

Water Baptism - a dream reflection (2020) by Alyssa Kanitsch

Baptism of Kaitlyn Dockal & Dockal Family Joining

October 18, 2026 | 10:00 AM

Words of Welcome

"It is the mission of the Community Reformed Church of Colonie to love the Lord our God with all our hearts, with all our souls and with all of our minds; and to love our neighbors as ourselves." (Matthew 22:37-40)

We are a community bound together and energized by faith, love, and commitment to Jesus Christ. And even though you may not yet share that faith, love, and commitment, you are most welcome to be with us, to belong here, to experience what we're about. Then, if you are attracted and persuaded by what you see and hear, we hope you'll want to set down roots here long-term. And even if you don't, you'll always be a friend. The Community Reformed Church of Colonie welcomes and thanks you for worshiping with us.

Please join in the worship liturgy by reading aloud what is in ***bold italics.***
* - Please rise in body or in spirit

PRELUDE "Your Love Endures Forever"

WELCOME & OPENING SENTENCES

THE ELDER'S PRAYER Mark Kaercher

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP Based on Philippians 3:3-14 and baptism

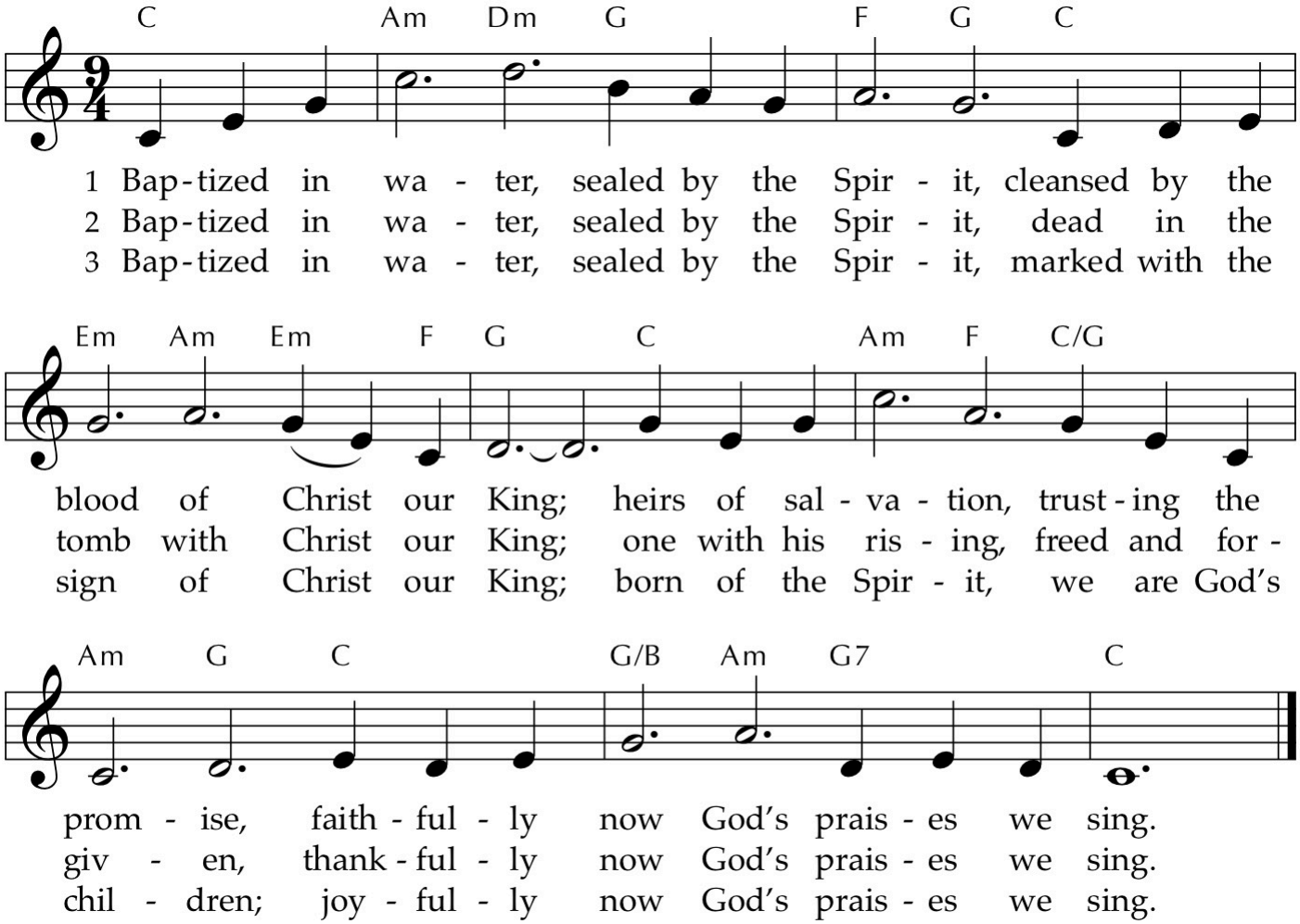
Come, all who are beginning again.
Come, all who are still becoming.

