

The Carillon

First Baptist Church of Penfield



2022

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Pastor's Meditation

October 2022

“Gloria”

The Irish band U2 is world-famous, having sold an estimated 150-170 million records (*back in the old days when people bought records!*). Sunglass-clad lead singer Bono, who is also the band's lyricist, once described himself as “the last of the rock stars.” On October 12, 1981, the band released their 2nd album, appropriately titled, *October*. The

record was greeted with mixed reviews. But one track, *Gloria*, really stood out. If you're online and never heard it, below is a link to the band performing *Gloria* live in 1983 at Colorado's historic Red Rocks amphitheater:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vBODktZLQuI>

The first time I heard the song, I assumed it was about a love interest named “Gloria.” In the 1960s, Van Morrison, in another Irish band, sang about a certain “G-L-O-R-I-A,” who was clearly a woman. But the passion in U2's *Gloria* sounded even stronger to me, though some of the words didn't make sense. When I finally saw them in print, I learned that they were Latin:

Gloria, in te domine

Gloria, exultate

Which, loosely translated, means, “Glory be to You, Lord, Glory, rejoice.”

It became clear that Bono is not singing about a woman; he's singing a song of praise to God. Subsequent press interviews with Bono have confirmed this. At the time the song appeared, three of the group's four members belonged to a Christian fellowship. Despite their commitment, they did not want to be branded as a “Christian rock band” because they found that label too confining. Bono was then only 21 years old, a young man trying to devote his life to God. He implores God to “*Loosen my lips,*” a reference to Psalm 51:15: “*O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.*” Later in the song, he

sings, “*Only in You, I’m complete*” and “*If I had anything, I’d give it to You.*”

Throughout their 40+ year career, U2’s lyrics have covered a wide range of subjects, but rarely failed to reference Scripture and a Christian world-view. I had the privilege of seeing them perform in 1997, 2004, 2011 and 2016. In summer, 2005, when the American Baptist Biennial/Mission Summit was held in Denver, my family took a day trip to Red Rocks. I took the opportunity to stand on the same stage where U2 and so many other legendary artists have performed though the decades.

The significance of *Gloria* is more than an amphitheater, more than a rock band, more than the records sold, more than even the song itself. *Gloria* is one of millions of examples through the millennia of people who devoted themselves to worshipping God; with their energies, their time, their voices and their lips. King David’s lyrics were, “*Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.*” Psalm 103:1. *If God has ever made you feel loved, or prospered you, helped you through a rough time, or brought you healing, you can exclaim, “Gloria, in te domine.”* If Jesus died for your sins (which He did for all of us), you can sing, “*Gloria exultate.*” We can do that in October, or any time of the year.

In Christ, Pastor Steve

October Birthdays

- 1 Mark Britt
- 1 Don Lochner
- 5 Annette Brotzman
- 7 Eric Scott Hunter
- 11 Mindy Kimball
- 13 Ginny Wilterdink
- 17 Ibrahim Kapidzic
- 17 Bruce Neeley
- 18 Kathy Ahl
- 19 Judy McNeil
- 21 Eric Keenan
- 21 Eun Jean Keenan
- 27 Sarah Kohlenberg
- 29 Hava Kapidzic
- 31 Edda Schneider



Church Ladies’ Lunch

**October 18th at Noon
Place TBD**



Men’s Lunch

Thursdays
at Noon
Riki’s Restaurant
in Fairport



Notes from the Trustees

Work is progressing on the installation of Ring cameras and motion sensor lights for the PVNS playground and the east end of our church parking lot area where the dumpsters are located.

November is Stewardship Month. The Trustees want to remind you that inflation has hit our church just as it has at your house. As a congregation, you have been very consistent with your support of our church. In 2022 we made major repairs related to the boiler which heats the education building, and increased the security system. We now are beginning to investigate our options for temporary solutions to leaks in the east roof of Old Fellowship Hall and its' replacement in 2023. Despite the increasing costs of maintenance, we are always proactively addressing needed improvements. Please give some prayerful thought to your commitment for 2023.

Respectfully,

Don Fox, Fritz May, Jack O'Brien, Mike Pray,
Sarah Phillips, David Trump

**Pledges and Donations**

Just a reminder that all pledges and donations can be mailed into the church office and will be deposited, or you can also use the Donate button on the church website (for a small fee).

