

***We are here to: Love God, Love Our Neighbor and Serve the World.***  
**November 12, 2023 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM Twenty fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Prelude** *Farewell to Mystic Harbor* Huntsinger

**Greetings and Welcome** Pastor Amy Gregory

**\*Call to Worship**

We know not the day or the hour,  
**We know Christ is at work in our world and in us.**  
 We know not when our own time will come,  
**We know Christ is at work in our world and in us.**  
 The prophets have taught us to do justice, practice kindness, and walk humbly with God,  
**We know Christ is at work in our world and in us.**  
 Wisdom continues to teach us to listen, and learn, and live,  
**We know Christ is at work in our world and in us.**  
 We join together to praise and worship our God,  
**For Christ is at work in our world and in us.**

**\*Opening Hymn** *God Almighty, We Are Waiting* W&S #3047

**Prayer of Brokenness/Confession**

God of our Ancestors, we recall our ancestors of the faith, their faithfulness and their mistakes. We know that our own lives have failed to measure up. We have been swayed by the ways of this world to seek our own gain, our own safety and security and welfare, and have neglected the most vulnerable among us. In a world that is so broken right now, help us, O God, to become menders. Forgive us of our short-sightedness and selfishness and remind us to help one another. Remind us to pause and stop for the ones in need who cross our path. Call us into Your ways of justice and righteousness to make changes in our communities that will bring in the marginalized and lift up the downtrodden. Call us into Your glorious work of kin-dom building. In the name of Jesus Christ, who laid down his life so we might all have life now, we pray. Amen.

**Blessing/Assurance**

**Anthem** *Holy Darkness* St. John of the Cross/Schutte  
 Diane Skibinski, soprano Kim Locker, alto

**Hymn** *Jesus Loves Me (Verse 1)* UMH #191

**A Time for Young Disciples**

**Hymn** *Jesus Loves Me (Verse 3)* UMH #191

\*You are invited to stand as you are able or comfortable

**Scripture Reading** Matthew 25:1-13

**Message** Rev. Amy B. Gregory

**Hymn of Response** *Over My Head* TFWS #2148

**Invitation to Generosity: Offering Our Gifts and Our Thanks**

**Offertory** *Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending* Trad. English melody

**\*Singing Our Praises** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH #94

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Sharing Our Joys and Concerns**

**Prayer Song** *We Are God's People* Brahms

**Pastoral Prayer** Rev. Amy B. Gregory

**The 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.**

**\*Hymn** *His Eye is on the Sparrow* TFWS #2146

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude** *When We All Get to Heaven* Hewitt/Wilson

Please join us for Coffee Hour after the service hosted by the Outreach Committee.

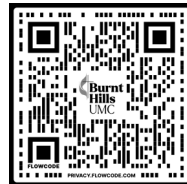
WEEKLY CALENDAR	
<b>Sunday, November 12</b>	
9:00 AM	Worship
9:45 AM	Youth Choir
10:30 AM	Worship
11:30 AM	Voices of Hope
3:00 PM	Baby Shower/KH
3:30 PM	Scouts
<b>Monday, November 13</b>	
9:30 AM	Earlybirds
11:45 AM	Preschool meeting/Fireside
12:00 PM	BH-BL Women's Club/KH
5:30 PM	Scouts/KH
6:30 PM	Scouts
6:45 PM	Scouts
<b>Tuesday, November 14</b>	
9:30 AM	Tuesday Connection/KH
6:30 PM	Finance meeting/Zoom only
7:00 PM	Scouts/KH
<b>Wednesday, November 15</b>	
8:30 AM	Fix-its
9:30 AM	Explorers
5:00 PM	Open Table Prep
5:30 PM	Scouts/KH
6:00 PM	Scouts
7:00 PM	AA
7:00 PM	Pub Theology/Pizza Works
<b>Thursday, November 16</b>	
9:15 AM	Seekers
6:00 PM	Scouts
6:30 PM	Scouts
7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Saturday, November 18</b>	
8:00 AM	Work Cleanup Day
11:00 AM	Open Table prep
3:00 PM	Charge Conference/KH
<b>Sunday, November 19 Thanksgiving Sunday</b>	
9:00 AM	Worship
9:45 AM	Youth Choir
10:00AM	Voices of Hope
10:30 AM	Worship
11:30 AM	Prepare meal for Salvation Army
3:00 PM	Open Table Meal
3:30 PM	Scouts

