

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

December 14, 2014
Third Sunday of Advent

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PRELUDE

“What Child Is This?”

Varner

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 42: 10

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

“Peace be with you.” “And also with you.”

*HYMNS OF PRAISE

“Emmanuel” “The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy”
(* invites all who are able to stand to praise God)

SILENT PRAYER/PRAAYER BOX PLACED ON ALTAR

OPENING PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER (*unison*)

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 1: 18-25

p. 835

Mary: Erin Anthony

Gabriel: Noah Barnes

Joseph: Steve Taber

SOLO

“Joseph’s Song”

Ken Dobbin

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

Randy, Renée, Tyler & Kendra Stewart

SONG

“Advent Song”

(back of hymnal—verse 3)

V1 Imagine what it is like to be a shepherd outside at night with your sheep, watching the stars and thinking about God.

V2 A shepherd loves and cares for his sheep. Jesus is like a shepherd who loves us.

V3 Let us put the shepherds and sheep into the manger scene.

V4 In the Bible, Isaiah wrote:

“God will take care of his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs together
and carry them in his arms;
he will gently lead their mothers.

V1 The first Advent candle reminds us that Jesus is the light of the world.

V2 The second candle tells us of the love of his family.

V3 The third candle is for the shepherds who came to visit the baby Jesus.

(Light three purple candles.)

V4 Let us pray: O God, fill us with Jesus' love. Help us to see that Jesus came for all people—for the lonely shepherds and also for each one of us. Help us to live as Jesus taught us. Amen.

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

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

Nursery care is also available for children age 3 and younger.)

*HYMN "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

SHARING OUR JOYS & PRAYER CONCERNS

ANTHEM

"Carol For Advent"

Besig

(Rosa Fox-Flute)

MORNING PRAYER

RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

ANTHEM

"Christmas Night"

Handbells

OFFERTORY PRAYER

MESSAGE

"See!"

*HYMN "O Little Town of Bethlehem" p. 230

*PRAYER OF BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

"While By My Sheep"

Hayes

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The elevator is currently broken. We apologize for the inconvenience. People are welcome to remain downstairs in the Fellowship Hall and view the service on the television monitor.

Please keep the following people in your prayers during the coming week: Jeff & Val, Ariana Chiarenzelli; Joe Chiarenzelli; Anne Chiarenzelli; Elliott & Heather Chun.

FAITH HOME: Each week we will be listing an activity that you can enjoy as a family to help us all grow in faith. Instead of kids buying gifts for family members, why not make them this year? There's a good sheet of suggestions on the library table.

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 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.

Today, following the worship service we will have a bake sale in the Fellowship Hall. This is an excellent opportunity to purchase some special holiday treats! Proceeds will help with camperships, the mission trip to Kentucky, and the middle school youth group trip. If you have questions please see Audrey or Jill Walker

Do you enjoy Christmas caroling? Next Sunday, December 21, 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.

Our annual **Angel Tree Project** has started. Gift tags and a sign-up poster is 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 19**, for sorting and distributing (note date for the collection). Questions? contact Lori Peck (587-9766)

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.)

If you would like to make a donation to the elevator fund, please mail donations or put them in the collection plates, and please be sure note "Elevator Fund" on checks and envelopes. Any and all contributions will be greatly

appreciated and donations in someone's memory or honor are always acknowledged. Thank you for your consideration of this need to keep our church accessible to all who wish to attend our services and activities.

Our church web site is <http://www.NorthRoseNYMethodist.com>

Today – 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time: Jill Virtz

11:30 a.m. Bake Sale (Camp/Youth)

3:00-5:00 p.m. Holiday Concert at First Presbyterian, Wolcott

Soloist include: Kelley Loveless

6:00-7:30 p.m. MS Youth Group: Christmas Party

Monday – Jan/Feb Newsletter Deadline

7:00 p.m. Adult Handbells

Tuesday – 3:20-4:30 p.m. Jr. Choir

Thursday – 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Friday – Angel Tree Deadline

Saturday – Angel Tree Packing/Pick-up

Sun. Dec. 21 – Fourth Sunday of Advent; Jr. Choir

9:15 a.m. Youth/Adult Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship: "Rejoice!" Luke 2: 1-12

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

11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time

11:30 a.m. Christmas Eve Drama Rehearsal

6:00-7:30 p.m. All Church Christmas Caroling (with MS/HS Youth)

Mon. Dec. 22 – 7:00 p.m. Adult Handbells

Tues. Dec. 23 – 3:20 p.m. Jr. Choir

Wed. Dec. 24 – 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship-Jr. Choir & Drama

8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship-Chancel Choir, Handbells, Drama

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

Soloist: Noah Barnes

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Pastor: Rev. Dan Corretore

Pastor's Office Assistant: Melissa Taber

Praise Music: Ken & Kim Dobbin

Accompanist: Kim Dobbin

Organist: Jan McDorman

Organist Emerita: Lorraine Wilson

Church Secretary: Mary Anjo

Child/Youth Support: Roxie Walker

Chancel & Bell Choir Director: Lucy Smith

Custodian: Lois Loveless

Jr. Choir Director: Lucinda Collier

Visiting Ministry Coordinators: Carol Agnew & Gloria Petrosino

Sound: Garrett Coons

Projection: Haley Taber

Greeter: Donna Porter

Nursery Coordinator: Kim Sember

Lay Reader: Noah Barnes

Head Usher: Don Ballagh

Counters: Chris Galek, June Smith

Announcements: Mary Anjo

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Bathrooms are located downstairs across from the kitchen.