

# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 11, 2016

9:30 AM

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Roger Zavala

PRELUDE

*Do You Hear What I Hear*

Dan Gardner/Guitar

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

The Villarreal Family

*Waiting*

Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Trudy Wise

Leader: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.

**People: Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever.**

Leader: The Lord sets the prisoners free, opens the eyes of the blind, and lifts up those who are bowed down.

**People: The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!**

Leader: Let us worship God!

**People: Let us worship God!**

†OPENING HYMN *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (vs. 1, 2, 3) #211

†PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

Trudy Wise

**You are a God of bounteous gifts, O Lord, and we bless your name. You bestow mercies without end. Your people stand upright; you give sight to the blind. You have no patience with injustice, and the meek you do not turn away. We open our hearts to your presence, and our doors to the stranger. We gather as your people, brought together by your grace and made one by your love. Amen.**

Response:

*I Love You, Lord*

On the wall

CONGREGATIONAL AND 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.**

†HYMN OF PREPARATION *Angels from the Realms of Glory* #220  
(vs. 1, 2, 3)

SCRIPTURE READING Old Testament: Isaiah 35:1-10 Trudy Wise  
New Testament: Philippians 4:4-7

†Gospel: Luke 2:8-14

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC *Angels We Have Heard on High* Dan Gardner/Guitar

MESSAGE "Rejoice in the Lord!" Rev. Roger Zavala

RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory *The First Noel* Donna Bach/Nancy Gardner

†Doxology On the wall

†Prayer of Dedication

**We offer ourselves, O God, as messengers of peace and goodwill. Where war threatens and strife is real, we seek by grace to demonstrate your reconciling love. When hostilities persist and your people are alienated, our gift is Christ's promise of intercession and accord. May our words be combined with commitment to act, and our actions conform to your abiding desire. Amen.**

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

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

POSTLUDE *Joy to the World* Donna Bach/Nancy Gardner

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† Those who are able are requested to stand.

# DECEMBER 11, 2016



## **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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