

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

December 22, 2013
Fourth Sunday of Advent

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PRELUDE “O Little Town of Bethlehem” Thygerson

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Luke 2: 12

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

*HYMNS OF PRAISE

“The Snow Lay on the Ground” “The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy”

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

SILENT PRAYER/PRAYER BOX PLACED ON ALTAR

OPENING PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER *(unison)*

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 2: 5-11

p. 1023

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

High School Class

SONG

“Advent Song” *(back of hymnal—verse 4)*

This is the Sunday before Christmas. It is only a short time until Jesus’ birthday. Let’s think about the ways we have given love to others during this Advent season.

Today we place the wise men by the manger scene.

They gave their love and gifts to Jesus, and they traveled from far away to visit him. They show us that Jesus came to help the rich and the wise, as well as the poor and humble.

Each of the candles of the Advent wreath remind us of something. The first is that Jesus is the light of the world.

The second candle tells us about Mary and Joseph and their love.

The third candle is for the shepherds who visited Jesus.

And the fourth candle is for the wise men who brought him gifts.

(Light the four outer candles.)

Let us pray: God, help us to give to others as the wise men gave to Jesus... and show us new ways to share love during this special season. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

ANTHEM "Pretty Little Baby" Jr. Choir

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

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

*HYMN "Away in a Manger" p. 217

SHARING OUR JOYS & PRAYER CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

ANTHEM "He Is Born, Emmanuel" Liebergen
(Rosa Fox, Flute)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

MESSAGE "Lord"

*HYMN "Joy to the World" p. 246

*PRAYER OF BLESSING

*POSTLUDE "There's a Song in the Air" Smith
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We heartily 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.

Please keep the following people in your prayers during the coming week: Harold Teeple; Jim & Kathy Teeple; John & Linda Teeple.

FAITH HOME: Each week we will be listing an activity that you can enjoy as a family to help us all grow in faith. Choose a quiet family time in this busy week to light a candle and read aloud Luke 2:1-20.

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.

Do you enjoy Christmas caroling? This evening from 6:00-7:30 p.m., we will walk through the village singing at homes and then return to the church for cookies & hot chocolate. Kids & adults are welcome! Please bring a flashlight with you.

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*The red poinsettia on the altar is given in memory of Jean Walker
by her family.*

We have a special gift for your family this Christmas. Please take home one of the ornaments on the back table for your Christmas tree. You will see that each ornament reminds us of the many ways Jesus blesses our lives as “Emmanuel—God With Us,” “Savior,” “Christ, the King,” and “Lord.” May the joy of Jesus’ presence remain with you & your family throughout the New Year 2014.

Tuesday evening, we will have three **Candlelight Christmas Eve Services**. During each service, the story of Jesus’ birth will be told through scripture, anthems, drama, and favorite carols. Pastor Dan will preach on “Christmas Light.” Each service will end with candle lighting and the singing of “Silent Night.”

5:30 p.m. will be a family service featuring the Junior Choir & Bell Ringers, with our J4J Sunday School kids presenting the nativity drama. Child care provided.

8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir & Adult Handbell Choir & Soloists. Child care provided. Everyone is welcome to light small candles in the front of the sanctuary in memory of loved ones.

11:00 p.m. Christmas drama & solos by our Young Adult Drama Ministries group, and music by the Adult Handbell Choir.

WHAT? “Open House”! Stop in and say “Hi” to Cindy & Jennie Conboy. WHEN? Fri. Dec. 27 from 3-7 pm. Where? Bud & Lucy Smith’s, 9404 Ridge Rd., North Rose.

We will celebrate College Student Sunday next Sun. December 29 at 10:30 a.m., with our college students participating in worship. The message will be “YOLO-Living for God” with scripture from Luke 1: 67-79. Following the service, there will be a chance to greet the students and enjoy refreshments downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. All students are invited to Pastor Dan’s home (10382 Clinton Ave., North Rose) for a lasagne lunch at 12:00 p.m.

Help with Sunday snow shoveling at the church entrances will again be needed this year. (Attention youth: this counts toward community service hours.) Please sign up for a Sunday or more if you are able. Sign up is on the informational table in the Fellowship Hall.

Many thanks, Board of Trustees.

Bathrooms are located downstairs across from the kitchen.

Today – 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time

11:30 a.m. Christmas Eve Drama Rehearsal

6:00-7:30 p.m. All Church Christmas Caroling (with MS/HS Youth)

Monday – 7:00 p.m. Adult Handbells

Tuesday – 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship-Jr. Choir & Drama

8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship—Chancel Choir, Handbells,
Drama, Soloists

11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship—Young Adult Drama, Handbells,
Soloists

Wednesday – Merry Christmas! Church Offices Closed

Thursday – No Chancel Choir

Friday – 3:00-7:00 p.m. Open House for Cindy & Jennie Conboy at
Bud & Lucy Smith's, 9404 Ridge Rd.

Sun. Dec. 29 – College Student & New Year's Sunday; Mission Bank
Blanket Sunday

No Youth/Adult Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship: "YOLO-Living for God" Luke 1: 67-79

No J4J – Joyful for Jesus (Children's Sunday School)

11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time

Noon College Student Lasagne Dinner at Pastor Dan's

No MS Youth Group

Mon. Dec. 30 – No Adult Handbells

Tues. Dec. 31 – No Jr. Choir

Wed. Jan. 1 – Happy New Year! Church Offices Closed

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Pastor: Rev. Dan Corretore

Pastor's Office Assistant: Melissa Taber

Praise Music: Ken & Kim Dobbin

Accompanist: Kim Dobbin

Organist: Jan McDorman

Organist Emerita: Lorraine Wilson

Church Secretary: Mary Anjo

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Greeter: June Smith

Nursery: Ember Hilkert

Lay Reader: Randy Stewart
Counters: Chris Galek, June Smith

Head Usher: Don Ballagh
Announcements: Chris Galek

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