

CASCO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Come Grow with Us!

“A CARING COMMUNITY OF BELIEVERS FOR ALL AGES”

December 20th, 2015

A Christ Centered Fellowship

“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 worshipping 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.*

“BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION”

CALL TO WORSHIP

“Isaiah 9:6”

Liturgist: Deb Laraway

Liturgist: “For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,

Laity: and the government will be on his shoulders.

Liturgist: And he will be called

Laity: Mighty Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

Liturgist: “Come, let us worship the Prince of Peace.”

INTROIT

“The King Shall Come”

Chancel Choir

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE (Jack & Jeannie Pettet)

“Advent Song – Verse 4” *(Please feel free to remain seated.)*

No. 2090

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!”

SPECIAL STAFF RECOGNITION & PRESENTATION

Deb Laraway
SPRC Chairperson

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!

It Isn’t Christmas Without Christ

The People Who Walk in Darkness.....Chancel Choir
Christopher James, cajon

Keep your Lamps.....Chancel Choir
Christopher James, cajon

A Camel Family Christmas.....Casco Characters

All on a Bethlehem Night.....Chancel Choir
Solina Warren, flute Christopher James, cajon

Peace on Earth/The Little Drummer Boy.....Chancel Choir
Christopher James, cajon

We Three Kings (video).....Eclipse 6

The Oasis Camel Stop.....Casco Characters
Linda LaRocque, guest artist

Christmas Grace.....Chancel Choir

Christmas without Christ.....Casco Characters

The First Noel.....Chancel Choir/Casco Children’s Choir
Congregation (please join us on the chorus)

“Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel”

***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 our All Church Potluck. Let's get better acquainted! May you always feel welcome.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

<u>Sunday, December 20th</u>	9:15-9:45 am 10:00 am	Choir Practice Worship (Sanctuary) <i>Birthday & Anniversary Recognition</i> <i>All Church Potluck; Staff Recognition</i>
	11:15 am	Advent Bible Study led by Larry & Kathy Yankee
<u>Monday, December 21st</u> <i>Bulletin Items Due 9 a.m.</i>	10:00 am 7:00 pm	Senior Exercise (Casco Twp Hall) Church Council Meeting
<u>Tuesday, December 22nd</u>	10:00 am 10:00 am 1:00-3:00 pm 7:00 pm	Quilting Group (Kibbie CRC) "Kumjoinus" Prayer Group Senior Cards/Games (<i>Casco Twp Hall</i>) Choir Practice
<u>Wednesday, December 23rd</u>	9-10:00 am 10:00 am	Hand2Hand Backpack Packing Advent Bible Study led by Pastor Dave
<u>Thursday, December 24th</u>	5:00 pm	Candlelight Service
<u>Friday, December 25th</u>		"Merry Christmas!"
<u>Saturday, December 26th</u>	9:30 am	Rte 66 Men's Group (Greater Faith Community Church)
<u>Sunday, December 27th</u>	9:15-9:45 am 10:00 am	Choir Practice Worship (Sanctuary) BillWarren Preaching 4 th Sunday World Hunger Offering (<i>Pastor Dave on vacation Dec 25-Jan 9</i>)

THIS WEEK – 12/20

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: All Church Potluck
Counters: Doug, Rachel, Nancy
Nursery Care: Volunteer Needed
Audio Tech: Guy Rayon
Computer Tech: Jason Pettet
Sunday School: Carolyn Thon

IN HIS SERVICE

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Acolytes: Volunteer Needed
Liturgist: Volunteer Needed
Coffee Fellowship: George & Gay Carrier
Counters: mike, Ashley, Joan
Nursery Care: Volunteer Needed
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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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