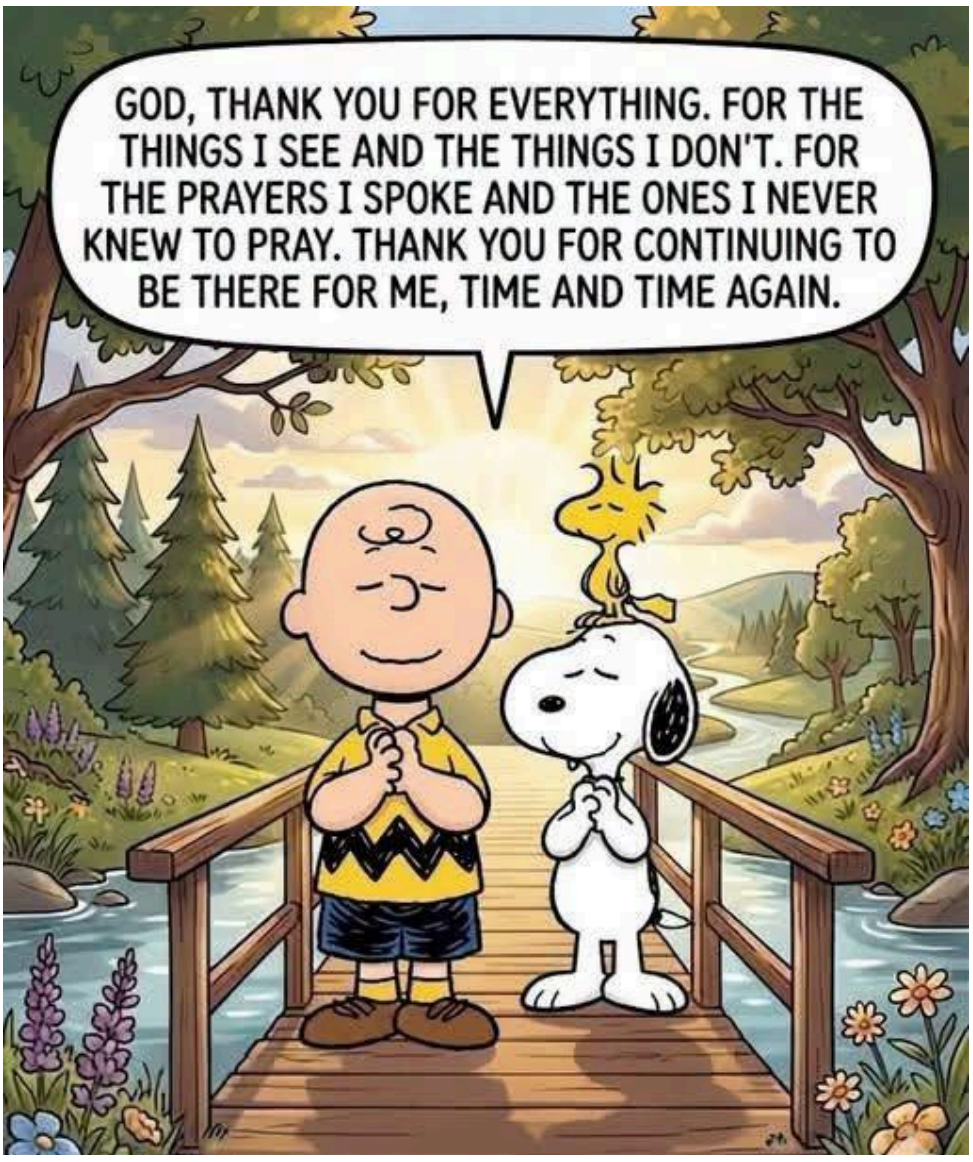
Good News

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God, things are changing.
The world is changing.
We feel uncertain and shaky.
We feel anxious…
Help us to love one another as never before—
Better than before.
Help us to not be defensive or closed-minded,
But open to the Kingdom coming in unexpected ways.
Amen.
~from "Litany for Changing Times," in *Call and Response: Litanies for Congregational Prayer,* by Fran Pratt

Beloved,

By the time you receive this, we will only be a day or two from Election Day. By this point, you are probably as sick and tired as I am of the phone calls, texts, emails, and television ads advocating for this candidate or attacking that politician. The toxicity in which our political world seems enmeshed is overwhelming, and at times leads us to feel hopeless about the state of the world.

In the best of times, change makes us feel anxious; in times like we are currently living through, that anxiety is amped up times a million.

A dear friend recently gifted me a book of liturgical prayers that I have found extremely moving. Some of them have found their way into our weekly worship. The portion I shared above comes from that book in a "Litany for Changing Times." Two lines really jump out at me: "We want unity…we want compassion."

The division and animosity we are exposed to are not our natural state. We long for connection, relationship, and mutuality. We do not always have to agree, but we do need to begin from a place of respect, honoring one another within our differences.

