

CASCO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2nd 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

Jerry Post, Organist/Pianist

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 85:1-7”

Liturgist: Eve Woodward

Liturgist: “Lord, you showed favor to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob,

Laity: You forgave the iniquity of your people; you pardoned all their sin.

Liturgist: You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger.

**Laity: Restore us again, O God of our salvation,
and put away your indignation toward us!**

Liturgist: Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations?

Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?

Laity: Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.”

INTROIT

“Gloria in Excelsis Deo”

Chancel Choir

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE (Rick & Kathy Lange)

“Advent Song – Verses 1 & 2” (Please feel free to remain seated.)

No. 2090

INVOCATION

*HYMN OF PRAISE

“It Came upon a 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

“My Soul Glorifies the Lord”

Chancel Choir

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND LOVE OFFERINGS

Offertory

SPECIAL MUSIC

“The Coming of the Lord”

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

“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 READING

“Isaiah 40:1-11” (NRSV)

Liturgist: Eve Woodward

SERMON READING

“2 Peter 3:8-15a” (NRSV)

Pastor Don Graham

*HYMN OF DEDICATION

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

No. 220

*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, 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

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

<u>Sunday, December 10th</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
<u>Monday, December 11th</u> <i>(Bulletin Items Due)</i> <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 12th</u>	1-3:00 pm 7:00 pm	Senior Cards/Games (<i>Casco Twp Hall</i>) Choir Practice
<u>Wednesday, December 13th</u> <i>(Newsletter Articles Due)</i>	9-10:00 am 10:00 am	H2H Backpack Packing Advent Bible Study
<u>Thursday, December 14th</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)
<u>Friday, December 15th</u>	10:00 am	"Kumjoinus" Prayer Group
<u>Saturday, December 16th</u>	9:30 am	Rte 66 Men's Group (<i>Greater Faith</i>)
<u>Sunday, December 17th</u>	9:15-9:45 am 10:00 am	Choir Practice Worship (Sanctuary) <i>Birthday & Anniversary Recognition</i> <i>All Church Potluck</i>

THIS WEEK – 12/10

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

IN HIS SERVICE

NEXT WEEK – 12/17

Altar Flowers: ---
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 South Greeters: Regina Lash
 Ushers: Whitey Marr, Steve Ellmer, Bob Oden, Larry Yankee
 Acolytes: Volunteer Needed
 Liturgist: Volunteer Needed
 Coffee Fellowship: All Church Potluck
 Counters: Doug, Rachel, Nancy
 Audio Tech: Guy Rayon, Earl Lash
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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

Keep the following persons in your thoughts and prayers: Sherry Grigg, Joyce Andrews, Don Spencer, Helene Spencer, Joyce Havens, Tony Brush, Margaret Christopher, Bill Oestreich, Lori Tupper, Ron Winifrey, Jerry Jerrett, Barbara Latchaw, Jerry Morris, Larry Marr, 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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