Thank you!

Jeff Bertrand



Missions Report

During September our congregation participated in the ABC International Ministries' **World Mission Offering**. Our Missions team shared videos and information about the global effort and how people's lives can be greatly improved, even transformed. The theme for 2022 has been, "**God is doing something new.**" Isaiah 43:19. **Thank you** for your donations to this annual ABC special offering.

**RING IN THE HOLIDAYS 2022!
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 10 A.M. -
NOON in the church parking lot**

The Missions team is planning our 2022 Drive-thru collection of food and gifts for the holiday season. To help the **Penfield Ecumenical Food Shelf** with their distribution of Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners for families in need, we asked them for suggestions and received the following wish list:

Cranberry sauce, boxes of turkey stuffing, turkey gravy packets, boxes of brownie mix.

The Missions Team will also be authorizing \$500 from our budget to further help support the PEFS with their holiday food distribution.

Also, as we have done in the past, we would like to help with Christmas Cheer at the **Coldwater Road House for Women and**

Children. Please consider bringing in **New Pajamas for the Women.** There is a need for sizes from Small/Medium - XXL-Plus sizes. **Nothing has to be wrapped.** We have heard from the staff members that these gifted pajamas bring huge smiles and are greatly appreciated by the Moms who are trying to make a better life for their families. **We hope to see you on October 15th to RING IN THE HOLIDAYS with us!**

Susie, Ellen, Janette



**How to Join Sunday Worship Service
by Phone**

**Dial in by phone to join each Sunday's
virtual service
starting at 9 am**

Dial by your location

+1 646 876 9923 US (New York)

**When prompted, punch in this meeting ID
- -----> 839 345 585**

When prompted, punch in----- > #



Zoom Instructions

Adult Discussion Following Worship

11:15-NOON

This is a recurring meeting

In person and on Zoom

Below is the Online Information

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84560421536>

Call-in information

+1 646 876 9923 US (New York)



Wednesday Zoom Prayer Groups

Please join Pastor Steve at 1 pm or 6 pm Wednesdays for a Zoom Prayer Group Meeting. Pastor Steve will read a brief meditation followed by a brief discussion, a listing of our prayer concerns, and a time for anyone who wants to lift our concerns to God. Although we've scheduled a one-hour Zoom meeting, these are expected to end sooner. Please join us!

1:00 pm Prayer Group:

Zoom Computer Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/950690121>

Phone users dial: 1-646-876-9923

When Prompted,

enter Meeting ID: 950 690 121

6:00 pm Prayer Group:

Zoom Computer Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/740345839>

Phone users dial: 1-646-876-9923

When Prompted,

enter Meeting ID: 740 345 839



ROC CITY RINGERS

Upcoming Concerts



September 17th
12:00 pm



The ROC City Ringers are excited to return to the Rochester Fringe Festival! We are comprised of 15 musicians whose love for bell ringing brought us together to create music that goes well beyond traditional handbell music. We have put together an eclectic mix of music for this year's Fringe. Enjoy an afternoon filled with everything from pop to classical and movie scores to marches! See you at the Fringe!



\$10

CenterStage Theatre at the JCC
1200 Edgewood Ave.

Tickets available at rochesterfringe.com
Or at the door day of show

Upcoming Concerts:

September 25
4 pm Gates
Hall/Pultneyville
Tickets \$10 at
the door

December 10
3pm
Webster
Library

December 12
7pm
Penfield
Library

December 13
7pm
Irondequoit
Library

Roc City Ringers is the community bell choir that Sandy Pray participates in.



RING IN THE HOLIDAYS WITH GRATITUDE & GIVING



We are holding our annual drive-thru food collection to help the **Penfield Ecumenical Food Shelf** prepare Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner boxes. We are also helping **Open Door Mission Coldwater House** to provide NEW pajamas for the moms – a much appreciated item at Christmas and throughout the year.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15,
2022, 10:00 AM to NOON
First Baptist Church Parking Lot
1862 Penfield Rd**

**PLEASE BRING...
BOXES OF TURKEY STUFFING
TURKEY GRAVY PACKETS
CRANBERRY SAUCE
BOXES OF BROWNIE MIX**

**NEW WOMENS PAJAMAS
ALL SIZES - SMALL TO EXTRA LARGE
and PLUS SIZES
UNWRAPPED**



Welcoming Liz Beuter Home

The Honor Flight Returned
Sunday, September 11, 2022



PENNY PINCHER SALE

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
21 CHURCH ST, PITTSFORD
(Parking Lot on Locust St.)

