

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

December 4, 2011  
Second Sunday of Advent

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PRELUDE "There's a Song in the Air" Smith

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

Luke 1: 68-69

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

\*HYMNS OF PRAISE "Come, Let Us Worship the King" "Shout to the Lord"

*( \* invites all who are able to stand to praise God)*

OPENING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(unison)*

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

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

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 9: 2-7 p. 593

ANTHEM "Children, Go Where I Send You" Jr. Choir

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

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

SHARING OUR JOYS & PRAYER CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER/PRAYER BOX PLACED ON ALTAR

MORNING PRAYER

SOLO "O Holy Night" Bud Smith

MESSAGE "Light"

RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

ANTHEM "Come, Emmanuel" Besig

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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 Bud 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

*“Joy! Joy! Joy!”*

Mansfield

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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.

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.

*The rosebud on the altar is in honor of the birth of Michael VanOrman, son of Matt & Molly VanOrman, born on Nov. 25.*

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

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

Please keep the following people in your prayers during the coming week: Dennis & Sue, Richie, Donovan Caves; Jeanette Caves; Jon Caves, Josh Caves; Robin & Brenda Caves.

**FAITH HOME:** Take your family on an Advent silent prayer walk—as you pass by people and buildings, hold them in prayer. Give the kids some examples before you start. Sample route: start at the church and walk to the post office, the fire hall, and back to the church.

We are planning to raise money for the 2012 Vacation Bible School by having bake sales every two months. Our next bake sale will be next Sunday, December 11. 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 (871-6435).

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 Steve Guthrie (587-4339).

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 **Friday, December 16**, for sorting and distributing (note this new date for the collection). Please call Lori Peck with any questions. (587-9766 or llpeck3@hotmail.com).

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. 12.)

The UMWomen will meet on Sat. Dec. 10, at 9:00 a.m. at the home of Gloria Petrosino, 10683 Valley Dr, Rose, for a special Christmas program.

Check out the military bulletin board at the foot of the stairs to see a wonderful thank you note from Matt Klino's platoon leader, expressing gratitude for the care packages.

*The carillon will play on December 9, in memory of Iva Covey.*

Trying to find a meaningful gift for someone? Please consider our church's Alternative gift program. Copies of the pamphlet may be picked up from the "Upper Room" table in the back of the church. There are many options for gifts that will help in places of need. Please contact Bud Smith (483-8297, budnlucys@rochester.rr.com) if you have questions.

*Christmas books & videos are available to borrow in the church library.*

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**Today** – 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time

6:00 – 7:30 p.m. MS Youth: Program: "Away In a Manger"

*Mitten Tree Deadline*

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

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

**Thursday** – 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

**Saturday** – 9:00 a.m. UMWomen meet at Gloria Petrosino's

**Sun. Dec. 11** – Third Sunday of Advent

9:15 a.m. MS & HS Youth/Adult Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship: "All Is Well," Isaiah 40: 1-11

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

*Soloists include Noah Barnes & Kelley Loveless*

6:00 – 7:30 p.m. MS Youth "Gifts"

**Mon. Dec. 12** – 7:00 p.m. Adult Handbell Rehearsal

*Poinsettia Order Deadline*

**Tues. Dec. 13** – 3:20 p.m. Jr. Choir Rehearsal