Though we have not become all we can be in Christ,
we take comfort in knowing that Christ calls us by name.

For before we could reach for God,
God reached for us.

In the waters of baptism—
in the welcome of this community—
grace makes us new,
and God promises to be with us to the end of the age.

*** OPENING SONG** "Baptized in Water"



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Sarah Huiest

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM & WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS

INTRODUCTION

PREPARATION

PRESENTATION

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church*,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

BAPTISMAL COVENANT

DECLARATION, BLESSING, AND WELCOME

SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT by the Capital Area Council of Churches, Ecumenical Witnesses of Baptism

> "There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is 'above all and through all and in all.'" (Ephesians 4:5-6)

*** RECEIVING**

Joyfully we receive you into the body of Christ.
Join with us as we give witness in the world to the good news,
for we are all one in Christ Jesus. Alleluia!

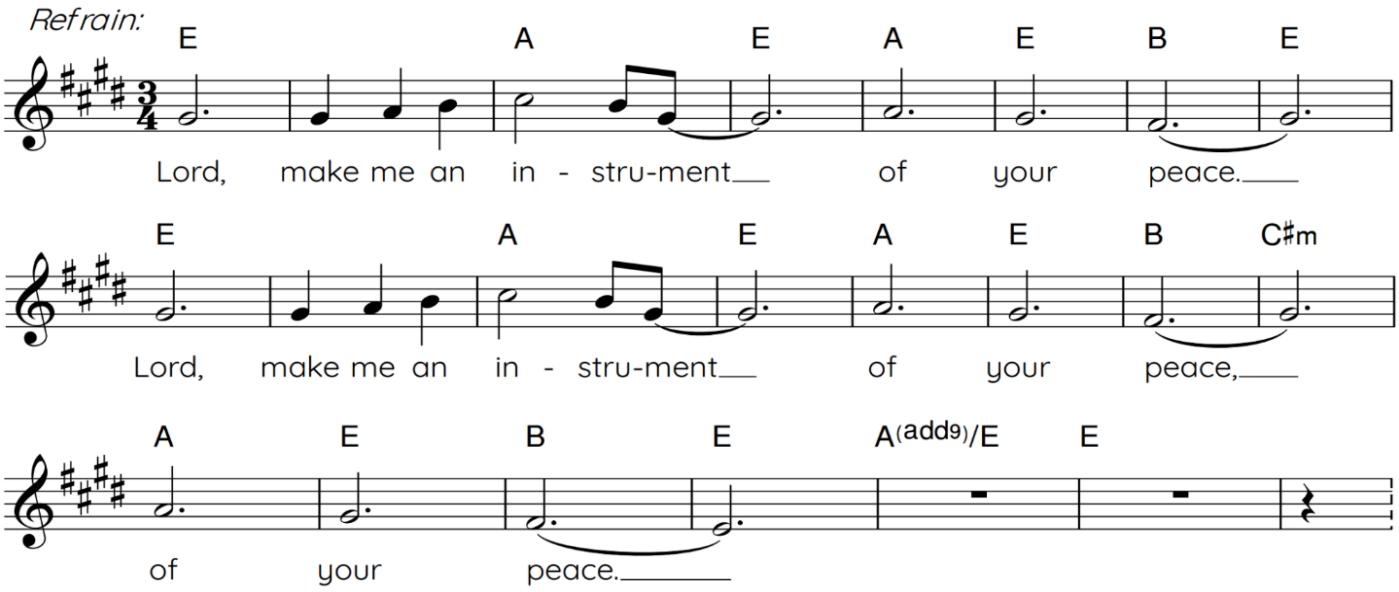
*** SONG OF WELCOME** *God Welcomes All* (sing 3 times)

