

CASCO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

3rd 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.*

“BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION”

CALL TO WORSHIP

“Psalm 126:4-6”

Liturgist: Jamie Walle

Liturgist: “Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb!”

Laity: May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy!

Liturgist: Those who go forth weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,

Laity: shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.”

INTROIT

“Gloria in Excelsis Deo”

Chancel Choir

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE (The Walle Family)

“Advent Song – Verses 1, 2, & 3” (Please feel free to remain seated.)

No. 2090

INVOCATION

*HYMN OF PRAISE

“Good Christian Friends Rejoice”

No. 224

CHILDREN’S TIME

“Come on, ring those Bells”

Judy Graham

“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 Sanctus”

Chancel Choir

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND LOVE OFFERINGS

Offertory

SPECIAL STAFF RECOGNITION & PRESENTATION

Debbie Laraway
SPRC Chairperson

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Bethlehem Wind”

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

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

No. 230

SCRIPTURE READING

“John 1:6-9” (NRSV)

Liturgist: Jamie Walle

SERMON READING

“1 Thessalonians 5:16-24” (NRSV)

Pastor Don Graham

*HYMN OF DEDICATION

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

No. 234

*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 our All Church Potluck. Let’s get better acquainted! May you always feel welcome.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

<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>
<u>Monday, December 18th</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 19th</u>	10:00 am 1-3:00 pm 7:00 pm	Quilting Group (<i>Kibbie CRC</i>) Senior Cards/Games (<i>Casco Twp Hall</i>) Choir Practice
<u>Wednesday, December 20th</u> <i>(Newsletter Articles Due)</i>	9-10:00 am 10:00 am	H2H Backpack Packing Advent Bible Study
<u>Thursday, December 21st</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>Golden Brown Bakery</i>)
<u>Friday, December 22nd</u>	10:00 am	“Kumjoinus” Prayer Group
<u>Sunday, December 24th</u> <i>Christmas Eve</i>	9:15-9:45 am 10:00 am 11:15 am 4:00 pm	Choir Practice Worship (Sanctuary) <i>4th Sunday World Hunger Offering</i> Advent Bible Study Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

THIS WEEK – 12/17

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: Volunteer Needed
 Liturgist: Jamie Walle
 Coffee Fellowship: All Church Potluck
 Counters: Doug, Rachel, Nancy
 Audio Tech: Guy Rayon, Earl Lash
 Computer Tech: Jason Pettet
 Sunday School: Carolyn Thon

IN HIS SERVICE

NEXT WEEK – 12/24

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 North Greeters: Volunteer Needed
 South Greeters: Regina Lash
 Ushers: Whitey Marr, Steve Ellmer, Bob Oden, Larry Yankee
 Acolytes: Volunteer Needed
 Liturgist: Eve Woodward
 Coffee Fellowship: George & Gay Carrier
 Counters: Mike, Joan, Blanche
 Audio Tech: Guy Rayon, Earl Lash
 Computer Tech: Jason Pettet
 Sunday School: Carolyn Thon

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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