## Welcome

- **Welcome to worship!** If you are new, **please fill out a welcome card** found in the pews, if you'd like to receive more information. **Thank you for coming** to spend part of your Sunday with us. We hope you experience a sense of God's love and grace here today.
- We will be **collecting prayer cards** during the offering. If you would like your **prayer request** forwarded to the Prayer Chain, please remember to check the appropriate box on the card.
- Please check the **lost and found** by the mailboxes if you are missing **glasses and water bottles**.
- The American flag is displayed in the sanctuary for **Veterans' Day** in appreciation and in honor of our veterans who have given of themselves through military service.

## Announcements

- **The flowers on the Altar this morning are given in loving memory of Gil Smith from his family.**
- Our **Thanksgiving offering will be taken during the month of November**. All money will be given to **Concerned For The Hungry**. We are also looking for donations of non-perishable food to be given to food pantries we support as well as to **keep food on the shelves near Knight Hall**. Thank you for your kindness. The Outreach Committee.
- The **Finance committee** will hold a **zoom only** meeting on **Nov. 14 at 6:30 pm**.
- Please join us on **Sunday, November 19 from 3:00-7:00pm** for a **Charlie Brown open table Thanksgiving dinner**. Although geared toward people age 17-35ish, the dinner is open to anyone who would like a good Thanksgiving meal. If you would like to volunteer or donate pies, please contact Orion Marchese at [omarchese95@gmail.com](mailto:omarchese95@gmail.com) or 518-512-1265. Sign ups outside Knight Hall with QR codes to scan.
- **Memorial Christmas Lights:** Is there a loved one that you would want to lift up in remembrance this holiday season? Sign up after both services in Knight Hall on **November 12, 19 and 26** or contact Cathy Bryson at [catbryson@aol.com](mailto:catbryson@aol.com) or 518-399-3253 (landline) or Robyn Axon in the Office. The tree will be lit on **December 1** after the Advent Potluck.
- **Bring the Christmas Story to life.** We are seeking children, youth, and adults to participate in our **Christmas pageant**. Rehearsals will be on Sunday afternoons, noon to 2:30, on **December 3, 10, and 17**. To sign up, contact Jill Zygo (518 859-3734, ([jillnyhan@yahoo.com](mailto:jillnyhan@yahoo.com) ) or Mary Alice Nyhan ([manyhan122@gmail.com](mailto:manyhan122@gmail.com)) or use this QR code.



- **Pledges for 2024 are still welcome** with this QR code. Pledge cards are available in the narthex or online. Thank you for supporting our shared ministry through BHUMC with your gifts.



## Save the Date

- **Nov. 26 and Dec. 3:** The **SERRV/Mayan Fair Trade Sale** will take place after **both services in Knight Hall**. There will be Christmas ornaments, woven goods, baskets, placements, tablecloths, fair trade coffee and chocolates. **Come shop where your dollars make a real difference in people's lives.** The Outreach Committee
- **Dec. 1: Advent Dinner and Memorial Tree Lighting at 6:00pm**
- **Dec. 3:** The first **Christmas Pageant rehearsal is at 12:00pm**.

## Community Events

- Nov. 18, Emmanuel Friedens Church will be having their annual **Christmas Sale from 10:00-4:00**. Enjoy hot chocolate and gingerbread cookies. 210 Nott Terrace, Schenectady.

### Our Ministry Today

Lead Pastor: *Amy Gregory*  
Associate Pastor: *Brendan Fox*  
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### BHUMC Welcome Statement

*At Burnt Hills UMC, we aspire to be a community of grace and unconditional love, where all people will find hospitality, compassion and mercy. We seek to welcome all on the journey, to grow together in faith and to go out to serve the world. We welcome people of any age, culture, race, nationality, ability, marital status, economic status, sexual orientation and gender identity, as full participants in the life of our congregation. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we seek to be part of Jesus' movement of love and justice for all of God's children. All are welcome to worship, grow and serve with us.*

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