God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong and it never ends.

*** PASSING CHRIST'S PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you!
And also with you!
Please greet one another with Christ's peace.

REGATHERING SONG "Make Me an Instrument"



ANNOUNCEMENTS – Pastor Trey

DEACON'S PRAYER FOR THE WORLD Kevin Bottini
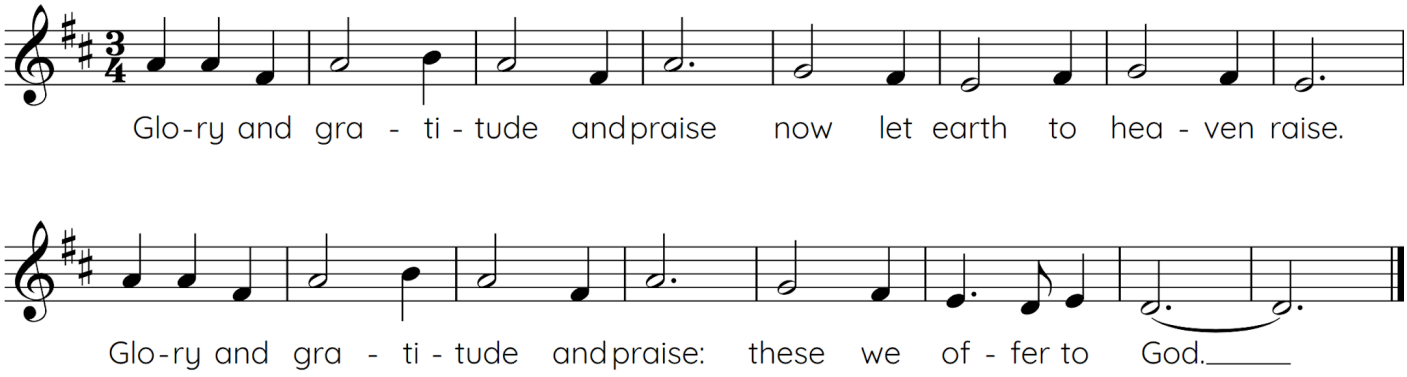
THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING

You're encouraged to give to the mission of The Community Reformed Church of Colonie via the offering plates or electronically through Zeffy.

*** HARVEST DOXOLOGY** "Glory and Gratitude and Praise" (2 times)



ANTHEM "Wasteland"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God, give us clarity about what righteousness is and how to reach for it. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Philippians 3:3-14 (CEB)

We are the circumcision. We are the ones who serve by God's Spirit and who boast in Christ Jesus. We don't put our confidence in rituals performed on the body, though I have good reason to have this kind of confidence. If anyone else has reason to put their confidence in physical advantages, I have even more:

