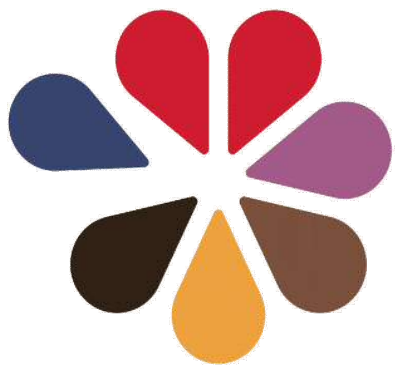
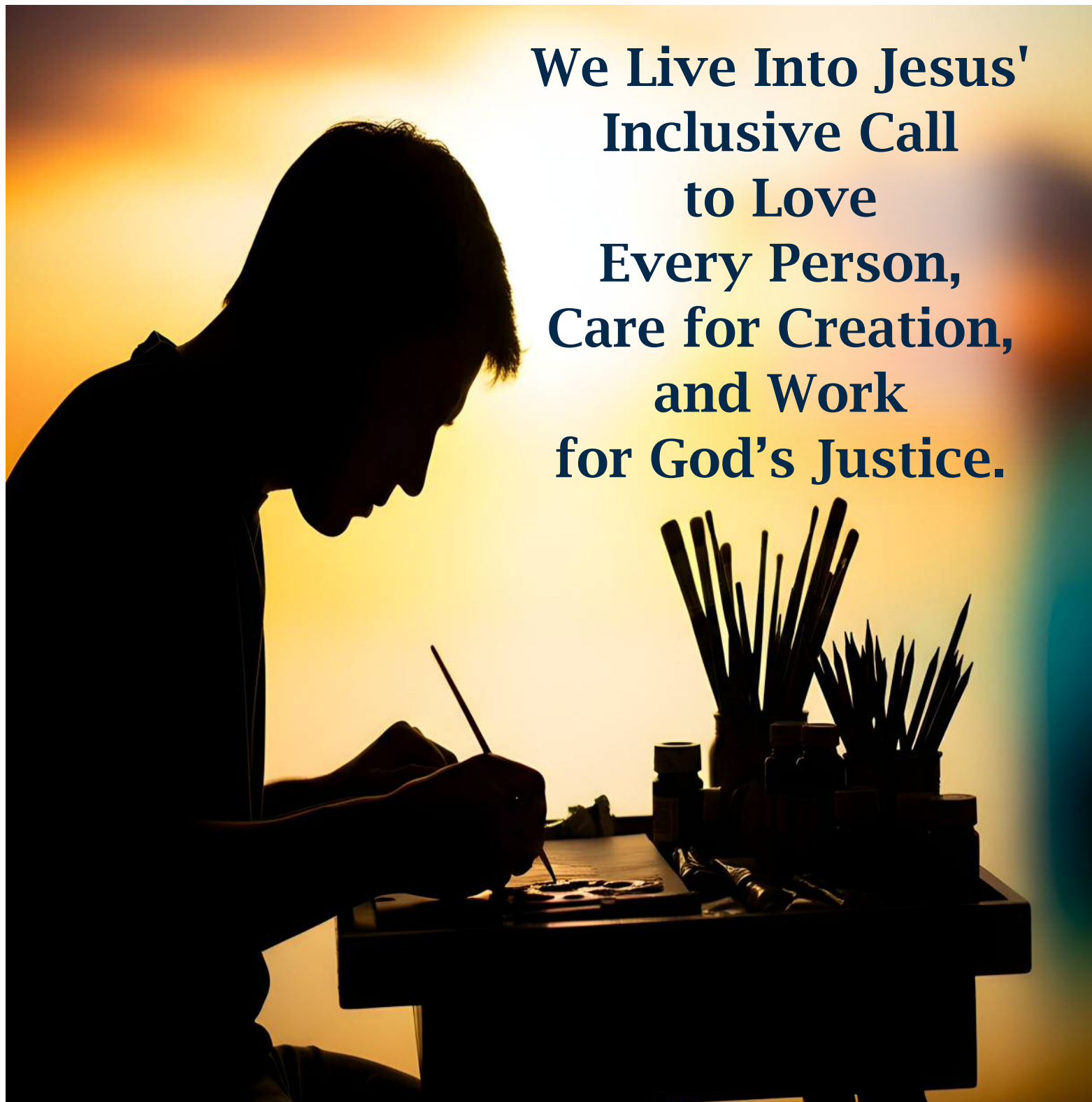




