

Church Staff and Music Ministry
Rev. Dr. Kathleen Waters, Interim Minister
Sherri Masterson, Youth Fellowship Coordinator
Joseph Ford, Director of Music
James N. Shultes, Organist
Jan Jeffers, Chapel Bells
Gary Harrington, Sexton
Donna Piotti, Church Secretary

Church Office Hours:
Mondays through Thursdays, 9am-Noon, closed Friday.

Pastor Kathleen's time in the office varies each week, but she is available to visit those with special needs or to meet for any other reason. Please feel free to contact her via email: pastor@homercc.org or via her cell phone: (315) 380-0774

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To receive our mid-week email, *Weekday Words*, please email the office

Welcome - We are glad that you have chosen to join us for worship this morning. If you would like additional information about HCC please speak to the pastor or worship leader and plan to join us for refreshments and community time after the service.

Children - We believe children of all ages have a place in worship and in the life of the church. A children's bulletin and supplies are available at the entrance to the sanctuary. Nursery care is available.

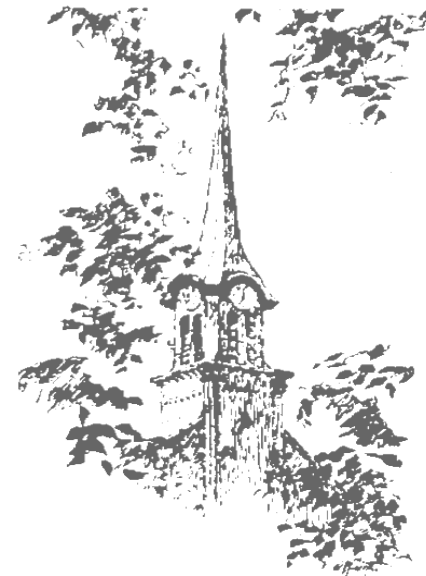
Prayer request sheets are placed at each entrance. Prayers will be offered later in today's service.

Accessibility - Individual listening headsets are available to provide hearing assistance to any in need. Contact one of the ushers for help.

Miss a Sunday and want to review the bulletin? You can find weekly bulletins at our website:<http://www.homercc.com/resources/>. Share with a friend.

The Homer Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
November 22, 2015 **26th Sunday after Pentecost**

10:30 am Worship



Gathered on the Green in 1801- Still Gathered Doing God's Mission

Service of Worship

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

November 22, 2015

10:30 am

“Let gratitude be the pillow upon which you kneel to say your nightly prayer. And let faith be the bridge you build to overcome evil and welcome good.” *Maya Angelou*

GATHER AND PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *The Ash Grove* Callahan
CHIMES

THE PEOPLE OF GOD GATHER

CALL TO WORSHIP *(taken from Psalm 100:1-3)*

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

All: Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.

One: Know that the Lord is God.

All: It is God that made us, and we are God's; we are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.

One: Come, thankful people, come, let us worship God!

***HYMN # 718** *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

***PRAYER OF APPROACH** *(let us pray together . . .)*

Our baskets are full, gracious God, with the bounty you have provided. Our hearts are full of thanksgiving. We are eager to meet you here, to learn from you, to be changed by you, to become more fully

the people you intend us to be. Show us how to be your faithful followers. Amen.

***WORDS OF GOD'S ENDURING LOVE**

One: In loving compassion, we are blessed and made whole. Thanks be to God.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

***MUSICAL RESPONSE** *(hymn # 715, verse 1)*

**Now thank we all our God with heart and hands
and voices, who wondrous things has done,
in whom the world rejoices,
who, from our mothers' arms,
has blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.**

GOD'S WORD BOTH ANCIENT AND NEW

SCRIPTURE READING

New Testament Philippians 4:4-9 p. 198

ANTHEM *Zion's Walls* by Aaron Copland

SCRIPTURE READING

Gospel Luke 17:11-19 pg. 80

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

(Children through second grade may go to the nursery.)

