

# CASCO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

*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

“The Apostles Creed” (#881 Red Hymnal)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

INTROIT

“Gloria in Excelsis Deo”

Chancel Choir

INVOCATION

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

No. 251

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

“Little Drummer Boy/Peace on Earth”

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

“We Three Kings”

No. 254

SCRIPTURE READING

“Galatians 4:4-7” (NRSV)

Liturgist: Bill Warren

SERMON READING

“Psalm 148” (NRSV)

Pastor Don Graham

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION

“Living for Jesus”

No. 2149

*(Please Use the Black Hymnal)*

\*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 31<sup>st</sup></u> <i>New Year's Eve</i>	9:15-9:45 am 10:00 am 11:15 am	Choir Practice Worship (Sanctuary) Adult Bible Study
<u>Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup></u> <i>(Bulletin Items Due)</i>	Happy New Year! <i>(Offices Closed)</i>	
<u>Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup></u>	1-3:00 pm	Senior Cards/Games <i>(Casco Twp Hall)</i>
<u>Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup></u>	9-10:00 am 10:00 am 7:00 pm	H2H Backpack Packing Adult Bible Study Trustee Meeting
<u>Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup></u>	10:00 am 10:00 am 10:00 am 1:00 pm	SPRC Meeting H2H Delivers Food Senior Exercise <i>(Casco Twp Hall)</i> The JOY Group (Just Older Youth) <i>(Golden Brown Bakery)</i>
<u>Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup></u>	10:00 am	“Kumjoinus” Prayer Group
<u>Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup></u>	9:15-9:45 am 10:00 am 11:15 am	Choir Practice Worship (Sanctuary) <i>Holy Communion</i> Adult Bible Study

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United  
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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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Choir Director**

**Theresa Wiley,  
Administrative  
Assistant**



### THIS WEEK – 12/31

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: Volunteer Needed  
Liturgist: Bill Warren  
Coffee Fellowship: Darla Johnson, Brenda Johnson  
Counters: Doug, Rachel, Nancy  
Audio Tech: Guy Rayon, Earl Lash  
Computer Tech: Jason Pettet  
Sunday School: Carolyn Thon

### IN HIS SERVICE

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Coffee Fellowship: George & Edna Fleming  
Counters: Mike, Joan, Blanche  
Audio Tech: Guy Rayon, Earl Lash  
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### NEXT WEEK – 1/7

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### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

**Keep the following persons in your thoughts and prayers:** Doris Marr, 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.