

CASCO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 18th, 2016

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.*

“BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION”

CALL TO WORSHIP

“Psalm 80:1-7”

Liturgist: Debbie Laraway

Liturgist: “Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth! In the presence of Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up your might, and come to save us!

Laity: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved!

Liturgist: O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people’s prayers?

Laity: You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in full measure.

Liturgist: You make us the scorn of our neighbors; and our enemies laugh among themselves.

Laity: Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved!”

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE (Ron & Maxine Ridley)

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND LOVE OFFERINGS

Offertory

“O Come To Us, Emmanuel”

Hilary Mol and Antonie Gould

***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

**Debbie 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!

“Love was Born in a Manger”

Prepare the Way.....Chancel Choir

My Soul Glorifies the Lord.....Chancel Choir
Solina Warren, Soloist

This Old Manger.....*Casco Characters*

Somebody Build a Manger.....Chancel Choir
Solina Warren, Cajon

At the Camel Wash.....*Casco Characters*

A Christmas Gloria.....Chancel Choir
Solina Warren, Flute

The Christmas Carol.....*Casco Characters*

This Night.....Chancel Choir

Go, Tell it on the MountainChancel Choir/Congregation
*“Go, Tell it on the Mountain, over the hills and everywhere.
Go tell it on the Mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.”*

***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

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

<u>Sunday, December 18th</u>	9:15 am-9:45 am 10:00 am	Choir Practice Worship (Sanctuary) Christmas Cantata; Staff Recognition <i>Birthday & Anniversary Recognition; All Church Potluck</i>
<u>Monday, December 19th</u> <i>(Bulletin/Insert Items Due)</i> <i>(Pastor Don's Day off)</i>	10:00 am	Senior Exercise <i>(Casco Twp Hall)</i>
<u>Tuesday, December 20th</u>	10:00 am 10:00 am 1:00-3:00 pm 7:00 pm	“Kumjoinus” Prayer Group Quilting Group (Kibbie CRC) Senior Cards/Games <i>(Casco Twp Hall)</i> Choir Practice
<u>Wednesday, December 21st</u>	9-10:00 am 10:00 am 7:00 pm	H2H Backpack Packing Advent Bible Study Church Council Meeting
<u>Thursday, December 22nd</u>	10:00 am 10:00 am 1:00 pm	H2H Delivers Food Senior Exercise <i>(Casco Twp Hall)</i> The JOY Group (Just Older Youth) <i>(Village Market)</i>
<u>Saturday, December 24th</u> Christmas Eve	6:00 pm	Candlelight Service
<u>Sunday, December 25th</u> Christmas Day	9:15 am-9:45 am 10:00 am	Choir Practice Worship (Sanctuary) <i>4th Sunday World Hunger Offering</i>

**Casco
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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 – 12/18

Altar Flowers: Poinsettias
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: Debbie Laraway
Coffee Fellowship: All Church Potluck
Counters: Doug, Rachel, Nancy
Audio Tech: Guy Rayon
Computer Tech: Jason Pettet
Sunday School: Carolyn Thon

IN HIS SERVICE

NEXT WEEK – 12/25

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Children's Time: Volunteer Needed
North Greeters: Volunteer Needed
South Greeters: Volunteer Needed
Ushers: Whitey Marr, Guy Rayon, Bob Oden, Steve Ellmer
Acolytes: Laine & Kaleb
Liturgist: Edna or George Fleming
Coffee Fellowship: George & Gay Carrier
Counters: Mike, Blanche
Audio Tech: Guy Rayon
Computer Tech: Jason Pettet
Sunday School: Carolyn Thon

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

Keep the following persons in your thoughts and prayers: The family of Jacob Grigg, The family of Doug Murdoch, The family of Shirley Harvey, Guy Rayon, Gene Latchaw, The family of Bob Kelsey, Barbara Latchaw, 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, 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.