> I was circumcised on the eighth day.
> I am from the people of Israel and the tribe of Benjamin.
> I am a Hebrew of the Hebrews.
> With respect to observing the Law, I'm a Pharisee.
> With respect to devotion to the faith, I harassed the church.
> With respect to righteousness under the Law, I'm blameless.
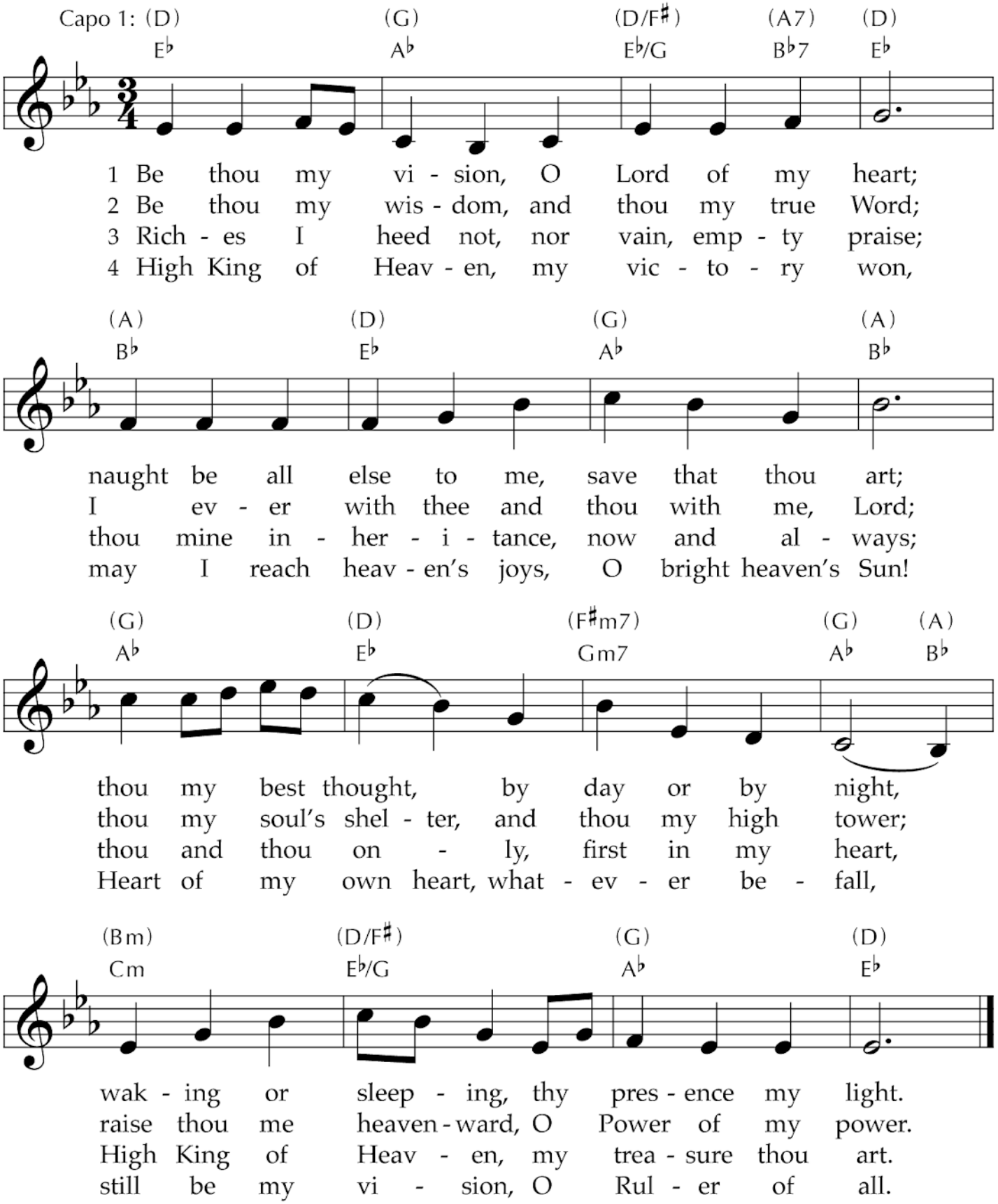
These things were my assets, but I wrote them off as a loss for the sake of Christ. But even beyond that, I consider everything a loss in comparison with the superior value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. I have lost everything for him, but what I lost I think of as sewer trash, so that I might gain Christ and be found in him. In Christ I have a righteousness that is not my own and that does not come from the Law but rather from the faithfulness of Christ. It is the righteousness of God that is based on faith. The righteousness that I have comes from knowing Christ, the power of his resurrection, and the participation in his sufferings. It includes being conformed to his death so that I may perhaps reach the goal of the resurrection of the dead.

