

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 18, 2016

9:30 AM

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Roger Zavala

PRELUDE

Cold December Flies Away

Wesley Bells

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

Chuck Keysor, Dick Schif, and Ray Sievert

Waiting

Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Julie Ball

Leader: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!

People: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Leader: Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name.

People: Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, that we may be saved.

Leader: Let us worship God!

People: Let us worship God!

†OPENING HYMN *It Came upon the Midnight Clear* (vs. 1, 2, 4) #218

†PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

Julie Ball

Your face has shone upon us, O God, in the young woman who is with child. She will bear a son and name him Emmanuel, "God with us." Your presence shall hereafter be a source of comfort and guidance to all that call on your name. Your footsteps shall accompany us, your breath shall give us new life, your arms will console us, and your hands will be there to welcome us home. You are a God for all seasons and give us all reason to worship your name. Amen.

Response:

Emmanuel

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

O Come, All Ye Faithful

#234

(vs. 1, 2, 3)

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament: Isaiah 7:10-16

Julie Ball

†Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Away in the Manger

Chancel Choir/Wesley Bells

MESSAGE

"Music and Christmas Time"

Rev. Roger Zavala

RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Still, Still, Still

Donna Bach

†Doxology

On the wall

†Prayer of Dedication

The stage is set for the presentation of your gift of life, O Christ, and we are part of the company of players. As the curtain is about to rise, we prepare ourselves for our roles. We commit what we have to the drama that changes lives. Help us to step onto the stage with anticipation and boldness. May we know the script so well that we shall not falter as we share your gift, and ours. Amen.

†CLOSING HYMN

He Is Born

#228

†BENEDICTION

Alleluia

All are invited to sing this praise to God.

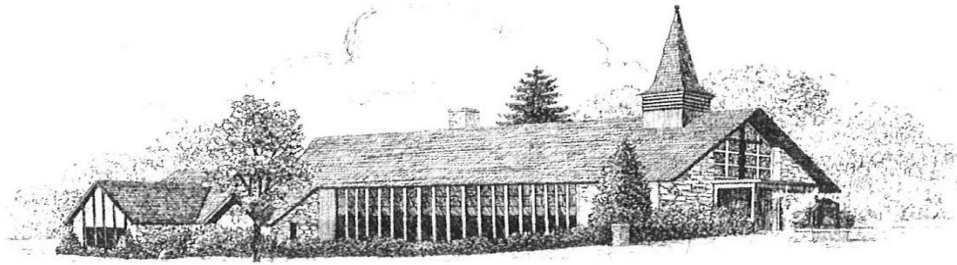
POSTLUDE

In the Bleak Midwinter

Wesley Bells

† Those who are able are requested to stand.

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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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