

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

December 25, 2011  
Christmas Sunday

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**PRELUDE**

*“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”*

Southbridge

**LIFE IN THE CHURCH**

*(Large print bulletins & hymnals are available from the greeters.)*

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Leader: Come away, come away, come today to Bethlehem.*

**People:** Come adore on bended knee, him whose birth the angels sing.

*Leader: Come away, come away, come from your busy celebrations to a place of quietness and peace.*

**People:** Come with wonder, come with awe. Kneel before the manger.  
Sing with joy, praise God, for the time of promise has come!

*Leader: Come away, come away, come today to Bethlehem.*

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*“Peace be with you.” “And also with you.”*

**\*CAROL**

*“The First Noel”*

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*( \* invites all who are able to stand to praise God)*

**OPENING PRAYER**

**CAROL**

*“Good King Wenceslas”*

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**SCRIPTURE**

*Ephesians 3: 14-21*

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*St. Paul’s prayer that Jesus would live in the heart of believers,  
so that they would know the fullness of God’s love.*

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

*(Steve, Melissa, and Haley Taber)*

**ADVENT WREATH SONG *(all)***

Light the Christmas candles now,  
Sing of donkey, sheep, and cow.  
Birthday candles for the king,  
Let the Alleluias ring.

Candle, candle burning bright,  
Shining in the cold winter night.  
Candle, candle burning bright,  
Fill our hearts with Christmas light.

At last it is Christmas Day, the day when Jesus was born.

Let us place the baby Jesus in the manger scene.

And let us light all the candles on the Advent wreath.

*(Light candles.)*

The center white candle is lit because Christmas is here,  
and Jesus is the most special Christmas gift in the world.

It is Jesus' birthday.

It's a day to show love.

It's a day to pray for peace on earth.

It's a day to worship God, and to thank God for all our blessings.

Let us pray: Thank you, God, for all we have and all we share. Thank you most  
of all for the gift of your Son. Help us to share our love & bring us peace  
always. Amen.

ANTHEM

*"Do You Hear What I Hear?"*

Simeone

Percussionist: Nolan Anthony

SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER/PRAYER BOX PLACED ON ALTAR

CAROL

*"Angels From the Realms of Glory"*

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MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

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

*(There will not be J4J today, so our kids can enjoy the Christmas service.)*

## MISSION BANK OFFERING

*(Children will collect gifts to support our Missions in Syracuse & Nepal.)*

## RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY

*“Christmas Medley”*

Piano: Lucy Smith Organ: Jan McDorman

### \*CAROL

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.

### \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

### MESSAGE

*“Born In Us”*

### CAROL

*“O Little Town of Bethlehem”*

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### \*CAROL

*“Joy to the World”*

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### \*PRAYER OF BLESSING

### \*POSTLUDE

*“Carols of Joy & Wonder”*

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We 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.

Friendly NURSERY CARE for pre-school children is available anytime from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. It is located downstairs at the east end of the building.

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.

Please keep the following people in your prayers during the coming week: Larry & Janet Clingerman; Betty Closs; Crystal Cole; Mitchell Cole; Don, Rylee Collea; Bill Collier.

You are invited to remain after the service for the Fellowship Time. It will be held downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.

Pastor: Rev. Dan Corretore

Organist: Jan McDorman

Junior Choir Director: Lucinda Collier

Visiting Ministry Team Leaders: Carol Agnew & Gloria Petrosino

Praise Music: Ken & Kim Dobbin

Greeters: Aaron & Darcy Petrosino

Counters: Jill & Audrey Walker and Walt Agnew

Nursery: Ember Hilkert

Church Secretary: Bertha Alderman

Organist Emerita: Lorraine Wilson

Chancel & Bell Choir Director: Lucy Smith

Sound System: Nolan Anthony

Accompanist: Kim Dobbin

Lay Reader: Roxie Walker

Head Usher: Dave Fremouw

Custodian: Brad Caves

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

**No Middle School Youth Group meeting**

*Church Offices Closed until Tuesday, January 3*

**Tuesday** – **No Jr. Choir**

**Thursday** – **No Chancel Choir Rehearsal**

**Sun. Jan. 1** – New Year's Sunday; Holy Communion; Luke 2: 21-40

**No Sunday School, J4J**

9:45 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

10:30 a.m. Worship: "A New Beginning"

11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time

6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Group

**Mon. Jan. 2** – 6:00 p.m. Lasagne Dinner for College Students

at Pastor Dan's (10382 Clinton Ave.)

**Tues. Jan. 3** – **No Jr. Choir**

4:30 p.m. NRUMC is Community Sponsor of Boys Swim Meet

6:00 & 7:30 p.m. Community Sponsor of Girls Basketball

*(We are Community Sponsor of all the NRW Sports Matches this week.)*

**Wed. Jan. 4** – 7:00 p.m. Staff-Parish Relations Team meeting

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**FAITH HOME:** Could you make a Christmas carol into a mini-drama (for instance, "The First Noel")? Or, add movement, dance, or sign language to a Christmas carol. Plan a presentation for the family.

Today, we are receiving our Mission Bank offering. This offering helps support the work of missionaries: The United Methodist Westside Urban Mission in Syracuse 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.