



North Rose United Methodist Church

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We Gather for Worship

Sunday, December 18, 2016, 10:30 a.m.

Fourth 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, "Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow"

Hayes

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

(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, "He Is Born, Emmanuel"

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 7:10-16

Pew Bible, p. 591

The Gospel, Matthew 1:18-25

Pew Bible, p. 835

MESSAGE, "Look Again"

* HYMN 218, "It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

We Respond with Thanksgiving

INVITATION

RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY, "Silent Night"

Vibbard

* 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 230, “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

* BLESSING

* POSTLUDE, “Bring a Torch Jeannette, Isabella”

Wagner

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A Sunday Christmas — Not very often does Christmas fall on Sunday, only once every seven years or so, and this is one of those years. In keeping with the gentleness of the night before – “How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given” – we will have a simpler worship experience Christmas morning, one that includes an informal celebration of the Lord’s Supper. And there will be no Sunday school that day. So come relaxed and ready to share in the gentle glow of Nativity morning, to celebrate the renewed and renewing presence of Christ among us. See you then!

Please keep the following people in your prayers during the coming week: Cynthia Spencer, Trinity, Tiana; Fred & Alice Sprout; Eric Sprout.

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.

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. 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.

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.

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

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.

Would you like a dated set of offering envelopes for 2017? If so, please sign the list located on the information table, or contact the church office, 587-9544.

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

Monday – 7:00 p.m. Adult Handbells

Tuesday – 1:00-4:00 p.m. Cards & Games

Thursday – 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Saturday – Christmas Eve Services-

5:30 p.m. J4J Choir & Drama

8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir, Drama, Handbell Choir

11:00 p.m. Scripture & Carols, Choir, Soloist(s)

Sun. Dec. 25 – Christmas Sunday; Mission Bank

No Adult/Youth Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

Scripture Isaiah 63:7-9; Matthew 2:13-23

No J4J Sunday School

11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time

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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: Barb Anthony
Announcements: Mary Anjo Lay Reader: Darcy Petrosino
Sound: *Position vacant* Projection: Ella Hilkert
Child/Youth Support: Roxie Walker Custodian: Lois Loveless
Visiting Ministry Coordinator: Ann Stevens
Counters: Becky Mitchell, Dolly Salerno
Advent Wreath: Aaron Dennis, Leah Stuck, Zoe & Addie

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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.

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.

\$2,565.50 Last Sunday's receipts for our operating budget

\$3,574.94 Average weekly receipts needed

94 Last Sunday's attendance