

# CASCO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Come Grow with Us!*

“A CARING COMMUNITY OF BELIEVERS FOR ALL AGES”

**“WE GATHER TO WORSHIP!”**

*\*If you are able, please stand.*

**PRELUDE**

**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 you 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 80:1-7”

Liturgist: **Bill Warren**

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!”**

**INTROIT**

“Gloria in Excelsis Deo”

Chancel Choir

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE** (Lynn & Marion Fleming)

“Advent Song – Verse 1” (Please feel free to remain seated.)

No. 2090

**INVOCATION**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

No. 196

**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**

“Visit Us, Emmanuel”

Chancel Choir

**PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND LOVE OFFERINGS**

Offertory

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

“The People who Walk in Darkness”

Chancel Choir

*Doxology (tune: 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*

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION**

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

No. 211

**SCRIPTURE READING**

“1 Corinthians 1:3-9” (NRSV)

Liturgist: **Bill Warren**

**SERMON READING**

“Isaiah 64:1-9” (NRSV)

**Pastor Don Graham**

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION**

“Away in a Manger”

No. 217

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING CHORAL RESPONSE**

“Go Now in Peace” (tune: Joy to the World)

*Go now in peace to serve the Lord. Let ev’ry heart rejoice!*

*Let’s share God’s salvation to ev’ry nation. Spread love and peace and joy.*

*Spread love and peace and joy. Spread love, spread love and peace and joy!*

**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.

**Advent 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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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

### Church Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 9 am – 1 pm

<u>Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup></u>	9:15-9:45 am 10:00 am 11:15am	Choir Practice Worship (Sanctuary) <i>Holy Communion</i> Advent Bible Study
<u>Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup></u> <i>(Bulletin Items Due)</i> <i>(Pastor Don's Day off)</i>	10:00 am	Senior Exercise ( <i>Casco Twp Hall</i> )
<u>Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup></u>	10:00 am 1-3:00 pm 7:00 pm	Quilting Group (Kibbie CRC) Senior Cards/Games ( <i>Casco Twp Hall</i> ) Choir Practice
<u>Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup></u>	9-10:00 am 10:00 am	H2H Backpack Packing Advent Bible Study
<u>Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup></u>	10:00 am 10:00 am 1:00 pm 7:00 pm	H2H Delivers Food Senior Exercise ( <i>Casco Twp Hall</i> ) The JOY Group (Just Older Youth) ( <i>Village Market</i> ) Ladies Christmas Evening Program ( <i>Fennville UMC</i> )
<u>Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup></u>	10:00 am	“Kumjoinus” Prayer Group
<u>Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup></u>	9:00 am-3:00 pm	Christmas Bazaar ( <i>Glenn UMC</i> )
<u>Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup></u>	9:15-9:45 am 10:00 am 11:15am 1:00 pm	Choir Practice Worship (Sanctuary) Advent Bible Study Rental-Bergstrom Christmas Party

### THIS WEEK – 12/3

Altar Flowers: ---  
 Children's Time: Volunteer Needed  
 North Greeters: Volunteer Needed  
 South Greeters: Regina Lash  
 Ushers: Whitey Marr, Steve Ellmer, Bob Oden, Larry Yankee  
 Acolytes: Kaleb & Logan  
 Liturgist: Bill Warren  
 Coffee Fellowship: Dorann & Tom Fleming  
 Counters: Doug, Rachel, Nancy  
 Audio Tech: Guy Rayon, Earl Lash  
 Computer Tech: Jason Pettet  
 Sunday School: Carolyn Thon

### IN HIS SERVICE

Altar Flowers: ---  
 Children's Time: Volunteer Needed  
 North Greeters: Volunteer Needed  
 South Greeters: Regina Lash  
 Ushers: Whitey Marr, Steve Ellmer, Bob Oden, Larry Yankee  
 Acolytes: DJ & Nattalii  
 Liturgist: Eve Woodward  
 Coffee Fellowship: Larry & Kathy Yankee  
 Counters: Mike, Joan, Blanche  
 Audio Tech: Guy Rayon, Earl Lash  
 Computer Tech: Jason Pettet  
 Sunday School: Carolyn Thon

### NEXT WEEK – 12/10

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### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

**Keep the following persons in your thoughts and prayers:** Joyce Havens, Tony Brush, Margaret Christopher, Bill Oestreich, Lori Tupper, Ron Winifrey, Jerry Jerrett, Barbara Latchaw, Jerry Morris, Larry Marr, Don Spencer, 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:** Jackie Welton, Barbara Sutton, Roberta Alexander, Vern Long, Judy Oden, Irene Dukescherer, Lewis Mitchell.

**Casco  
 United  
 Methodist  
 Church's  
 Vision and  
 Mission  
 Statement-**  
*“Building up  
 the Kingdom of  
 God... N.O.W.  
 through Nurture,  
 Outreach, and  
 Witness!”*

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