

United Methodist Church (587-9544)
North Rose, New York

December 5, 2010
Second Sunday of Advent

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PRELUDE "Joy to the World" Handel

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

*(Please pass the Fellowship Folders to those seated next to you.)
(If you have difficulty hearing, small earphones receptors from the sound system are available from the sound board operator.)*

CALL TO WORSHIP Romans 4: 7-8

*PASSING OF THE PEACE "Peace be with you." "And also with you."

*HYMNS OF PRAISE "Jesus, Name Above All Names"
"God and Man at Table are Sat Down"
(* invites all who are able to stand to praise God)

OPENING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 40: 1-11 p. 619

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

Erin Anthony, Gabby & Kirk Bailey & Emma McKown

SONG "Advent Song" (*back of hymnal—verse 2*)

ANTHEM "Lead Me To the Light" Jr. Choir

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

(Afterwards, kids age 3 through Grade 5 are welcome to go to J4J.)

*HYMN "Away In a Manger" p. 217

SHARING OUR JOYS & PRAYER CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER/PRAYER BOX PLACED ON ALTAR

MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

ANTHEM "Advent Hope" Martin

OFFERTORY PRAYER

MESSAGE "Christmas Promises: Forgiveness"

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Consecration

Giving of the Bread and Cup

(We invite you to use this time for quiet meditation, so that all have time to draw closer to God and to enjoy the music by Lucy Smith.)

*Prayer after Receiving *(in unison)*:

You have given yourself to us, Lord,
Now we give ourselves for others.
Your love has made us a new people.
As a people of love we will serve you with joy.
Your glory has filled our hearts;
Help us to glorify you in all things. Amen.

*PRAYER OF BLESSING

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *(sung by all)*

**O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!**

*POSTLUDE

“I Saw Three Ships”

Smith

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We welcome those who love God and believe in Jesus Christ to join with us in receiving Holy Communion. We welcome people of all ages and religious denominations, since we believe that Christ lived and died for us all. We will receive Communion at the altar rail—feel free to kneel or stand. Please note that there is gluten-free bread available in the small white paper cups. We invite you to eat the bread and drink the grape juice as they are handed to you. You are welcome to remain at the altar rail to pray as long as you wish. Please come to the front following the direction of the ushers and return by the side aisles. If you would prefer to be served in the pew, let one of the ushers know.

We heartily welcome all visitors here this morning and hope you will return to worship with us again. Please sign the guest book by the front door.

You are invited to remain after the service and enjoy conversation with one another. Coffee is available downstairs in the fellowship hall—grab a cup.

The Christmas Poinsettias on the altar today are in loving memory of Robert S. Johnson, Mr. & Mrs. Harry Sidler, and Howard & Mildred Sidler, by Nina S. Johnson and Susan Darling.

Today is the deadline for collecting mittens, hats, and scarves for the Mitten Tree Project to be shared with the Utica Neighborhood Center.

Please keep the following people in your prayers during the coming week: Jared Sherwin; Jill Sherwin; Paul Sieling; Ed & Michelle, Stephanie, Andrew Simpson.

FAITH HOME: Be “Secret Angels” this week. Every family member draws the name of someone else in the family and then secretly does special things to help & encourage them.

We are planning to raise money for the 2011 Vacation Bible School by having bake sales every two months. Our next bake sale will be next Sunday, December 12. We need people to bake items for the sale and people to buy. Thanks for supporting this great event! Any questions, please see Jennifer McKown (587-2136).

As snow season approaches, help with Sunday snow shoveling at the church entrances will again be needed this year. Please sign up for a Sunday... or more if you are able. Sign up is on the informational table in the Fellowship Hall, or contact Denise Patchen (587-4743).

Our annual **Angel Tree Project** has started. Tags are located in the back of the sanctuary detailing gifts to be purchased, wrapped and brought back to church. A sign-up poster is also in the back of the sanctuary to sign up for food items to be included in our giving. Very Important! All food items and gifts (wrapped with the gift tag attached) must be returned to church no later than **Fri. Dec. 17**, for sorting and distributing (note this new date for the collection). Please call Lori Peck with any questions. (587-9766 or llpeck3@hotmail.com).

Friendly NURSERY CARE for pre-school children is available anytime from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. It is located downstairs at the east end of the building.

There are order forms for **Christmas poinsettias** on the table at the bottom of the stairs. (So that we can have all orders processed in time, please return them to Melissa Taber by Mon. Dec. 13.)

The UMWomen will meet on Tues. Dec. 14, at 6:45 p.m. at the home of Gloria Petrosino, 10683 Valley Dr, Rose Elsie Teeple will present a program especially for Christmas. Betty Whitmore will have prayer favors and Gloria the refreshments.

The rosebud on the altar is in honor of the birth of Stella Elizabeth, daughter of Enrique & Heather (Mitchell) Oviedo, granddaughter of Duke & Becky Mitchell, great-granddaughter of Allan & Sue Mitchell, born on Nov. 27.

J4J (“Joyful for Jesus”) is the name of our new children’s Sunday School program. J4J is for all youngsters age 3 through 5th grade. It takes place during the worship service. Kids leave the service with Mrs. Bussard and the teachers following the “Time for Young Christians.” During the next 3 weeks, the Bible theme is “Follow the Star.” Each week the youngsters enjoy a different activity/learning center. All kids are welcome—come whenever you’re here!

Today – 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time

6:00 – 7:30 p.m. MS Youth: “Boston Q & A” (for parents & youth)

Monday – 7:00 p.m. Adult Handbell Rehearsal

Tuesday – 3:20 p.m. Jr. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday – 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Friday – Deadline for Jan/Feb. newsletter articles

Saturday – 1:00 p.m. HS Youth Christmas shopping for Angel Tree

Sun. Dec. 12 – Third Sunday of Advent, Featured Friends

9:15 a.m. Confirmation Class/ HS Youth/ Adult Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship: “Christmas Promises: Guidance,” Isaiah 60: 1-6

J4J – Joyful for Jesus (Children’s Sunday School)

11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time & Bake Sale (benefits VBS)

3:00-5:00 p.m. Holiday Concert @ Wolcott Presbyterian Church

6:00 – 7:30 p.m. NO Middle School Youth Group meeting

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Poinsettia Order Deadline

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