

# SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 4, 2016

9:30 AM

WORDS OF WELCOME Rev. Roger Zavala

PRELUDE *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Donna Bach

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE The Gardner Family  
*Waiting* Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP Dan Gardner

Leader: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

**People: Blessed be your glorious name forever, O God, may your glory fill the whole earth.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

**People: Let us worship God!**

†OPENING HYMN *Angels We Have Heard on High* #238

†PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION Dan Gardner

**Most glorious God, you judge your people with righteousness and your poor with justice. The mountains yield prosperity for all your people and the hills are clothed with your splendor. You defend the cause of the poor and deliver the needy. You are like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth. Filled with the joy and peace of believing, we will sing to you our praises and serve you with our whole being, to the end that the nations may affirm your glory. Amen.**

Response: *I Love You, Lord* On the wall

CONGREGATIONAL AND PASTORAL PRAYER

Response: **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

†HYMN OF PREPARATION *The First Noel* #245

SCRIPTURE READING Old Testament: Isaiah 11:1-6 Dan Gardner

†Gospel: Matthew 3:1-10

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM *Be a Gift to a World in Need* Chancel Choir

MESSAGE “Make Straight Paths for Him” Rev. Roger Zavala

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION  
AND RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Communion/Offertory *Lullay, Thou Little Tiny Child* Donna Bach  
(Please bring your gifts forward.)

†Doxology On the wall

†Prayer of Dedication

**The voice of one crying in the wilderness calls us to prepare your way, O Lord. Among the sounds of society, you choose to reveal your will. Amid its clamor, we yearn to hear voices seeking your mercy. Send us forth with clear minds so that your way is proclaimed with foresight. And grant us your benediction so that our acts are sanctified by your grace. Amen.**

†CLOSING HYMN *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* #240

†BENEDICTION *Alleluia* All are invited to sing this praise to God.

POSTLUDE *Sing We Now of Christmas* Donna Bach

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† Those who are able are requested to stand.

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## **Wesley United Methodist Church**

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### **Vision:**

**Living in the light of God's love and following Christ, we joyfully embrace the future as a welcoming multi-cultural church. We gather for worship, learning, spiritual growth and fellowship. We go out to serve, sharing the light of Christ by promoting justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with God.**

(Adopted by the Wesley Church Council, April 14, 2013)

### **Sunday Morning Schedule**

9:30 A.M. Worship

Fellowship Time Following

Sunday School 11:00A.M. - Spanish Service 11:30 A.M.

### **Office Hours**

Monday through Thursday 9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

### **Church Staff**

Rev. Roger Zavala, Pastor

Gwen Catron– Office Administrator

Nereyda SanchezTio – Music Director

Donna Bach – Organist

Erika Bringas – Worship Multimedia

Flor Zavala – Education Lay Missioner

Omaira Mora – Lay Missioner

Rod Ball – Custodian

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