

# CASCO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Come Grow with Us!*

“A CARING COMMUNITY OF BELIEVERS FOR ALL AGES”

December 6<sup>th</sup>, 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 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**

**“Luke 1:68 & 69” (No. 208)**

**Liturgist: Lynn Fleming**

Liturgist: “Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,

**Laity: who has come to set the chosen people free.**

Liturgist: The Lord has raised up for us

**Laity: a mighty Savior from the house of David.”**

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

**INTROIT**

**“The King Shall Come”**

**Chancel Choir**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE (The Gary Flora Family)**

**“Advent Song – Verse 2” (Please feel free to remain seated.)**

**No. 2090**

**INVOCATION**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

**“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”**

**No. 240**

**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**

**“Keep Your Lamps”**

**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 DEDICATION**

**“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”**

**No. 229**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

**“Luke 1:45-55” (NIV)**

**Liturgist: Lynn Fleming**

**SERMON**

**“Christmas Hope: The Story of Mary”**

**Rev. D.W. Meister**

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION**

**“Let Us Break Bread Together”**

**No. 618**

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

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**\*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, December 6<sup>th</sup></u>	9:15-9:45 am	Choir Practice
	10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary) (Holy Communion)
	11:15 am	Advent Bible Study led by Larry & Kathy Yankee
<u>Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup></u>	10:00 am	Senior Exercise (Casco Twp Hall)
	7:00 pm	Trustee Meeting
<u>Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup></u> <i>Bulletin Items Due by 9 a.m.</i>	10:00 am	“Kumjoinus” Prayer Group
	10:00 am	Quilting Group
	1:00-3:00 pm	Senior Cards/Games ( <i>Casco Twp Hall</i> )
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
<u>Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup></u>	9-10:00 am	Hand2Hand Backpack Packing
	10:00 am	Advent Bible Study led by Pastor Dave
<u>Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup></u>	10:00 am	Senior Exercise ( <i>Casco Twp Hall</i> )
	1:00 pm	“Pie with Pastor Dave” ( <i>Village Market</i> )
<u>Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup></u>	10:00 am	Ladies Aid Packing Christmas Baskets
<u>Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup></u>	9:15-9:45 am	Choir Practice
	10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	11:15 am	Advent Bible Study led by Larry & Kathy Yankee

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through Nurture,  
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**THIS WEEK – 12/6**

Altar Flowers: Open  
Children’s Time: Volunteer Needed  
North Greeters: Volunteer Needed  
South Greeters: Volunteer Needed  
Ushers: Volunteer Needed  
Acolytes: Volunteer Needed  
Liturgist: Lynn Fleming  
Coffee Fellowship: Debbie Laraway  
Counters: Doug, Nancy, Rachel  
Nursery Care: Volunteer Needed  
Audio Tech: Guy Rayon  
Computer Tech: Jason Pettet  
Sunday School: Carolyn Thon

**IN HIS SERVICE**

**NEXT WEEK – 12/13**

Altar Flowers: Open  
Children’s Time: Volunteer Needed  
North Greeters: Volunteer Needed  
South Greeters: Volunteer Needed  
Ushers: Volunteer Needed  
Acolytes: Volunteer Needed  
Liturgist: Eve Woodward  
Coffee Fellowship: Volunteer Needed  
Counters: Mike, Ashley, Joan  
Nursery Care: Volunteer Needed  
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**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:**

**Keep the following persons in your thoughts and prayers:** Penny Wilkinson, Jim Liepe, Jacob Grigg, Mike Scott, Ella Hogle, Joyce Havens, Margaret Christopher, Don Spencer, Irene Ellmer, Lewis Mitchell, Regina Morris, Tracey Dekker, David Clark, Jackie Welton, Irene Dukescherer, Barbara Sutton, Diana Kark, Larry 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.