

SENECA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Zayzay Gwepougee Kpadeh

Worship Leader: Wendy McKain

10:00 A.M. Morning Worship

Prelude

- George Wilbur

Announcements and Welcome

Great One Another (Wave of Christian Fellowship)

Ministry of the Acolytes and Time of Preparation

ADVENT LIGHTING AND CANDLE LIGHTING - HOPE

Kathy Tinker and Mary Kay Beers

TIME TO GO HOME

(Jeremiah 33-14-16 & Luke 21:25-36)

*Hymn

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Call to Worship:

L: The days are shorter and darkness comes early to our lives.

P: Lord, hear our prayers through the darkness.

L: Come, seek the Lord. Place your hope in God's mercy and love.

P: Lord, we seek your presence among us.

L: Look closely! God is making us ready.

P: Brighten our Spirits this day, and help us to receive your Good News. AMEN.

Prayer of Confession:

It is so easy for us, Lord, to let the anger, frustration, and fear overshadow our lives. We can't seem to escape it. We try to find some way to cover it up, but it remains. And in our anxiety, we act out our fear in ways which are not helpful and, far too often, go against the ways you have taught us to live. We feel the pressure to give, and resentment in giving. We feel the push to be present at every upcoming event, and want to run and hide. Help us, Lord. Heal our wounded spirits. Free us again to look to you for Hope. Let us see the many ways in which you are present to us..... guiding, healing, loving, encouraging us. Forgive us for our fears and our stubbornness. Bring us again to your light, for we ask this in Jesus' Name.

AMEN.

(Nancy C. Townley)

Words of Assurance:

"The days are coming", says the prophet Isaiah, "when all God's promises will be fulfilled."

These promises of hope, peace, joy, and love are for you. Receive the hope that God offers to you today. Amen.

Time for Tots

- Wendy McKain

Offertory

Doxology*

*Response of Praise

Prayers of the People

Special Music

“Can You Reach My Friend”

- Debbie Osberg

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 24:36-44

*Hymn

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

- 170 (P)

Sermon

“Up to Restoration”

- Rev. Dr. Zayzay Gwepougee Kpadeh

LORD'S PRAYER

*Hymn of Response

“There's Something About That Name”

- 171 (P)

Blessing of the Blankets

*Benediction

*Response

“He Is Lord”

- 177 (P)

*Postlude

Indicates when the congregation is welcome to stand, if able)

TODAY

Sun. School – 9:00 – 9:45am Worship Service – 10:00am

THIS WEEK

- **Mon. Nov. 28** – Ladies' Bible Study – 6:00pm

- Celebrate Recovery

- **Weds. Nov. 30** – Bible Study

FUTURE EVENTS

- **Sun. Dec. 4** – Sunday School – 9:00 – 9:45am

- Worship Service – 10:00am

- **Mon. Dec. 5** – Celebrate Recovery

- **Tues. Dec. 6** – Lydia Circle Meeting (Bible Study) - Lunch out - 9:30am

- **Tues. Dec. 6** – Information Session at the Church – 6:30pm

- **Weds. Dec. 7** – NO BIBLE STUDY – Pastor Zayzay away for Leadership Training

- **Sun. Dec. 11** – Sun. School – 9:00 – 9:45am

- Worship Service – 10:00am

- **Mon. Dec. 12** – Ladies' Bible Study – 6:00pm

- Celebrate Recovery – 7:00pm

- **Tues. Dec. 13** – Lydia Circle Meeting – 9:30am

- **Weds. Dec. 14** – Bible Study – 7:00 p.m.

- **Sat. Dec. 17** – Community Breakfast – 8:00 – 11:00am

- **Sun. Dec. 18** – Sun. School – 9:00 – 9:45am

- Worship Service – 10:00am

- **Mon. Dec. 19** – Celebrate Recovery – 7:00pm

- **Weds. Dec. 21** – Bible Study – 7:00pm (First Day of Winter)

PLEASE SAY A PRAYER FOR:

Tim and Jennifer Anderson; Don Bacher; George Bryan; Willda Chutz; Karen Conant; Owen Cope; Elliot Crawford; Joe Drozdo; Tammy Flick; First Responders; Pat and Nancy Gibbons; Mukiza Gorett & Son; Josh Harman; Health Care Workers; Mary Ann Kaminske; Greg Kassick; Lydia Kelly; John "Bags" King; Kathy Larson; Sue Lindey; Long-term Care Facility Staff; Residents and Families; Peggy Mathers; Raymond Kellerman; Stacy Kellerman; Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi; Larry Larson; Jan Marzolf; Ricky Myers; Alex and Joey Petkavich; Joyce Riddle; Shirley and Steven Rickenbach; Jim Ruby; Mike Russell; Mike Roxberry; Jodene Sandin; Ed Shreffler; Angelo Sibio; Marcia Slye; Gerry Stivanson; Lauren Stocker; Deputy Troy; Jeanne Udovic; Unspoken; US Military men and Women; Emily Vanhook; Betty Weaver; David Waters; Katie Welms; Dot Wilson; Ruth Wilson; Ann Ziegler; Fred and Judy Ziegler; Doug Zimmerman.