***HYMN # 714** *For the Fruit of All Creation*

THE LEPER *A Monologue*

SERMON

ANTHEM

For Simple Things

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

The Lord's Prayer (*in unison*)

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not
into temptation but deliver us from evil: for thine is the
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

OFFERING

Invitation and

Offertory *Now Thank We All Our God* Kosche

*RESPONSE (next page) *For the Life You Have Given*

*Prayer of Dedication (*let us pray together . . .*)

**Weaver of all life, in this joyous season we offer our
heartfelt thanks for the abundance that surrounds us
and ask that you remind us to extend the season of
thanksgiving as we share these your gifts with your
people that they may know a better harvest.**

GOD'S PEOPLE DEPART TO SERVE

*HYMN # 56

For the Beauty of the Earth

*BENEDICTION

CHIMES

POSTLUDE *Now Thank We All Our God* Karg-Elert

*those who are able, please stand.

For the Life You Have Given

For the life that you have giv - en, for the love in
Christ made known, with these fruits of time and la - bor, with these
gifts that are your own: here we of - fer, Lord, our prais - es;
heart and mind and strength we bring; give us grace to
love and serve you, liv - ing what we pray and sing.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of six systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are placed below the vocal line.

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NOTES AND NOTICES

Worship Service Participants

Ushers and Greeters

Worship Leader
Karen Dudgeon

Acolytes
Maddy Dermott
Elijah Smith

Nursery Volunteers
Terry Pedersen,
Jenelle Pedersen

Flowers
Jacob and Betsy Schuhle
*In honor and in memory
of family members*

Coffee Hour
Cindy Stout

Attendance
November 15 - 50ish

Life in the Parish Week of November 15

TODAY – November 22

9:15 am – The Well
9:30 am – Children's Program
10:30 am – Worship service
11:45 pm – Snack and Chat
1:00 pm – Youth Group at Kmart
7:00 pm – Community
Thanksgiving Service

MONDAY – November 23

7:30 pm – Al-Anon meets in RFR

TUESDAY – November 24

9:30 am – Newsletter Collating
Committee (*thank you!*)
2:00 pm – Bridge Group
6:30 pm – Deacons meeting

SUNDAY – November 29

No Sunday Children's' Program
Hanging of the Greens
9:15 am – The Well
10:30 am – Worship service

*For those who are providing gifts
to the Youth Group's "adopted
family", Please have all gifts
wrapped, labeled and at the
church by Sunday, November
29th. Thanks!!!*

*Please note: Youth Fellowship
is now collecting returnable
cans and bottles. The receptacle
bin is back in the kitchen.*

The Cortland County Council of Churches invites the faith community of Cortland County to gather for a **Community Thanksgiving Service on tonight** beginning at **7 PM**. The service will be held at **St. Mary's Catholic Church** in Cortland.

Next Sunday is the Fifth Sunday and is also the first Sunday of Advent. We will begin our new liturgical year with great expectations for hope, joy, peace, and love. Our gospel text reminds us that the people of God are to be ready for the unexpected, and readiness takes preparation. How does such anticipation affect the routine course of the day? Scriptures: Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

Gifted to Care

Spiritual gifts are gifts to give away. God gives them to us, and we use them to serve others. How are you using your gifts right now? Are you looking for a new way to use them? If your spiritual gifts include one or more of the following— faith, mercy, teaching the faith, encouragement, or listening—consider Stephen Ministry, our congregation's one-to-one caregiving ministry. This may be just what you've been looking for! Contact *Bill Masterson (345-4874)* or *Belinda Burtner (756-2454)* to learn more about this ministry. We will be hosting a brief informational meeting for prospective **Stephen Ministers** after worship on **December 6**. A light lunch will be served.

The Homer Congregational Church seeks a Child Care Coordinator. This is a part-time position, approximately 3-4 hours per week with presence required on Sunday mornings and during other events as requested. Normal duties are performed in the church facility. To apply, send resume to Resumes@homercc.org. Job description is available on our web site at www.homercc.com. For more information contact Karen Dudgeon.