

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

December 18, 2011  
Fourth Sunday of Advent

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PRELUDE "The Birthday of A King" Smith

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

*(Please pass the Fellowship Folders to those seated next to you.)*

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 95: 1-2

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

\*HYMNS OF PRAISE "Star Child" "Welcome to Our World"

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

OPENING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(unison)*

SCRIPTURE Luke 2: 8-20 p. 889

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

SONG "Advent Song" *(back of hymnal—verse 4)*

ANTHEM "Sweet Jesus In A Manger" 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

MORNING PRAYER

RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

ANTHEM "Christmas Tapestry" Handbells

OFFERTORY PRAYER

MESSAGE "Angels"

ANTHEM "Glory Of Christmas" Helvey

\*CAROL "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" p. 218

\*PRAYER OF BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" Williams

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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.

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.

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.

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

Please keep the following people in your prayers during the coming week: Jeff & Val, Anne, Ariana Chiarenzelli; Joe Chiarenzelli; Bob & Charlene Clement; Bruce & Terri Clingerman.

**FAITH HOME:** This week, choose a Christmas book from the church library or the public library to read together as a family.

Sunday snow shovelers (for the church entrances) are needed! Please sign up for a Sunday or more if you are able. Sign up is on the information table in the Fellowship Hall, or contact Steve Guthrie.

*(Attention youth: this counts toward community service hours.)*

Do you enjoy Christmas caroling? *Today* (Sunday, December 18), 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.

All of the church officers have a mailfolder downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Please take a moment to check yours—you may have some Christmas mail.

Would you like a set of dated offering envelopes for 2012? Please sign up on the list on the Upper Room table in the back of the church, and we will prepare a set for you.

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's names. 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.

Saturday, 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 "Home For 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 J4J 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 choirs. Everyone is welcome to light small candles in the front of the sanctuary in memory of loved ones.

*Hear Ye! Hear Ye! "Do You Hear What I Hear?"*

On **Christmas Sunday, December 25, at 10:30 a.m.**, we will have a special worship service, including favorite Christmas carols. Since several of the Chancel choir members will be away, we are inviting anyone who likes to sing— young, old, and anyone in between—to come and sing the familiar song, "Do You Hear What I Hear?" Percussionist Nolan Anthony will be lending his expertise on drums to the accompaniment. We will rehearse at 9:45 a.m. It is suggested that singers wear a red or white top (NO choir robes). Come join us in this "Candy Cane Choir" as we celebrate the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

*Please invite your family & friends, neighbors & co-workers  
to come to these special services.*

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Christmastime is the perfect time to read a book with a child or to curl up on the couch and enjoy a good story yourself! Our church library is filled with Christmas books (and videos) for children, teens, families, and adults. Everyone is welcome to borrow books—just look over the selection on the red library table downstairs in the Fellowship Hall (and on the nearby bookshelves). Add your name and the title of the book to the clipboard on the red table—then enjoy the book for a week or two. When you return the book, just cross your name off the check-out list.

**Today** – 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time  
11:30 a.m. Christmas Eve Drama Rehearsal  
1:00 p.m. Baptism  
6:00 – 7:30 p.m. All Church Christmas Caroling  
(including all Middle School & High School youth)

**Monday** – 7:00 p.m. Adult Handbell Rehearsal  
*Church Offices & Food Pantry Closed until Tues. Jan. 3*

**Tuesday** – No Jr. Choir Rehearsal

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

**Saturday** – 5:00 p.m. Jr. Choir practice

5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship—Jr. Choir & Drama

8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship—Chancel Choir & Adult Handbells

11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship—Christmas Choir & Handbells

**Sun. Dec. 25** – Christmas Sunday; Mission Bank Sunday

**No J4J, Youth, or Adult Sunday School; No MS Youth Group**

9:45 a.m. Candy Cane Choir Rehearsal

10:30 a.m. Worship: “O Little Town of Bethlehem,” Eph. 3: 14-21

**Tues. Dec. 27** – NO Jr. Choir Rehearsal

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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.

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.

**Church Web Site: <http://www.NorthRoseNYMethodist.com>**

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

Save the date: **College Student Lasagne Dinner** at Pastor Dan’s (10382 Clinton Ave., North Rose). Mon. Jan. 2, 6:00 p.m. No need to bring anything. Please RSVP by Sun. Jan. 1 (587-9544, NRUmOfficeAsst@rochester.rr.com).