When I find myself in testing times, I turn to scripture, and scripture reminds us that, "even as all around us changes,/God's love endures forever./Even in war, and climate change, and social media,/God's love endures forever./Even in theological and

political disagreement,/God's love endures forever."

God's love *endures forever*.

Nothing that happens on November 3rd or beyond can change the fact that God is love and God's love moves through us and out of us into a world that is *desperate* for that love. God's love is moving, expanding, and unstoppable. In the face of change, that truth sustains us, relieves our anxiety, and steadies us on stable ground.

May this reminder ground us and hold us as we move through these times together.
Grace & peace,
~Pastor Kyle



A Sneak-Peek at Sermons To Come This Month!

November 1: 1 Kings 21:1-24, *Environmental Fairness*
November 8: Genesis 15:13-16, *Our Children's Inheritance*
November 15: Micah 3:9-4:5, *Living Within Our Means*
November 22: Revelation 21:1-5, *A New Heaven and a New Earth*
November 29: Isaiah 2:1-5, *War and a Wardrobe*



Please note that the men's prayer group is scheduled for 8:30am on Saturday, November 14th! All men of the congregation are invited on the second Saturday of each month.

Coffee and Contemplation is each Monday at 9:30am for anyone who wants to come!

Advent in Narnia

This Advent, we will be journeying into the fantastic world of Narnia, a land of enchantment and magic, themes of light and darkness, temptation and sin, forgiveness and hope. As we work toward the wonder of Christmas, we will explore C.S. Lewis's creative story told in *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe.*

We invite you to read the book along with us during the season, as each week's sermon will align with a few chapters, as outlined here:
Chapters 1 & 2 for November 29
Chapters 3-5 for December 6
Chapters 6-10 for December 13
Chapters 11-15 for December 20
Chapters 16 & 17 for Christmas Eve



Additionally, mark your calendars for a special screening of the movie on Sunday, December 20! This Advent, Aslan is on the move!

SAVE THE DATE:
Who is Welcome?
Sunday, November 22, 3:00 pm

This past May, Pastor Kyle graduated from New Brunswick Theological Seminary with a Doctor of Ministry in Pastoral Care and Counseling.

The title of his thesis was, *Who is Welcome?: Toward a Theology of Trans Inclusivity*. In this, he looked at how the Church has treated transgender individuals (and more broadly, the LGBTQIA+ community as a whole). How we read scripture has played a large role in our mistreatment of this vulnerable group.

On Sunday, November 22, Pastor Kyle will share about his thesis, his research, and how we as a congregation can respond to current threats facing the transgender community. If you have any questions, please reach out to Pastor Kyle. No RSVP needed!



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women's (PW) News – All Women are Welcome!

Circle Meeting - Tuesday, November 17 – 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

We will be continuing our Bible study, *Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ* and will discuss Lesson 3, "Jesus Is Tested." All women are invited to participate in any Presbyterian Women's activity at any time. There is no need to make a commitment to join

the organization. Bring a bagged lunch. Beverage and dessert are provided. The Bible study is discussed during the first hour of our meeting, should you be interested in the Bible study only. Extra study books are available. For questions about Presbyterian Women, contact Charlotte Hasselbarth at 518-356-0637 or chasselbarth@hotmail.com. There is also a Zoom option:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83779752859?pwd=dnp2V2tWSjdJWVZQNWNMVTY5QSt1UT09

Meeting ID: 837 7975 2859 Passcode: 72423

Mitten Tree Project - Sun, Nov 15 - Sun, Dec 6



We will be collecting new (handmade or purchased) gloves, mittens, scarves and hats for the New Faith Program for Women at the Capital City Rescue Mission, the Family Life Center plus the Men's Center at the Schenectady City Mission, the Guilderland Food Pantry and Brian Nitsky's Living Resources Group Home, where there 3 adult men and 1 woman live. Donations can be placed on the "Mitten Tree" in the back of the Sanctuary, in the deck box outside of the Christian Education Building, in the box at the top of the stairs in the Christian Education Building and at CeCe's Wool in Hamilton Square. Items for men are especially needed. Thank You in advance from Presbyterian Women!

Adventures in Creativity – First Sunday of Each Month
New Presbyterian Women's Program



Based on the success we had with collaging cards this fall, we'll devote one table in the fellowship hall to crafting together during coffee hour on Nov 1 and Dec 6. Everyone is invited to make or sign cards, bring their own craft projects, or just pull up a chair. Feel free to bring drinks and snacks to the table. Our goal will be to inspire creativity while strengthening our sense of community. Some of our cards may go to nursing home and shelter residents, but we're open to more suggestions.

