 9 and came to Rochester in 2001. Since then, he achieved his bachelor's degree in accounting and now lives in Buffalo with his family. He will share his story and its impact on the way he lives his life today, as well as the challenges of fulfilling the mission of Building Minds in South Sudan in a contentious political climate.

Nov. 23 "Answering the Call: Fighting the Powers That Be."

Presenter: Windsor Wade



Windsor's parents, Louis and Katie, fled the Jim Crow South in 1952. Ten years later, on a trip South to visit family, Windsor drank from a "Whites Only" fountain. Today, he is a long-time member of Veterans for Peace, and also a member of its national board. Heeding the Dalai Lama's admonition, "It's not enough to be compassionate, you must act," Windsor became a teacher and has continually worked for justice, including service with two local organizations, Metro Justice and the Gandhi Institute.

Sundays, 9:45 AM ~ The Shaw Room



Arts Link

at Downtown United Presbyterian Church

≈Coming in November≈

Monthly All Community Choir Sunday November 16, 11AM

Music-led worship with
community choir and
congregational participation.



Downtown Arts Community PRISM Concert Sunday, November 2, 2PM



Proceeds support local youth music students.
in collaboration with Arts Link at Downtown Church
Featuring a variety of local musicians and ensembles.

First Inversion Concert “We/Our: Honoring LGBTQ Voices” Friday, Nov. 7 & Sunday, Nov. 9, 4PM

First Inversion

