



North Rose United Methodist Church

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We Gather for Worship

Sunday, November 27, 2016, 10:30 a.m.

First Sunday of Advent

At the asterisk (), all who are able are invited to stand.*

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

*Large-print bulletins and hymnals are available from the greeters.
Please pass the Fellowship Folders to those seated next to you.*

PRELUDE, "Good Christian Friends Rejoice" Kim

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE Insert

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

* PRAISING GOD WITH SONG

PRESENTATION OF PRAYER BOX BY THE CHILDREN

SILENT PRAYER; OPENING PRAYER; THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come,

thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

MISSION BANK OFFERING

(Kids will collect gifts for our missionary in Nepal, Dr. Mark Zimmerman.)

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

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We Hear God's Word

ANTHEM, "Advent Hymn"

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

The creative energy of God came to live among us as one of us,
a light to all people, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14 alt.)

**Prepare our hearts, O God, to receive your Word, that Christ
may be born anew in us today. Amen.**

SCRIPTURES

First Lesson, Isaiah 2:1-5

Pew Bible, p. 587

The Gospel, Romans 13:11-14

Pew Bible, p. 987

ANTHEM, "Thanks Be To God"

Handbell Choir

MESSAGE, "Always We Begin Again"

* HYMN 206, "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

We Respond with Thanksgiving

INVITATION

RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY, "The First Noel"

Tornquist

* SONG OF PRAISE (Doxology)

from Hymn 184

**Christ, to thee with God the Father,
and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,**

**hymn and chant and high thanksgiving,
and unwearied praises be:
honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory,
evermore and ever more. Amen.**

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

* HYMN 569, "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"

* BLESSING

* POSTLUDE, "English Carol Medley" Hayes

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Today, we will receive our monthly Mission Bank offering. This offering helps support the work of missionary Dr. Mark Zimmerman, serving at Patan Hospital in Kathmandu, Nepal.

United Methodist Student Sunday offering will be taken today.

United Methodist Student Sunday provides loan and scholarship funds for undergraduate and graduate students attending United Methodist-related and other accredited colleges and universities. Offering envelopes can be found in the back of sanctuary and on the information table downstairs.

We will be decorating our church sanctuary **today**, after the church service. Everyone is welcome to help with this preparation for the Advent season. Please come and help, stay for as long as you can - probably around an hour. Thank you!

Please keep the following people in your prayers during the coming week: June Smith; Doug & Michelle Smith; Bud & Lucy Smith; Alan & Diane Smith.

SAVE THE DATE! Santa's Workshop (formerly known as the UMW

Bazaar) Sat., Dec. 3, from 9 am to 2 pm. Lots of help is needed. Volunteer or please say 'yes' if asked.

There are order forms for **Christmas poinsettias** on the table at the bottom of the stairs in the Fellowship Hall & in the back of the sanctuary. (So we can have all orders processed in time, please return them to Melissa Taber by **Mon., Dec. 5.**) Thank you.

Today we will put up our Christmas tree in the sanctuary. The tree will be decorated with ornaments shared by our church families, past and present. We invite you to add an ornament to the tree from your family anytime during the Christmas season. Simply fill out a tag from the glass dish 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 tree with the love of our past church families as well as those of the present.

Our "Mitten Tree" will be put up to gather mittens for the Utica Neighborhood Center until Sunday, Dec. 4. Bring your store-bought and hand-made mittens for the children of the inner-city of Utica and hang them on the tree. Let us decorate it from top to bottom! They would also appreciate board or card games for youth ages 8-12 or story books for ages 8-12, these should be classics or stories of traditional family life. Also needed are Barbie and Ken dolls, wooden puzzles and fitted crib sheets. There will be a box for these items under the tree. Thank you in advance for your generous gifts.

Our annual **Angel Tree Project** has started. Gift tags and a sign-up poster are 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 on top) must be returned to church no later than **Friday, December 16**, for sorting and distributing. Please call Lori Peck with any questions. (587-9766 or llpeck3@hotmail.com).

There will be a Bake Sale on Sunday, December 11, following the worship service, in the Fellowship Hall. This is an excellent opportunity to purchase some special holiday treats! We're looking for lots of people to donate items for the Bake Sale and lots of shoppers, too! Proceeds from the Bake Sale will help with cost of Vacation Bible School. Thanks for your support! For more information contact Cindy Conboy, faithwaltz@yahoo.com.

Heating Season- now that the days & nights are growing colder, we need your help to save on fuel costs. If you are in charge of an activity at the church, please make sure all interior doors & windows are closed when you leave, and that there is nothing blocking the heat registers. Also, it helps if you check to make sure all lights are off and there is no water left running.

The carillon will play on November 29 in memory of Lois Anthony.

Today – **11:30 a.m.** Fellowship Time; Church decorating

Monday – **7:00 p.m.** Adult Handbells

Tuesday – *Giving Tuesday-Gifts to Advance Doubled*

Thursday – **6:00-7:00 p.m.** 4-H

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Saturday – **9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.** Santa's Workshop (UMW Bazaar)

Sun. Dec. 4 – Second Sunday of Advent; Holy Communion;

Mitten Tree Deadline

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

10:30 a.m. Worship

Scripture- Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-7, 13

J4J Sunday School

11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time

Mon. Dec. 5 – Poinsettia Order Deadline

7:00 p.m. Adult Handbells

Tues. Dec. 6 – 1:00-4:00 p.m. Cards & Games

6:30 p.m. Trustees (tentative)

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Pastor: The Rev. Rich Neal Assistant Pastor: The Rev. Diane Walker

Secretary: Mary Anjo

Office Assistant: Melissa Taber

Accompanist: Kim Dobbin

Organist: Jan McDorman

Chancel & Bell Choir Director: Lucy Smith

J4J Choir Director: Lucinda Collier

Organist Emerita: Lorraine Wilson

Praise Music: Ken & Kim Dobbin

Head Usher: Aaron Petrosino

Greeters: Audrey & Jill Walker

Announcements: Mary Anjo

Lay Reader: Roxie Walker

Sound: *Position vacant*

Projection: Abby Hilkert

Child/Youth Support: Roxie Walker

Custodian: Lois Loveless

Visiting Ministry Coordinator: Ann Stevens

Counters: Kathy Barnes, Marlene Francis

Advent Wreath: Chuck & Patti Bowen

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For pastoral emergencies, contact Interim Pastor Rich Neal by cell phone, 716-984-3541, or by email at richneal@together.net.

\$1,299.00 Last Sunday's receipts for our operating budget

\$3,574.94 Average weekly receipts needed

91 Last Sunday's attendance