

CASCO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CHRISTMAS DAY

Come Grow with Us!

“A CARING COMMUNITY OF BELIEVERS FOR ALL AGES”

December 25th, 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 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.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

“Psalm 98:1-3”

Liturgist: George Fleming

Liturgist: “O sing to the Lord a new song, for the Lord has done marvelous things!
God’s right hand and holy arm have gotten the victory.

**Laity: The Lord has declared victory, and has revealed his vindication,
in the sight of the nations.**

Liturgist: The Lord has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

Laity: All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.”

INTROIT

“Sing We Now of Christmas”

Chancel Choir

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”.*

ANTHEM

“Christmas Gloria”

Chancel Choir

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND LOVE OFFERINGS

Offertory

Christmas Doxology (to the tune of O Christmas Tree)

“Praise God from whom all blessings flow, in every generation.

Praise God, all creatures here below, who gives to us salvation.

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

Let all creation praise the Lord with love and adoration.”

*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

“The First Noel”

No. 245

SCRIPTURE LESSON

“Ephesians 3:1-12” (NIV)

Liturgist: Edna Fleming

SERMON READING

“Matthew 2:7-12” (NRSV)

Pastor Don Graham

*HYMN OF DEDICATION

“There’s a Song in the Air”

No. 249

(During the singing of this hymn, please feel free to come forward with your monthly “World Hunger Offering”).

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING CHORAL RESPONSE

“May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You”

(to the tune of Deck the Halls)

“May the Good Lord bless and keep you. Alleluia, Amen!

While we celebrate the season, Alleluia, Amen!

Baby Jesus, Baby Jesus, We proclaim 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

Sunday, December 25th
Christmas Day

9:15 am-9:45 am Choir Practice
10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)
 4th Sunday World Hunger Offering

Monday, December 26th
(Bulletin/Insert Items Due)
(Pastor Don's Day off)

(Holiday—Office Closed)

Tuesday, December 27th

10:00 am “Kumjoinus” Prayer Group
1:00-3:00 pm Senior Cards/Games *(Casco Twp Hall)*
7:00 pm Choir Practice

Sunday, January 1st
New Year's Day

9:15 am-9:45 am Choir Practice
10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)

THIS WEEK – 12/25

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: Laine & Kaleb
Liturgist: Edna & George Fleming
Coffee Fellowship: George & Gay Carrier
Counters: Mike, Blanche
Audio Tech: Guy Rayon
Computer Tech: Jason Pettet
Sunday School: Carolyn Thon

IN HIS SERVICE

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NEXT WEEK – 1/1

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, 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, Ella Hogle, Lewis Mitchell, .

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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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