

CASCO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Come Grow with Us!

“A CARING COMMUNITY OF BELIEVERS FOR ALL AGES”

December 11, 2016

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

“Psalm 145:8-13”

Liturgist: Eve Woodward

Liturgist: “The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

People: The Lord is good to all, his compassion is over all his creation.

Liturgist: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,

People: and your faithful ones shall bless you!

Liturgist: They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,

People: and tell of your power,

Liturgist: to make known to all people your mighty deeds,

People: and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Liturgist: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,

People: and your dominion endures throughout all generations.”

INTROIT

“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”

Chancel Choir

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE (Ed & Randi Raak)

INVOCATION

*HYMN OF PRAISE

“It Came upon the Midnight Clear”

No. 218

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”.*

ANTHEM

“Somebody Build a Manger”

Chancel Choir

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND LOVE OFFERINGS

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

“What Child Is This”

No. 219

SCRIPTURE LESSON

“Isaiah 35:1-10” (NIV)

Liturgist: Eve Woodward

SERMON READING

“Hosea 3:1-5” (NRSV)

Pastor Don Graham

*HYMN OF DEDICATION

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

No. 220

*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 immediately after our “Children’s Time” in Worship.

Adult Bible Study: ... following Sunday Worship at 11:15 a.m. in our Choir Room, which is located in the 2nd room on the right and on Wednesday at 10 a.m. in our Adult Classroom, 1st room on the left.

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

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

<u>Sunday, December 11th</u>	9:15 am-9:45 am 10:00 am 11:15 am	Choir Practice Worship (Sanctuary) Advent Bible Study
<u>Monday, December 12th</u> <i>(Pastor Don's Day off)</i>	10:00 am 3:00 pm	Senior Exercise (<i>Casco Twp Hall</i>) "Hungry For Christ" Mobile Food Pantry
<u>Tuesday, December 13th</u> <i>(Bulletin/Insert Items Due)</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 14th</u>	9-10:00 am 10:00 am 7:00 pm	H2H Backpack Packing Advent Bible Study Finance Team Meeting
<u>Thursday, December 15th</u>	10:00 am 10:00 am 1:00 pm 3:15-4:30 pm	H2H Delivers Food Senior Exercise (<i>Casco Twp Hall</i>) The JOY Group (Just Older Youth) (<i>Village Market</i>) Cub Scouts (<i>Pullman Elementary</i>)
<u>Friday, December 16th</u>	10:00 am	UMW Meeting
<u>Saturday, December 17th</u>		Rental-Bergstrom Christmas Party
<u>Sunday, December 18th</u>	9:15 am-9:45 am 10:00 am	Choir Practice Worship (Sanctuary) Christmas Cantata; Staff Recognition <i>All Church Potluck; Birthday & Anniversary Recognition</i>

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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 – 12/11

Altar Flowers: Open
Children's Time: Volunteer Needed
North Greeters: Volunteer Needed
South Greeters: Volunteer Needed
Ushers: Whitey Marr, Guy Rayon, Bob Oden, Steve Ellmer
Acolytes: Kaleb & Nattallii
Liturgist: Eve Woodward
Coffee Fellowship: Debbie Laraway
Counters: Mike, Blanche
Audio Tech: Guy Rayon
Computer Tech: Jason Pettet
Sunday School: Carolyn Thon

IN HIS SERVICE

NEXT WEEK – 12/18

Altar Flowers: Open
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South Greeters: Volunteer Needed
Ushers: Whitey Marr, Guy Rayon, Bob Oden, Steve Ellmer
Acolytes: Kaleb & Nattallii
Liturgist: Debbie Laraway
Coffee Fellowship: All Church Potluck
Counters: Doug, Rachel, Nancy
Audio Tech: Guy Rayon
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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

Keep the following persons in your thoughts and prayers: Guy Rayon, Gene Latchaw, The family of Bob Kelsey, Barbara Latchaw, Doug Murdoch, Joan Jason, Mike Scott, Eve Woodward, Randy Lacy, Clyde Wauchek, Jerry Morris, Bill Gildner, Joyce Havens, Carrie Murphy, Larry Marr, Angie Giesler, Marge Jerue, Don Spencer, Jerri Walters, Sherry Grigg, Jerry Jerrett, Jim Liepe, Jacob Grigg, Ella Hogle, Lewis Mitchell, 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, Vern Long, Judy Oden.