It's not that I have already reached this goal or have already been perfected, but I pursue it, so that I may grab hold of it because Christ grabbed hold of me for just this purpose. Siblings, I myself don't think I've reached it, but I do this one thing: I forget about the things behind me and reach out for the things ahead of me. The goal I pursue is the prize of God's upward call in Christ Jesus.

> This is the Word of The Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

SERMON An Identity of Surpassing Value

*** SONG OF RESPONSE** "Be Thou My Vision"



*** CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

*** THE IRISH BLESSING**

May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be ever at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
And the rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again, and until we meet again,
May the God who loves us all
Hold you in the palm of His hand.
Amen.

Worship Team:

Saturday Prep: **Kevin Ingalls**

Preacher: **Rev. Trey Tirpak**

Liturgist: **Vicki Lane**

Special Announcer(s): **Rev. Trey Tirpak**

Musician 1: **Ben April**

Musician 2: **Brian Rhodes**

Musician 3: **Kevin Ingalls**

Elder: **Mark Kaercher**

Deacon: **Kevin Bottini**

Sunday School: **Sarah Huiest**

Children's Message: **Sarah Huiest**

Children in Worship: **Sarah Huiest**

Children's Aide: **Violet Braungard**

Sound: **Jerry Kallner**

Video: **Alex Huiest**

Zoom: **Ana Crosbourne**

Welcome: **Pam Fitzpatrick**

Coffee: **Linda Murphy**

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Prayer E-Chain

Please email prayer requests to:

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&
Sandy Cornwell
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Daily Scripture Readings

Monday - Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Tuesday - Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
Wednesday - Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18
Thursday - Psalm 1
Friday - 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Saturday - Matthew 22:34-46
Sunday – Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Household Prayer: Morning

From everlasting to everlasting
you are God.
Carry me today in your steadfast love
that I may rejoice and be glad all my
days, living life fully without fear of
the end. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Eternal God,
a thousand years in your sight
are like this day gone by,years swept
away like a dream.
May I rest in the assurance that even
in the sleep of death, I will be
awakened to an eternal morning,
through the power of Christ,
the resurrection. So let it be.

General Announcements

Shirley's Shawls - Monday October 19th, 2- 4 pm
Our prayer shawl ministry, Shirley's Shawls, will meet to continue our work on our shawls or other items that will bring warmth and comfort. Everyone is welcome to join us! Contact Linda Murphy with any questions (lindamurph98@aol.com).

The Community Outreach Team of Community Reformed Church is seeking volunteers to assist with supplying dinners to the **Overflow Shelter at the First Church**. Use the Sheridan Ave parking lot to drop off meals. The number to call when you arrive is 518-426-1227. The shelter with dinners will be two Mondays a month. Don't worry about delivery; if you are able to have the meal to the church by 5:30, Tina will deliver it for you, please let her know that you will need her to deliver it at least two days before. If you have any questions, please contact Tina Bottini at tinambo85@gmail.com or Vicki Lane at vlane1020@gmail.com. For more information and to sign-up to volunteer, please follow this link:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EAEA92AA6FAC43-66117483-overflow

Fabric Needed: The South End Children's Cafe in Albany is starting a Sewing Club, and they need fabric! This will be an ongoing need. Donations can be brought directly to them or given to Sarah Huiest. They are also seeking volunteers to assist the children! If you are interested in volunteering or have fabric to deliver, you can contact Tracie at (518) 275-8890. You are also welcome to contact Sarah Huiest with any questions.

