

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

December 12, 2010  
Third Sunday of Advent

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PRELUDE "Good King Wenceslas" Fox

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 Matthew 2: 9-11

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

\*HYMNS OF PRAISE "Come! Come! Everybody Worship" "Star Child"  
( \* invites all who are able to stand to praise God)

OPENING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 60: 1-6 p. 639

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

Aaron, Darcy & Gloria Petrosino and Ann Stevens

SONG "Advent Song" (back of hymnal—verse 3)

FEATURED FRIENDS Jeremy, Janet, Nolan & Lauren Sears

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

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

\*CAROL "We Three Kings" p. 254 (verse 1)

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 "O Night Divine" Miller

OFFERTORY PRAYER

MESSAGE "Christmas Promises: Guidance"

\*CAROL "The First Noel" p. 245 (verses 3, 4, 5)

\*PRAYER OF BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE "O Come, All Ye Faithful" Wade

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.

Everyone is invited downstairs to the Fellowship Hall following worship for refreshments. This is also a good opportunity to greet our featured friends, Jeremy, Janet, Nolan & Lauren Sears.

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.

A special word of thanks to Betty Whitmore for making the Advent wreath we are using each Sunday of Advent.

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.

Today is our Bake Sale for the 2011 Vacation Bible School There are wonderful desert for you to pick up! Thanks for supporting this great event! Any questions, please see Jennifer McKown (587-2136).

Please keep the following people in your prayers during the coming week: Al Smith; Bud & Lucy Smith; Dave & Sally Smith; Doug & Michelle Smith; Gordon & April, Danielle (Wunder), Megan Smith.

**FAITH HOME:** Talk about who are the loneliest/saddest people that you know personally. As a family, how could you share Christmas love with them?

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 tomorrow, Mon. Dec. 13.)

The sanctuary Christmas tree once again stands filled with the ornaments of our church families, past and present. If your family is not represented, we invite you to add yours to the tree anytime during the Christmas season. Simply fill out a tag from the basket below with the year and your family name & members. Then, attach the tag to your ornament and hang it on the tree. Ornaments, saved from year to year, fill our sanctuary trees with the love of our past church families as well as those of the present. (Some of the ornaments have lost their tags; if you gave an ornament in the past, you may want to check to make sure it has a tag.)

A Free Holiday Concert! Today, 3:00-5:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Wolcott. An Afternoon with Jeff Sawyer and guest soloist, Kelley Loveless.

The UMWomen will meet this Tuesday, December 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.

Our annual **Angel Tree Project** concludes this week. 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 **this Friday, December 17**, for sorting and distributing (note this new date for the collection). Please contact Lori Peck with any questions. (587-9766 or llpeck3@hotmail.com).

Do you enjoy Christmas caroling? Next Sunday, December 19, 6:00-7:30 p.m., we will walk through the village singing at homes and then return to the church for cookies & hot chocolate. Kids & adults are welcome! Please bring a flashlight with you.

Friday, Dec. 24, we will have three **Candlelight Christmas Eve Services**. During each service, the story of Jesus' birth will be told through scripture, anthems, drama, and favorite carols. Pastor Dan will preach on "The Prayers of Christmas." Each service will end with candle lighting and the singing of "Silent Night."

**5:30 p.m.** will be a family service featuring the Junior Choir & Bell Ringers, with our Sunday School kids presenting the nativity drama. Child care provided.

**8:00 p.m.** Chancel Choir & Adult Bell Ringers. Child care provided.

**11:00 p.m.** Christmas solos. Everyone will be invited to light small candles in the front of the sanctuary in memory of loved ones.

As snow season approaches, help with Sunday snow shoveling at the church entrances will again be needed this year. (Attention youth: this counts toward community service hours.) 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). Many thanks, Board of Trustees.

J4J (“Joyful for Jesus”) is the name of our new children’s Sunday School program (age 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade), during the worship service. Kids leave the service following the “Time for Young Christians.” Our December 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 & Bake Sale (benefits VBS)

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

NO MS Youth meeting tonight

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

*Poinsettia Order Deadline*

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

6:45 p.m. UMW meet at Gloria Petrosino’s

Wednesday – 7:00 p.m. Deficit Task Force meeting

Thursday – 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Saturday – 9:00 a.m. *Angel Tree Project Deadline*

Sun. Dec. 19 – Fourth Sunday of Advent, Jr. Choir, Adult Handbells

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

10:30 a.m. Worship: “Christmas Promises: Peace,” Isaiah 11: 1-9

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

11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time & Children’s Drama Rehearsal

6:00 – 7:30 p.m. MS Youth: All Church Christmas Caroling

(including all Middle School & High School youth)

Mon. Dec. 20 – 7:00 p.m. Adult Handbell Rehearsal

Church Offices Closed through Sunday Jan. 2

Tues. Dec. 21 – 3:20 p.m. Jr. Choir Rehearsal

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*Bathrooms are located downstairs, across from the kitchen.*