

CASCO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

4th 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.*

December 24th, 2017

A Christ Centered Fellowship

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 89:1-4”

Liturgist: Eve Woodward

Liturgist: I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, for ever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

Laity: Your steadfast love is established for ever, your faithfulness is firm as the heavens.

Liturgist: You have said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one,
I have sworn to David my servant:

**Laity: ‘I will establish your descendants for ever,
and build your throne for all generations.’”**

INTROIT

“Gloria in Excelsis Deo”

Chancel Choir

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE (Fred & Carrie Murphy)

“Advent Song – Verses 1, 2, 3 & 4” (Please feel free to remain seated.)

No. 2090

INVOCATION

*HYMN OF PRAISE

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

No. 238

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

“Fall on Your Knees”

Chancel Choir

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND LOVE OFFERINGS

Offertory

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Do You Hear What I Hear?”

Chancel Choir

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

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

No. 240

SCRIPTURE READING

“Luke 1:46-55” (NRSV)

Liturgist: Eve Woodward

SERMON READING

“2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16” (NRSV)

Pastor Don Graham

*HYMN OF DEDICATION

“The First Noel”

No. 245

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

*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 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
<u>Monday, December 25th</u> <i>(Bulletin Items Due)</i>	Merry Christmas! <i>(Offices Closed)</i>	
<u>Tuesday, December 26th</u>	<i>(Offices Closed)</i> <i>(No Choir Practice)</i>	
<u>Wednesday, December 27th</u>	10:00 am	Advent Bible Study
<u>Thursday, December 28th</u>	1:00 pm	The JOY Group (Just Older Youth) <i>(Golden Brown Bakery)</i>
<u>Friday, December 29th</u>	10:00 am	“Kumjoinus” Prayer Group
<u>Sunday, December 31st</u> <i>New Year’s Eve</i>	9:15-9:45 am 10:00 am 11:15 am	Choir Practice Worship (Sanctuary) Advent Bible Study

THIS WEEK – 12/24

Altar Flowers: Enjoy the Poinsettias!
 Children’s Time: Volunteer Needed
 North Greeters: Volunteer Needed
 South Greeters: Regina Lash
 Ushers: Whitey Marr, Steve Ellmer, Bob Oden, Larry Yankee
 Acolytes: Nattallii & Kaleb
 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

IN HIS SERVICE

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 Counters: Doug, Rachel, Nancy
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NEXT WEEK – 12/31

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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