

CASCO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 29th, 2015

Come Grow with Us!

A Christ Centered Fellowship

“A CARING COMMUNITY OF BELIEVERS FOR ALL AGES”

“WE GATHER TO WORSHIP!”

**If you are able, please stand.*

PRELUDE

Jerry Post, Organist

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

GREETING AND NEWS OF THE LORD’S WORK *Your presence and record of attendance is very important to us. Please Print your name and pass the Attendance Registration Pad to your neighbor. Visitors, may you always feel welcome as our “Special Guests!” If you will give us your full address, we would like to send you a small token of our appreciation for your worshiping with us this morning. May you always feel welcome to return! **PRAYER REQUESTS**-Your joys and concerns are very important to us. Please feel free to share with the Pastor/Lay Leader before or during worship.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

“Psalm 119:1-3”

Liturgist: Deb Laraway

Liturgist: “Blessed are those whose way is blameless,

Laity: who walk in the law of the Lord!

Liturgist: Blessed are those who keep God’s testimonies,

Laity: who seek God with their whole heart,

Liturgist: who also do no wrong,

Laity: but walk in God’s ways!

Liturgist: “Come, let us worship our Lord!”

INTROIT

“The King Shall Come”

Chancel Choir

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE (The Ron Ridley Family)

“Advent Song – Verse 1”

No. 2090

INVOCATION

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

No. 211

CHILDREN’S TIME

“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” - Matthew 19:14 *(All 3-10 year olds who are present are invited following our “Children’s Time” to attend Church School in our “New Addition”. A Nursery is available for younger children.)*

ANTHEM

“The People Who Walk in Darkness”

Chancel Choir

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND LOVE OFFERINGS

Offertory Scripture, Offertory

***The Doxology for Advent** *(tune of O Come, O Come Emmanuel)*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

“OUR MINISTRY OF CARING AND SHARING!”

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER

(Please feel free to share your Joys and Concerns.)

Pastoral Prayer, Personal Meditation

“The Lord’s Prayer”

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and glory forever. Amen!

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

No. 234

SCRIPTURE LESSON

“Matthew 1:18-25” (NIV)

Liturgist: Deb Laraway

SERMON

“Christmas Courage: The Story of Joseph”

Rev. D.W. Meister

***HYMN OF DEDICATION**

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

No. 61

***BENEDICTION**

CLOSING CHORAL RESPONSE “May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You”

(tune of Deck the Halls)

May the good Lord bless and keep you, Alleluia, Amen!

While we celebrate the season, Alleluia, Amen!

Come Lord Jesus, Come Lord Jesus, We await our Savior's birth.

Grant your peace to all the earth Alleluia, Amen!

POSTLUDE

We Respond to God’s Word and Depart from this Service to Do God’s will...

Children’s Church School: All 3-10 year olds are invited to our educational wing for Sunday School/Nursery Care immediately after our “Children’s Time” in Worship.

Advent Adult Bible Study: Two opportunities to join! Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and/or Sundays following worship.

Fellowship Time... Please feel free to be our “GUEST” in Fellowship Hall following worship for a beverage and goodie. Let’s get better acquainted! May you always feel welcome.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

<u>Sunday, November 29th</u>	9:15-9:45 am 10:00 am 11:15 am	Choir Practice Worship (Sanctuary) Advent Bible Study led by Larry & Kathy Yankee
<u>Monday, November 30th</u>	10:00 am	Senior Exercise (Casco Twp Hall)
<u>Tuesday, December 1st</u> <i>Bulletin Items Due by 9 a.m.</i>	10:00 am 1:00-3:00 pm 7:00 pm	“Kumjoinus” Prayer Group Senior Cards/Games (<i>Casco Twp Hall</i>) Choir Practice
<u>Wednesday, December 2nd</u>	9-10:00 am 10:00 am	Hand2Hand Backpack Packing Advent Bible Study led by Pastor Dave
<u>Thursday, December 3rd</u>	10:00 am 1:00 pm	Senior Exercise (<i>Casco Twp Hall</i>) “Pie with Pastor Dave” (<i>Village Market</i>)
<u>Saturday, December 5th</u>	9 am-3pm	Holiday Market (<i>Glenn Community Center</i>)
<u>Sunday, December 6th</u>	9:15-9:45 am 10:00 am 11:15 am	Choir Practice Worship (Sanctuary) Advent Bible Study led by Larry & Kathy Yankee

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Church’s
Vision and
Mission
Statement-
“Building up
the Kingdom of
God... N.O.W.
through Nurture,
Outreach, and
Witness!”**

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THIS WEEK – 11/29

Altar Flowers: Open
Children’s Time: Volunteer Needed
North Greeters: Volunteer Needed
South Greeters: Volunteer Needed
Ushers: Volunteer Needed
Acolytes: Volunteer Needed
Liturgist: Deb Laraway
Coffee Fellowship: Volunteer Needed
Counters: Mike, Ashley, Joan
Nursery Care: Volunteer Needed
Audio Tech: Guy Rayon
Computer Tech: Jason Pettet
Sunday School: Carolyn Thon

IN HIS SERVICE

NEXT WEEK – 12/6

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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

Keep the following persons in your thoughts and prayers: Jacob Grigg, Mike Scott, Ella Hogle, Ronney Denney, Joyce Havens, Margaret Christopher, Cindy Flora, David Overhiser, Don Spencer, Irene Ellmer, Lewis Mitchell, Regina Morris, Tracey Dekker, David Clark, Jackie Welton, Lenora Thon, Irene Dukeshere, Barbara Sutton, Diana Kark, Larry Brush, Ron Brush, Larry Ridley, Arlene Laraway. **Our Service men and women:** Dana Vermilye, Jayare Erickson, Robert Ulmer. **Members & Friends who are shut-ins, or living in assisted living facilities, nursing homes, and health care facilities:** Roberta Alexander, Judy Oden, Chuck Ridley, Don Kark.