

We Gather for Worship

Sunday, December 16, 2018, 10:30 a.m. Children's Christmas Pageant

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

PRELUDE, "Manger Medley"

Bober

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 5:11-12

Leader: But let all who take refuge in thee rejoice, let them ever sing for joy; and do thou defend them, that those who love thy name may exult in thee.

People: For thou dost bless the righteous, O Lord; thou dost cover him with favor as with a shield.

* GREETING/PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

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

* PRAISING GOD WITH SONG
PRESENTATION OF PRAYER BOX BY THE CHILDREN
OPENING PRAYER
THE LORD'S PRAYER

LIGHTING THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

ADVENT SONG

INVITATION

(back of hymnal—verse 3)

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY, "Away in Manger"

Varner

* SONG OF PRAISE

What can I give him, poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;

If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part; Yet what I can I give him: give my heart.

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BLESSING/INTRODUCTION OF CHILDREN'S PAGEANT

"THE CHRISTMAS STORY"

THE DECREE

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:1-3 CHANCEL CHOIR "Traveling Back"

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JESUS IS BORN IN BETHLEHEM

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:4-5

CAROL, 230 "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (vs 1)

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:6-7

CAROL, 239 "Silent Night" (vs 1 and 3)

ANGELS

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:8-14

CAROL, 240 "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" (vs 1)

SHEPHERDS

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:15-20

CAROL, 251 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" (chorus, vs 1, chorus)

WISE MEN

SCRIPTUREMatthew 2: 1-11

CAROL, 254 "We Three Kings" (vs 1, chorus)

SCRIPTURE Matthew 2:12

MEDLEY ENDING

"A CHRISTMAS MEDLEY"

Dramatists and Choir

- "Were You There on That Christmas Night?"
 - Abby Hilkert, Lannon Loveless, Dominique Warring
- "The First Noel"
- "Away in a Manger" Emilia Sedore, Mackenzie Warring
- "Angels We Have Heard on High"

PASTOR'S CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

- * HYMN, 246 "Joy To The World"
- * DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING
- * POSTLUDE, "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Larson

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** (Monday, Dec. 24) we will celebrate the Word moving into our neighborhood with **two** evening services. Each service will include candle lighting and the singing of "Silent Night."

7:00 p.m., the traditional service will feature the Nativity drama and Chancel Choir.

11:00 p.m., we will end the day with an adaptation of the traditional service of lessons and carols, and adult bell ringers.

ATTENTION FAMILIES OF YOUTH! Camp Casowasco is having a winter youth retreat, "SOLID Youth Retreat" (January 25-27, 2019). Please go to www.casowasco.org and click on the "SOLID Youth Retreat" link for more information. If you are interested in attending, please let Pastor Anne know, 315-587-1113 or annebcanfield@gmail.com. Thank you!

The 4-H Group is collecting pet food for area food cupboards. The collection box is located in the fellowship hall on the red library cart. Thank you for your donation!

You are invited to remain after the service and enjoy conversation with one another. Coffee is available downstairs in the fellowship hall; we hope you will join us!

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.

Snow Shovelers Needed! Help with Sunday snow shoveling at the church entrances is needed this year. (Attention youth: this counts toward community service hours.) Please sign up for a Sunday... or more if you are able. A sign-up sheet is located on the information table in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

Now that the days & nights are 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.

A Pastor Anne will no longer be using her former office in The Wesley Building due to her mold allergies. If you need to meet with Pastor Anne, please contact her at the parsonage 315-587-1113, to arrange a time for her to meet you in the Church Chapel. This change has been approved by our District Superintendent.

Prayer Chain Requests: If you have a request, call or email the church office at 587-9544 or nrumcofficeasst@rochester.rr.com and we will activate the prayer chain for that request. When the office is closed, contact Linda Tompkins at 587-9061. Thank you!

The church still collects used stamps, medicine bottles (please remove labels) and ink cartridges. The collection boxes are located in the fellowship hall. Thank you!

Today – 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time: Rachel Tompkins
No VBS Bake Sale today
Wednesday – 1:00-4:00 p.m. Cards & Games
6:30 p.m. Advent Bible Study
Thursday – 10:00 a.m. Advent Study
6:00 p.m. 4-H
6:00-7:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
Sun. Dec. 23 – Advent Four
9:15 a.m. Youth/Adult Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship, J4J Sunday School
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time

Mon. Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Services 7:00 p.m. Traditional Service with pageant, choir

11:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols, Handbells

<u>Tues. Dec. 25</u> –Merry Christmas! Church Office Closed *Pastor Anne away through Sat. Dec. 29*

<u>Thurs. Dec. 27</u> – No Chancel Choir or Handbells Rehearsals

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Pastor: Rev. Anne Canfield

Secretary: Mary Anjo
Office Assistant: Melissa Taber

Accompanist: Kim Dobbin Organist: Jan McDorman

Organist Emerita: Lorraine Wilson Choir Director: Lucinda Collier

Head Usher: Don Ballagh Greeter: Nancy Ballagh

Announcements: Mary Anjo Lay Reader: TBD

Sound: Charlie Tompkins Projection: Braden McKown, Kal Warring

Child/Youth Support: Roxie Walker Custodian: Lois Loveless

Visiting Ministry Coordinator: Ann Stevens

Counters: Chris Galek, Bev Finch Praise Music: Ken & Kim Dobbin

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78 Last Sunday's attendance

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 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!

NATIVITY PARTICIPANTS

Readers: Zachary Masten

Emilia Sedore

Mary: Hannah Masten Joseph: Parker Maybe

Angels: Mackenzie Warring

Lylah Ciaramella Brooklyn King Justin King Quinn Whitcomb

Shepherds: Braxton Anjo

Tyler Maybe

Angel Rodriguez

Kings: Zachariah Warring

Hayden Whitcomb

Teachers: Mary Anjo

Cindy Conboy Larry Canfield