**DOWNTOWN**  
**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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



# Celebration of Worship

November 16th, 2025, 11:00 AM

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship Sunday

[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 during the **hymn following the sermon** to share with the pastor and/or Deacons.*

Prelude

Fairest Lord Jesus

Crusader's Hymn

Arr. Joel Raney for piano four hands

Words of Welcome

Mary Rees

Announcements

Chime

Introit

Still Small Voice

Hubert Parry

"O Sabbath rest by Galilee! O calm of hills above,  
where Jesus knelt to share with Thee the silence of eternity,  
interpreted by love!

Drop Thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess  
the beauty of Thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire Thy coolness and Thy balm;  
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,  
O still small voice of calm!"

Text: John Greenleaf Whittier

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Children of God, are you listening? Have you noticed? God has planted seeds of hope among us.

**All: Come, let us worship God who graciously offers us the gift of hope.**

Leader: God nurtures hope among us, helping us bear the fruit of faithfulness in this world.

**All: Come, let us worship God who empowers us to put our hope into faithful and loving actions!**

**Prayer of Invocation**

**Lord, you are making all things new. But the process is difficult and we feel uncertain. Dwell with us today. Speak to us. Show us the way and we will follow.**

**\*Hymn**

Isaiah the Prophet Has Written of Old

SAMANTHRA

*(Music may be found on page 6.)*

**Time With Young Disciples**

Robin Sheikh

**Breathing Exercise**

Rev. Katie Jo Suddaby

**First Scripture**

Isaiah 65:17-25

**Music for Reflection**

And I Saw a New Heaven

Edgar L. Bainton

*"And I saw a new heaven and a new earth:  
for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away;  
and there was no more sea.  
And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem,  
coming down from God out of heaven,  
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.  
And I heard a great voice out of Heaven, saying,  
Behold, the tabernacle of God is with all,  
and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people,  
and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.  
And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes;  
and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying,  
neither shall there be any more pain:  
for the former things are passed away."*

Second Scripture

Isaiah 65:6-11

Art Exercise

Rev. Katie Jo Suddaby

\*Hymn

Shepherd Me, O God  
*(Music may be found on page 8.)*

SHEPHERD ME

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for Healing and Justice

† 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

Collection of Pledge Cards

Offertory Music

Every Time I Feel the Spirit American Negro Spiritual  
Arr. Stacey V. Gibbs

\*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

\*Hymn

We Walk in Love  
*(Music may be found on page 9.)*

Deanna Witkowski

\*Benediction

Postlude

Improvisation on "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

**\*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...**

Worship Leader: Rev. Katie Jo Suddaby

Liturgist: Mary Rees

**Chancel Choir Members**

Soprano: Cecelia Allchin, Morgan Cox, Isa 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, Sumner Tessier

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.

**You may write to:** [session@downtownpresbyterian.org](mailto:session@downtownpresbyterian.org)

OR [worship@downtownpresbyterian.org](mailto:worship@downtownpresbyterian.org). This feedback is vital as decisions are made about our pastoral leadership.

Next Sunday we welcome Susan Richane.