Cornerstone Campus Ministry Bake Sale – Sunday, November 15

Many of us recall the Campus Ministry Bake Sales. They have been on hold for a few years and are now back. The students will be selling baked goods during our coffee hour. This is an important fundraiser for the Campus Ministry and a nice opportunity for us to meet some of the students. Every year, Hamilton Union supports a Cornerstone Campus Ministry Peer Minister position. This year we're supporting the Food and Faith Coordinator, Syntia Corona. She will say a few words during the worship service that day.



All Women Invited! Save the Date

Presbyterian Women's Christmas Potluck Luncheon

Tues, Dec 8: 10:30-am - 1:30 pm in Fellowship Hall

Please consider coming to our Christmas Potluck Luncheon, even if you have never been to a Presbyterian Women's activity before. We would love to have you join us. Details will be in the December Good News. We will be making pipe cleaner decorations to insert into Christmas cards that we will sending to people in our congregations who need to be remembered during the Christmas season.



The Guilderland Food Pantry has updated their list of most-needed items. For November they are focusing on holiday meal needs like: stuffing mix, boxed scalloped potatoes, canned fruit, canned vegetables, and brownie mix. Thank you!

The next date for our monthly volunteer shift at the Regional Food Bank (965 Albany Shaker Rd., Latham NY) is Thursday, November 19, 2026 from 5:00-6:30pm. We will have up to 5 slots available – first come, first served. Wear good, solid shoes (no sandals or open toe shoes). For anyone who wants to volunteer, let Wayne know or contact him with questions at 518-878-5536.

TECH TEAM

Nov 1: George Hannett & Karen Williamson

Nov 8: Meredith Eberz & Family

Nov 15: Liz & Declan Egan

Nov 22: Diane Irwin & Hugh Stevens

Nov 29: Mark Hutchinson & David Scott

LITURGISTS

Nov 1: Trudy Hutchinson

Nov 8: Diane Irwin

Nov 15: Darlene Bauer

Nov 22: Elena & Atticus Delhagen

Nov 29: Debbi Waggener

GREETERS

Nov 1: Elena Delhagen

Nov 8: Trudy Hutchinson

Nov 15: David Scott

Nov 22: Ginny Jones

Nov 29: Shannon Mulstay





November 4 - Mickey Nieman

November 6 - John Hauf Gade

November 16 - Mary Jane Fryer

November 24 - Michael Hall

November 27 - Betty Deitz

If you would like your birthday, anniversary, or some other special occasion printed in the "Good News," please notify the office at *hupc@hamiltonunionpresbyterianchurch.org*.

If you see that an incorrect date is in the "Good News", please let us know. Thank you!

NOVEMBER 2026

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1 Choir Warmup - 9:30am **Sunday Worship - 10am** Bells Practice - 11:30am Adventures in Creativity - 11:30 (FH)	2 C &C – 9:30am (L) Making Connections Bible Study - 1pm (Z)	3 OFFICE CLOSED: ELECTION DAY	4	5 Choir Rehearsal - 7pm (FH)	6	7
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15 Choir Warmup - 9:30am **Sunday Worship - 10am** Bells Practice - 11:30am CAMPUS MINISTRY BAKE SALE	16 C &C – 9:30am (L) Making Connections Bible Study - 1pm (Z)	17 PW Circle Meeting - 10:30am (L)	18 Congregational Care Meeting - 10:00am (Z) Room Rental (FH) 6:30-8:30pm	19 Choir Rehearsal - 7pm (FH) Mission Opportunity at Regional Food Bank - 5-6:30pm	20	21
22 Choir Warmup - 9:30am **Sunday Worship - 10am** Bells Practice - 11:30am Pastor Kyle's Thesis Presentation - 3pm	23 C &C – 9:30am (L) Making Connections Bible Study - 1pm (Z)	24	25 Room Rental (FH) 6:30-8:30pm	26 OFFICE CLOSED: THANKSGIVING DAY	27	28
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Christmas Poinsettias

I/We wish to donate $_____.____ to the flower fund for Poinsettias to decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas Eve services on December 24th.

Payment of **$12.00** for each plant must accompany your order. Please fill out this form and return to the Church Office as soon as possible. **Your order must be received by MONDAY NOVEMBER 30th, 2026.**

No. of Poinsettias _____ = Total $_____.____

AND / OR

_____ I/We wish to make a donation for flowers to be purchased as needed throughout the year.

Donation $_____.____

Name of Donor(s): Envelope #_____

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In Memory of:

_____

In Honor of

_____

Checks should be made payable to:

Hamilton Union Presbyterian Church
2291 Western Avenue
Guilderland, NY 12084

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Please specify below whether you would like to retain your plant(s) after the Christmas Eve service or have them distributed to an appropriate person:

_____ I/We will take my plant(s) after the Christmas Eve Worship Service.

AND/OR

_____ I/We wish to have the Congregational Care Team share of my plant(s) with an appropriate person.
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Give
thanks to the
LORD,
for HE is good.
His love
endures
FOREVER.
Psalm 136:1

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