

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

December 21, 2014  
Fourth Sunday of Advent

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PRELUDE "Away in a Manger" Warner

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

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

CALL TO WORSHIP Luke 2: 12

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*"Peace be with you." "And also with you."*

\*HYMNS OF PRAISE

"Worship the King" "Welcome to Our World"  
( \* invites all who are able to stand to praise God)

SILENT PRAYER/PRAYER BOX PLACED ON ALTAR

OPENING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(unison)*

ANTHEM

Jr. Choir

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2: 1-12

p. 889

Mary: Erin Anthony    Gabriel: Noah Barnes    Joseph: Steve Taber  
Shepherds: Randy Stewart, Charlie Tompkins

SOLO "Mary's Song: Breath of Heaven" Kim Dobbin

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

Wayne & Sharon Rice

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

This is the Sunday before Christmas. It is only a short time until Jesus' birthday. Let's think about the ways we have given love to others during this Advent season.

Today we place the wise men by the manger scene.

They gave their love and gifts to Jesus, and they traveled from far away to visit him. They show us that Jesus came to help the rich and the wise, as well as the poor and humble.

Each of the candles of the Advent wreath remind us of something. The first is that Jesus is the light of the world.

The second candle tells us about Mary and Joseph and their love.

The third candle is for the shepherds who visited Jesus.

And the fourth candle is for the wise men who brought him gifts.

*(Light the four outer candles.)*

Let us pray: God, help us to give to others as the wise men gave to Jesus... and show us new ways to share love during this special season. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

## TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

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

\*HYMN "Angels We Have Heard on High" p. 238 (vs. 1 & 3)

SHARING OUR JOYS & PRAYER CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

ANTHEM "While Shepherds Were Watching" Williams

OFFERTORY PRAYER

MESSAGE "Rejoice!"

\*HYMN "Joy to the World" p. 246 (vs. 1 & 2)

\*PRAYER OF BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE "Still, Still, Still" 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.

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.

Please keep the following people in your prayers during the coming week: Vern & Kendall, Oliver Clark; Bob & Charlene Clement; Larry & Janet Clingerman.

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 rose on the altar is in honor of the birth of Emily Jane Finn on December 13, 2014. She is the daughter of Dan & Kelley Caves Finn, the little sister of Jack Finn, the granddaughter of Jon Caves and Dawn Caves, and the great-granddaughter of Jeanette Caves.*

Do you enjoy Christmas caroling? This evening from 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.

**FAITH HOME:** Each week we will be listing an activity that you can enjoy as a family to help us all grow in faith. Everyone pick a religious Christmas song and figure out choreography (maybe movements, signing, or dance) to go with it. Put together a show for your family.

Wednesday evening, 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 Kindness of Strangers." 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 Handbell Choir. Child care provided. Everyone is welcome to light small candles in the front of the sanctuary in memory of loved ones.

**11:00 p.m.** Christmas Choir, Adult Handbell Choir, and soloist, Noah Barnes. Everyone is welcome to light small candles in the front of the sanctuary in memory of loved ones.

We will celebrate College Student Sunday next Sun. December 28 at 10:30 a.m., with our college students participating in worship. The message will be "Share!" with scripture from Luke 2: 8-14. Following the service, there will be a chance to greet the students and enjoy refreshments downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. All students are invited to Pastor Dan's home (10382 Clinton Ave., North Rose) for a lasagne lunch at 12:00 p.m.

Next Sunday, we will receive our monthly **Mission Bank** offering. This offering helps support the work of missionaries: Olga Gonzalez is the director of the Westside Urban Mission in Syracuse and is responsible for outreach to the children & youth of this poverty-stricken neighborhood. Dr. Mark Zimmerman is the director of the Nick Simons Institute for Rural Health in Nepal.

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

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

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

Tuesday – 3:20 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Jr. Choir

Wednesday – Church Offices Closed

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

Thursday – Merry Christmas! Church Offices Closed  
No Chancel Choir

Friday – Church Offices Closed

Sun. Dec. 28 – College Student & New Year's Sunday; Mission Bank  
Soloist: Noah Barnes

No Youth/Adult Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship: "Share!" Luke 2: 8-14

No J4J – Joyful for Jesus (Children's Sunday School)

11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time

Noon College Student Lasagne Dinner at Pastor Dan's

No MS Youth Group

Mon. Dec. 29 – No Adult Handbells

Tues. Dec. 30 – No Jr. Choir

Thur. Jan. 1 – Happy New Year! Church Offices Closed

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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

Church Secretary: Mary Anjo

Chancel & Bell Choir Director: Lucy Smith

Jr. Choir Director: Lucinda Collier

Visiting Ministry Coordinators: Carol Agnew & Gloria Petrosino

Sound: Dave Fox

Greeter: Barbara Anthony

Lay Reader: Noah Barnes

Counters: Audrey & Jill Walker

Organist Emerita: Lorraine Wilson

Child/Youth Support: Roxie Walker

Custodian: Lois Loveless

Projection: Abby Hilkert

Nursery Coordinator: Kim Sember

Head Usher: Don Ballagh

Announcements: Mary Anjo

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*Bathrooms are located downstairs across from the kitchen.*