



February 8, 2026
Scout Sunday
Jersey Sunday



UNITED CHURCH
of **PITTSFORD**

American Baptist & United Methodist

Liturgist: Katie Zink

Music Director: Alan Murphy

Pastor: Reverend Julius David Jackson, Jr. (Pastor JD)

*A hearing loop is available for the hearing impaired.
Please ask the ushers if you need assistance.*

** Indicates: Those who are able may stand.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN #145 (ALL)** Morning Has Broken

***PRAYER OF GATHERING** (*in unison*)

Holy and gracious God, You have given us the tools we need to walk faithfully in this world. You place a compass in our hearts — the presence of Your Spirit — and You give us a map in Your Word, so that we may choose paths of kindness, courage, and service. Bless the Scouts, leaders, families, and all who gather today. Teach us to follow Your direction and trust Your guidance. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Guide and Shepherd. Amen.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: God calls us to walk paths of courage, service, and integrity.

ALL: **We come seeking direction for the journey ahead.**

ONE: Just as a compass points true north, Christ points us toward love, justice, and truth.

ALL: **Just as a map guides our steps, Scripture shapes our choices.**

ONE: On this Scout Sunday, we give thanks for the tools that guide us — in the wilderness and in life.

ALL: **Lead us, O God, as we follow Your way.**

***UNISON READING**

May the God who lights our path go before us to guide our steps, beside us to steady our hearts, and within us to give us courage. May Christ, our true North, lead us in the way of

love and service. And may the Holy Spirit empower us to be people of character, hope, and compassion in all we do in service to God and our neighbors. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 58:1-9 NRSV

***MEDITATION HYMN #144 (ALL)**

This is My Father's World

GOSPEL READING/PRESENTATION OF SPEAKER

Matthew 5:13-20 NRSV

Pastor Rev. Julius David Jackson, Jr.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Kip Palmer
CEO, Palmer Foods

***HYMN #399 (ALL)**

Take My Life, and Let It Be

**MORNING PRAYERS/ SHARING OUR JOYS
AND CONCERNS**

Pastoral Prayer

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Musical Selection

***Response:** #95 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye
heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication for Offering**

***HYMN #451 (ALL)**

Be Thou My Vision

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

~ *Those who are able may stand!* ~

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us for coffee in Howard Hall.

CALENDAR

February – *PB&J month for food pantry*

Thurs., Feb. 12 Council Meeting – 6:30 pm

Wed., Feb, 18 Ash Wednesday

Mon., Feb 23 UCP Fundraiser at Tom Wahl's 4:30-8pm

March - *Canned fruit month for food pantry*

March 11 Council Meeting – 6:30 pm

March 15 Breakfast and Birds – Church Breakfast

March 21 UCP Spring Craft Fair – Howard Hall
*UCP Bake Sale!

Bake Sale on 3/21

Calling All Bakers! We will have a bake sale at the UCP Spring Craft Fair on Saturday, March 21. We need your cookies, pies, bread, fudge, jellies, jams, pickles and any other homemade items. As in the past, a portion of the proceeds will be designated for missions. Watch for more information. Questions? See Verna Hazen.

Lectionary Texts for next week (February 15, 2026)

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalm 119:1-8

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Matthew 5:21-37

Today's Special Guests

Kip Palmer
CEO, Palmer Foods



Kip Palmer, CEO of Palmer Foods, is a dedicated leader who takes pride in the company's history and values. As a family-owned and operated business since 1850, Palmer Foods has grown into a broadline foodservice company that invests in the communities it serves. Kip believes in building personal relationships with clients and prioritizing their satisfaction. He aims to help clients focus on outstanding food, superb facilities, great service, and excellent value. With a strong commitment to the company's values, Kip leads Palmer Foods with gratitude for their many wonderful clients and God's blessings.

Scout Troop 129

Troop 129, founded in 1927, is the oldest continuous Boy Scout Troop in Pittsford. We are a Scout-led, active, high-adventure Troop chartered by the Pittsford American Legion Rayson-Miller Post. Troop activities include backpacking, biking, canoeing, an annual winter "survival" campout, and a week each summer in the Adirondacks at Massawepie Scout Camp. Troop 129 is grateful to United Church of Pittsford for their generous support, hosting weekly Troop meetings in Howard Hall and providing a reverent space for our Courts of Honors and Eagle Ceremonies.



BACKYARD BIRDWATCHING (AND BEYOND)

Come and learn about the interesting lives of the birds outside the window and how to identify them.

See some of the other wonderful birds that can be found around Rochester through the year, and how to start watching them.



Richard Ashworth started birding over sixty years ago in his native England, where he was active in the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.

Since moving to Pittsford in 1986, Richard has studied the birds of our region intensively. He is a Past President of the Rochester Birding Association, for which he leads field trips to birding 'hotspots' in the Greater Rochester area.

Richard is a professional photographer, and he will share some of his many beautiful images of our local birds.

**Sunday March 15
12:00 PM in Howard Hall**

The
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Jimmie Highsmith, Jr.
Grammy®-nominated
saxophonist and flutist



Thomas Warfield
Award-winning baritone,
pianist

NEW DATE

49th Annual Benefit Concert "FREEDOM TO DREAM"

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2026 | 4PM

Rescheduled from January 18, 2026

Kilbourn Hall Eastman Theatre



3:00 PM Pre-Concert Chat in Kilbourn Hall with
2026 William Warfield Legacy Award Recipient
Wayne Sanders/Opera Ebony

School of the Arts (SOTA) Jazz Ensemble

Kearstin Piper Brown
Metropolitan Opera



Darrin John Nicholson II 28E,
baritone



Deanna Dawberry
News 10 NBC Anchor
EMCEE



Tickets

\$50 | \$10 with student ID (PLUS Box Office Fees)
Eastman Theatre Box Office
www.eastmantheatre.org | 585-274-3000



Event scheduled by agreement with 585-380-0122





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decided in your heart to give,
not reluctantly or under compulsion,
for God loves a cheerful giver.*

2 Corinthians 9:7

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