Thursday, October 6, 9AM – 5 PM

Friday, October 7, ½ Price Sale, 9 AM – Noon
\$2 Bag Sale, 12:15 – 1:30
(Regular Grocery reusable, or brown bag)

***Household, kitchen, appliances,
books, crafts, toys, games, office,
jewelry, tools, garden, holiday, linens,
media, antiques, collectibles, furniture,
bikes, sports items, dishes, glassware,
linens, small electronics, baby items.
SALE IS LOADED!



Who We Are

The First Baptist Church of Penfield was established in 1804 in what is now an eastern suburb of Rochester, New York.

We are affiliated with American Baptist Churches of the Rochester/Genesee Region, and nationally with the American Baptist Churches, USA.

We welcome all to worship with us. Our congregation is a gathering of people who are diverse in theology and political opinions, but who are all seeking to know God in a deeper and more meaningful way.

The First Baptist Church of Penfield continues to include all who seek Jesus as Lord - regardless of race, class, gender, disability, place of origin, or sexual orientation, identity, or expression.



Your health and safety are foremost with us. Masking is optional but encouraged. Please see the following current information from the Centers for Disease Control Website. ([cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov)):

Please Note!

The CDC guidelines are updated each Thursday at 8:30 pm, so the level you see in this Carillon *may* change each week.

Please call the CDC at 1-800-232-4636

or

Please check the CDC Website for weekly updates.

< Start Over

Medium

In Monroe County, New York, community level is Medium.

- If you are [at high risk for severe illness](#), talk to your healthcare provider about whether you need to wear a mask and take other precautions
- Stay [up to date](#) with COVID-19 vaccines
- [Get tested](#) if you have symptoms

People may choose to mask at any time. People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear a mask.

If you are immunocompromised, learn more about [how to protect yourself](#).

Find out more about the COVID-19 situation in Monroe County, New York with [COVID-19 Data Tracker](#).

August 25, 2022

What Prevention Steps Should You Take Based on Your COVID-19 Community Level?

Low	Medium	High
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines • Get tested if you have symptoms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you are at high risk for severe illness, talk to your healthcare provider about whether you need to wear a mask and take other precautions • Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines • Get tested if you have symptoms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wear a mask indoors in public • Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines • Get tested if you have symptoms • Additional precautions may be needed for people at high risk for severe illness
<p>People may choose to mask at any time. People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear a mask. Masks are recommended in indoor public transportation settings and may be required in other places by local or state authorities.</p>		

If you are immunocompromised or high risk for severe disease, learn more about [how to protect yourself](#) with additional CDC recommendations for each COVID-19 Community Level.

For Special Office Assistance

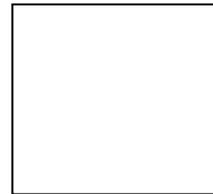
If you are creating a church event or project and would like Sandra's assistance with it, please clear it with the Church Office before announcing it.





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We have 3 methods of receiving the monthly newsletter.

Method 1—Open the link on our web page at www.fbpenfield.org

Method 2—Pick up your personal copy at Sunday Worship

Method 3—Receive a printed copy via US Postal Mail

Please help us to obtain a cost savings! Open the link or pick up!

If you wish to change your method, please e-mail us at

fbpenfield.@toast.net or call the Church Office at (585) 586-2876.

Our Church Staff

Rev. Steven D. Brotzman ~ Pastor

Dr. Naomi Gregory ~ Organist, Music Director

Samantha Sosa, Caroline Duers,

David Griffith, Jason Rober ~ Choral Scholars

Saundra Augustus ~ Office Assistant

Laura Swail ~ Nursery Care

Meho & Hava Kapidzic ~ Church Custodians

Contact Information

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Website ~ www.fbpenfield.org

Find us on Facebook

Church Office Hours

Monday thru Friday, 9:00am to 12:30pm

OUR PURPOSE STATEMENT

*We welcome to our worship all who desire
to know God through Jesus Christ.*

*We encourage each other to develop a
relationship with God and to live as Christ
taught us.*

*We covenant together to seek out and
minister to those in spiritual, emotional or
physical need.*