# 77 Isaiah the Prophet Has Written of Old



1 I - sa - iah the proph - et has writ - ten of old how  
2 Yet na - tions still prey on the meek of the world, and



God's new cre - a - tion shall come. In - stead of the thorn tree, the  
con - flict turns par - ent from child. Your peo - ple de - spoil all the



fir tree shall grow; the wolf shall lie down with the lamb. The  
sweet - ness of earth; the briar and the thorn tree grow wild. God,



moun - tains and hills shall burst forth in - to song, the  
bring to fru - i - tion your will for the earth, that

This 20th-century paraphrase of Isaiah 11:6–9 and 55:11–13 was created specifically for this anonymous shape note tune (whose name is Hebrew for “listener”). The movement from near rhymes in stanza one to exact rhymes in stanza two reinforces the theme of fulfilled prophecy.

TEXT: Joy F. Patterson, 1982

MUSIC: American folk melody; arr. Robert Shaw and Alice Parker, 1961

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Music Arr. © 1961, ren. Lawson-Gould Music Publishers, Inc. (admin. Alfred Music Publishing)

SAMANTHRA

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peo-ples be led forth in peace, for the earth shall be filled  
no one shall hurt or de-destroy, that wis-dom and jus-

with the knowl-edge of God as the wa-ters cov-er the sea.  
tice shall reign in the land and your peo-ple shall go forth in joy.

You are Cordially Invited to:

## The Annual DUPC Advent Festival

Our 2025 Theme:  
**"A Star Shines Brightly!"**  
Sharing in the Light, Hope,  
and Joy of the Season"

**Sunday, December 7th**  
**10AM—1PM**

Before and After  
Advent Music Sunday Worship

Follow the Crowds to the Hallway  
Behind the Sanctuary

Enjoy Light Refreshments and  
the Joy of Community

★ One World Goods   ★ Building Minds in South Sudan  
★ Angel Tree   ★ Christmas Cookies   ★ Craft

### Angel Tree 2025

Next Sunday, November 23rd, you will see a Christmas tree on the lectern side of the sanctuary and it will be filled with paper angels. Each will have on it an item that can be purchased or a monetary donation needed for the children served by Jordan Health Center.

Pick out an angel or two and bring your donations on Advent Sunday, December 7th.

# Shepherd Me, O God

## (Psalm 23)

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Capo 1: (Em)                      (C)                      (G)                      (D)

Refrain      Fm                      D<sup>b</sup>                      A<sup>b</sup>                      E<sup>b</sup>

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -

(Bm7)                      (C)                      (Am7)                      (Bm7)                      (Em)

Cm7                      D<sup>b</sup>                      B<sup>b</sup>m7                      Cm7                      Fm

yond my fears, from death in - to life.

*Leader stanzas included in Accompaniment Edition*

### PSALM 23

#### Refrain

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not want.
- 2 **He makes me lie down in green pastures.**  
**He leads me beside still waters.**  
*Refrain*
- 3 He restores my soul.  
He leads me in paths of righteousness  
for his name's sake.
- 4 **Even though I walk through the valley  
of the shadow of death, I fear no evil,  
for thou art with me;  
thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.**  
*Refrain*
- 5 Thou preparest a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
thou anointest my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.
- 6 **Surely goodness and mercy shall  
follow me all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house  
of the LORD forever.** *Refrain*

### PSALM PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, our good shepherd,  
in the waters of Baptism you give us  
birth,  
and at your table you nourish us with  
heavenly food.  
In your goodness and mercy,  
lead us along safe paths,  
beyond the terrors of evil and death,  
to the house of the Lord  
where we may rest securely in you  
forever.  
**Amen.**

For centuries no psalm has been better known or more beloved than Psalm 23. Although most people now have little occasion to encounter actual shepherds in daily life, this image remains a cherished and meaningful expression of reliance on God's faithful protection and provision.

