



# North Rose United Methodist Church

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We Gather for Worship

Sunday, December 11, 2016, 10:30 a.m.

Third 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, "There's A Song In The Air"

Livingston

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.**

J4J CHOIR “Children Go Where I Send You”

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

*(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 Meditation”

Liebergen

(Rosa Fox, flute)

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 35:1-2, 8-10

Pew Bible, p. 615

The Gospel, James 5:7-10

Pew Bible, p. 1056

MESSAGE, “Are You the One?”

\* HYMN 142, “If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee”

We Respond with Thanksgiving

INVITATION

RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY, “Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine”

Martin

\* 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 213, “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

\* BLESSING

\* POSTLUDE, “I Saw Three Ships” Smith

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**The one essential thing** — When Jesus saw Martha distracted and worked up over details at the dinner she and her sister Mary had invited him to, he said to her, “One thing only is essential” (Luke 10:38-42). What happened to Martha can happen to anyone, even to a whole congregation. Smaller, routine details can be so demanding of attention, we can lose sight of the most important reason why we are here and fritter away our best energy and resources. What is that one essential thing for us? Frederick Buechner thinks that place, the place to which God calls us, is where our deep gladness and the world’s deep hunger meet. It’s the place where our best gifts and our neighbors’ greatest needs intersect. In our fourth **Interim Process Event today**, we will focus on where that place is and what it suggests about why we are here and what we ought to be doing as a congregation to connect with our community. Join us following worship from **noon to about 1:45**. We will celebrate a fresh sense of ourselves, our gifts, and our calling and look ahead to how God may be leading us into new directions in ministry. A light lunch will be provided.

Please keep the following people in your prayers during the coming week: Robert Spade; Brittany Spade; Rachael Spade; Don & Brenda Spencer.

A Free Holiday Concert Today, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Wolcott. An afternoon with Jeff Sawyer and guest soloists, including Kelley Loveless.

There will be a Bake Sale today, 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](mailto:faithwaltz@yahoo.com).

The Christmas Poinsettias on the altar today are in loving memory of Robert S. & Nina Johnson, Mr. & Mrs. Harry Sidler, and Howard & Mildred Sidler, by Susan Darling.

Our annual **Angel Tree Project** has started. There are still a few 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 this **Friday, December 16**, for sorting and distributing. Please call Lori Peck with any questions. (587-9766, [llpeck3@hotmail.com](mailto:llpeck3@hotmail.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.

Here's an idea to save a little time (and money): deliver your Christmas cards to church friends using their mail folders. We have mail folders located in the fellowship hall by the choir room for each person who is a church officer. Please be sure you check your folder if you have one—you don't want to miss out on Christmas greetings!

If your family is not represented on our sanctuary Christmas tree, we invite you to add an ornament from your house 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.

We have a prayer box on the small table in the back of the sanctuary. Everyone is welcome to write prayer needs on a slip of paper and place them in the box. This prayer box is laid on the altar each Sunday. Pastor Rich takes the prayer requests home and continues to pray for these needs during the coming week. However, if you wish to keep your request known to God alone, just write "private" on the front, and Pastor Rich will not read it.

On **Christmas Eve** (Saturday, Dec. 24) we will celebrate the Word moving into our neighborhood with three worship services. At each service, the story of Jesus' birth will be told through scripture, anthems, drama, and favorite carols. Pastor Rich's message, "A Star in the Wind," will be based on Isaiah's message of hope, "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined" (Isa. 9:2). Each service will include candle lighting and the singing of "Silent Night."

**5:30 p.m.**, a family service will feature the J4J children singing and drama. Child care will be provided.

**8:00 p.m.**, the service will feature the Chancel Choir, soloists, and adult bell ringers, as well as the Nativity drama. There will also be an opportunity to light candles in memory of loved ones or friends. Child care will be provided.

**11:00 p.m.**, we will end the day with an adaptation of the traditional service of lessons and carols, including offerings by a Christmas choir, soloists, and adult bell ringers.

On **Christmas Day** our 10:30 a.m. worship celebration will be an informal, come-as-you-are event that will feature the singing of some of your favorite Christmas carols and a brief message by Pastor Rich. Plan now to join us for one of the most heartwarming times of the year.

NURSERY care is available for babies, toddlers & pre-schoolers. It is located downstairs (east end of the building). Bathrooms are located downstairs across from the kitchen.

We have lots of great Christmas books and videos—for young children, elementary aged kids, teens, and adults! Check out our church library, downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. All books may be borrowed for two weeks by signing them out on the clipboard.

Our church web site is

**<http://www.NorthRoseNYMethodist.com>**

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

**11:30 a.m.** Bake Sale (VBS)

**12:00-1:45 p.m.** Interim Process workshop & light lunch

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

Soloists include: Kelley Loveless

Monday – 7:00 p.m. Adult Handbells

Thursday – **Jan./Feb. Newsletter Deadline**

6:00-7:00 p.m. 4H

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Friday – Angel Tree Deadline

Saturday – Angel Tree Packing/Pickup

Sun. Dec. 18– Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

10:30 a.m. Worship

Scripture: Isaiah 7:10-16; Matthew 1:18-25

J4J Sunday School

11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time: Audrey, Jill & Roxie Walker

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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: Don Ballagh

Greeter: Donna Porter

Announcements: Mary Anjo

Lay Reader: Ann Stevens

Sound: *Position vacant*

Projection: Clayton Reed

Child/Youth Support: Roxie Walker

Custodian: Lois Loveless

Visiting Ministry Coordinator: Ann Stevens

Counters: Bev Finch, Chris Galek

Advent Wreath: Jim & Deanna Wiltsie, Emilia & Angel

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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](mailto:richneal@together.net).

\$11,609.78 Last Sunday's receipts for our operating budget

\$3,574.94 Average weekly receipts needed

92 Last Sunday's attendance