***INFORMATION for the Oct.-Nov.-Dec. Newsletter – please email to dkweaver918@comcast.net**

***Next Week – 12/04/222: Scripture: Matthew 3:1-12 - Sermon: "Stand As A Signal"**

***INFORMATION SESSION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2022 AT 6:30 P.M.**

***If you would like to send a card to Minnie Weaver, her address is:**

Oil City Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center, 1293 Grandview Rd., Oil City, PA 16301

***Christmas Caroling after Church on Sunday, Dec. 4. after Worship - Anyone Welcome!**

***Pastor Zayzay will be away for training beginning Dec. 4 - 8, 2022**

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Zayzay G. Kpadeh

Ministers: Congregation

Organist: George Wilbur

Pianist: George Wilbur

Children's Church: Wendy Struthers

Nov. Greeters: TBA

Nov. Ushers: TBA

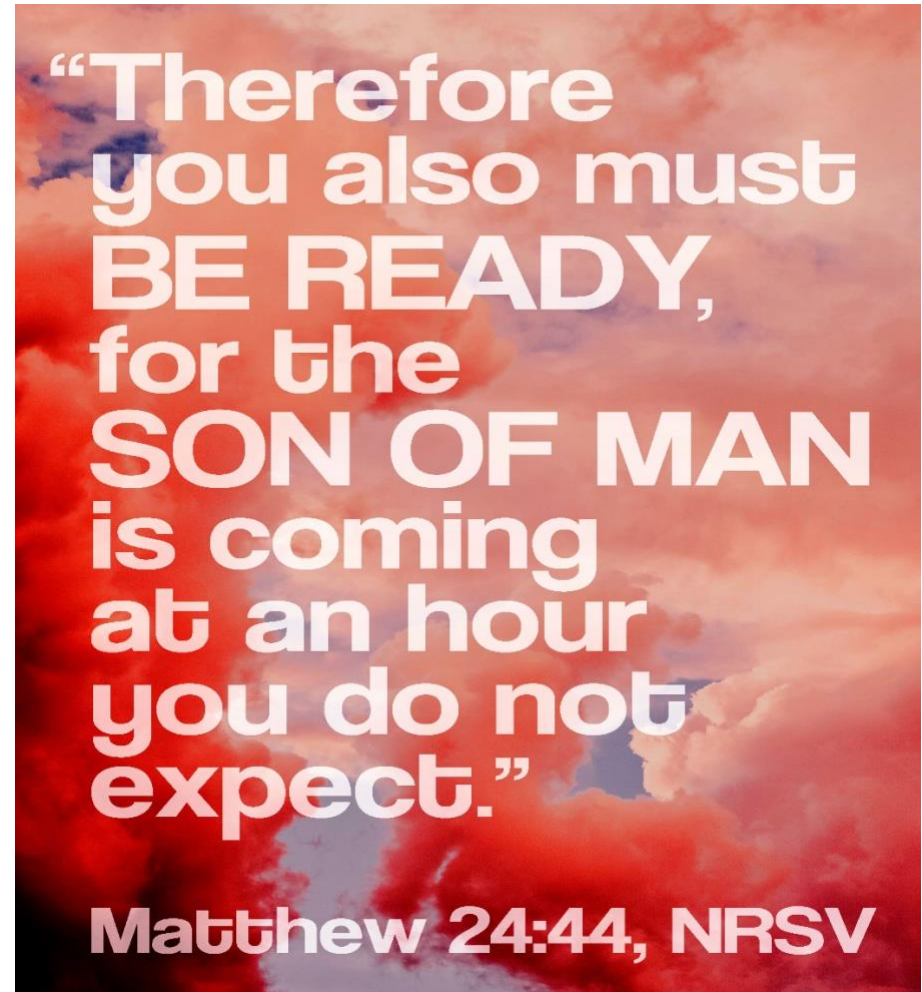
Welcome Connection Center

Reflection for the Month of November 2022

The Lord is my strength and my shield. My heart trusts in Him, and He helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise Him. The Lord is the strength of His people, a fortress of salvation for His anointed ones. (Psalm 28:7-8)

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