Community Outreach Team: For October, we will be collecting Mac-n-Cheese, Hamburger Helper, rice, and other boxed dinner staples. Shelf stable milk is always in need. They will be donated to the Capital Church Food Pantry on Vly Road. Your gifts are most appreciated.

The October Mission of the Month is Unity House in connection with Domestic Violence Awareness Month. CDC data reports that on average, 24 people per minute are victims of rape, physical violence, or stalking by an intimate partner in the US. Over the course of a year, that equals more than 12 million women and men. In recognition of these staggering numbers, the **October Mission of the Month is Unity House.**

Donations to Unity House of Troy can be made via your Offering envelope, Zeffy on the church's website, or directly at
https://www.unityhouseny.org/how-to-help/donate/

Prayground: I love to grow our Prayground materials, and am particularly interested in adding more board books with diverse representation in the illustrations. Diverse illustrations help children feel seen, and to grow everyone's worldly understanding. I have created an Amazon Wish List with some books we are interested in. Most are board books, as those are most durable. While this list is on Amazon, I believe strongly in supporting our local bookstores. You are more than welcome to purchase a title (or another you love) from another retailer. If you have any questions, please see Sarah Huiest - and thank you for the support!!
https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3TDXQ2B2HE92G?ref_=wl_share

We Need Your Help with Sunday Mornings:

- **Welcome & Coffee Hour Host Sign Up:**
  https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EAEA92AA6FAC43-65887124-welcome
  - **Welcome Hosts** greet everyone as they arrive for worship, and provide printed bulletins. Hosts will also provide a warm welcome for all visitors.
  - **Coffee Hour Hosts** will set-up then monitor coffee service after worship. This ministry promotes a time to catch-up with members of our church family and meet our visitors.
- **Liturgist Sign Up:**
  https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EAEA92AA6FAC43-65887132-liturgist#/
  - As a Liturgist one's responsibility is to lead the congregational responses to The Call to Worship, The Responsive Reading and the Prayer of Confession along with other parts of the service as needed.



On Wednesday, October 21st, from 6:30-7:30PM, CRCC and CCDC will host a Trunk or Treat Event for the Community. We would love to have as many people there as possible.



Sign up and let us know that you and your trunk will be ready to enthusiastically serve the community! Never been to a trunk or treat before? No problem! We are happy to offer ideas and assistance! Questions? Please see Sarah Huiest - crccsarah@gmail.com. Signup Here or on the back table:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D49ADA823A2FACE9-65901183-trunk



Service of Remembrance

Sunday, November 1st at 10 AM

On All Saints Sunday, we'll be remembering those who have passed from this life and joined the great cloud of witnesses.
All those missing someone are encouraged to attend.

All are welcome



COMMISSIONING SERVICE

The Classis of Albany will gather here on Sunday, **November 15th, at 3 PM** to commission Donna Davidson as a Preaching Elder.

Join us as we celebrate Donna's calling and pray for her as she begins this new chapter of service among us.

All are welcome to share in this joyful occasion!

October 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sept 27	28	29	30	1	2	3
9am 10am	5:30pm					12pm
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9am 10am			Worship Committee 6:30pm			9:30am A Rocha 10am
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9am 10am Mission in Motion 11am	DayCare Closed 2pm 6:30pm	6pm	6pm	6pm		9:30am Fall Clean Up 9am
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
9am 10am Baptism 10AM	2pm	6pm	6:30pm			
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
9am 10am Second Hour 11am	5:30pm	6pm	Deacon Meeting 7PM			

KEY

Indoor Worship | Sunday School | Women's Bible Study | Asset Walk | Shirley's Shawls | Sew and Reap Quilters

Upper Room for All | Stewardship and Creation Care | Advocacy and Global Missions | Orchid Society | Book Group | Consistory | Community Outreach