# 38. We Walk in Love

updated 2/13/23

Words by Deanna Witkowski and Lemuel Colon

Music by Deanna Witkowski

New York, NY | 2017

Gospel 3 feel (♩ = 104)

C7sus F Gm/F F Gm7

1. We walk in love u - nit - ed in pur - pose. We  
2. We cry for peace and rights for all peo - ple. We  
3. We dream a world of jus - tice and kind - ness. We

A7 Dm7 G7sus G7 C7sus

join our hands and lift up one voice. We  
wel - come friends from far - and near. We  
build a bridge cre - at - ing new paths. We

Bm7(b5) Bbm6 F/C F

speak the truth with strength and com - pas - sion re -  
fight for those whose voic - es are si - lenced, re -  
march with joy as all walk to - geth - er. Em -

Gm F/A Gm/Bb F/C C7sus C7 F

sound - ing with hope, with cour - age and joy.  
sist - ing in faith un - til all are free.  
brac - ing each one, we bold - ly stand.

## Performance Suggestion:

- Step on beat 1, Clap beats 2 & 3.

Deanna writes: "After writing the tune, I looked at 'Lift Every Voice and Sing' as a starting point in creating a list of positive key words to include in the lyrics."

Editor's note: Optional piano part available at [deannawitkowski.com](http://deannawitkowski.com).

Always include songwriter's name when posting recordings. Link to PDF: <https://songs.justicechoir.org/WeWalk>

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## Coming up at Downtown United Presbyterian Church

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### Sunday, November 16

#### *Stewardship Sunday*

- 9:45AM Sunday Forum, Hybrid
- 10:00AM Choir Warm-up
- 10:45AM Nursery
- 11:00AM Worship - Rev. Katie Jo Suddaby
- 11:15AM Sunday School
- 12:00PM Refreshments, Sanctuary
- 7:00PM Sophia Circle, Zoom

### Tuesday, November 18

- 10:30AM Psalms+ Bible Study
- 7:00PM Session Meeting, Hybrid

### Wednesday, November 19

- 4:30PM Sunday Forum Mtg, Zoom
- 7:00PM Choir Practice

### Thursday, November 20

- 10:00AM Personnel Mtg, Hybrid

### Friday, November 21

- 12:00PM 3rd Friday Book Group, Zoom

### Sunday, November 23

- 9:45AM Sunday Forum, Hybrid
- 10:00AM Choir Warm-up
- 10:45AM Nursery
- 11:00AM Worship - Susan Richane
- 11:15AM Sunday School
- 12:00PM Congregational Mtg., Sanctuary



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

|                                                          |                                                               |
|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Cheryl Bittle, Weekend Receptionist                      | Robin Sheikh, Office Administrator &<br>Sunday School Teacher |
| Jason Cloen, Associate Musician                          |                                                               |
| Eileen Dietsch, Director of Operations                   | Ebony Smalls, Evening Receptionist                            |
| Alan Jones, Associate Musician                           | Michael Stagles, Maintenance Lead                             |
| David Mear, Business Manager                             | Joseph Taylor, Maintenance Supervisor                         |
| Moses Nhial, Maintenance                                 | Ed Verna, Maintenance                                         |
| Penelope Paredes,<br>Nursery Coordinator                 | Lee S. Wright, D.M.A.,<br>Director of Music Ministry          |
| Andrea Piccone, Bookkeeper<br>& Receptionist Coordinator |                                                               |

## Parish Leaders

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

## Session

|                                   |               |            |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|------------|
| The Rev. Val Fowler,<br>Moderator | Lea Kone      | Jim Vesper |
| Nancy Brown                       | Bob Richane   | Pat Tweet  |
| John DeHority                     | Sally Allison | Mary Rees  |
|                                   | Sam King      |            |

## Deacons

|                |                    |                   |
|----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Bob Carlisle   | Jacqueline Hancock | Becky Parks       |
| Andrea Folan   | Elizabeth Katz     | Susan Richane     |
| Helen Ganotis  | Stephen Lloyd      | Kelley Sheils     |
| Cindy Hamilton | Grania Marcus      | Marilyn Terpening |
|                | Sandy Morales      |                   |

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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

