

CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24, 2016

7:00 P.M.

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Roger Zavala

PRELUDE

Christmas Selection

Hope

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Trinka and Don Waters

Waiting

Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Gary Bowen

Leader: Rejoice in the light of life!

People: We rejoice that God loves us so much

Leader: That God sent us a child

People: To teach us the nature of God's call for us,

Leader: To show us how God would have us be.

People: Rejoice in the light of life!

Leader: Sing praises, people of God!

People: And greatly is He to be praised!

†CHRISTMAS CAROL

What Child Is This

#219

†PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Gary Bowen

Loving God, deep in the night, when all the world had locked the doors on love and closed the shutters on hope, you pierced the darkness with Light and a baby's cry. Never again shall we be alone. No more shall we sit in fear. For Christ, the Light of the World and of our lives is born.

God of angels and babies, open us once again to this miracle, this wonder that you became one with us. Let the angels sing for us; let the star shine for us; let the child smile at us – here and now on this holy night. Amen.

Response:

Emmanuel

On the wall

CHRISTMAS CAROL

Away in a Manger

#217

LITANY: (*A Christmas Litany for All God's Children*)

Rev. Roger Zavala

Please see the *Special Litany Insert* for Christmas.

SCRIPTURE READING

Gary Bowen/Julie Ball

Old Testament: Isaiah 9:2-7

†Gospel: Luke 2:1-7, 2:8-20

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Silent is the Night

Chancel Choir

MESSAGE

“Good News of Great Joy”

Rev. Roger Zavala

RECEIVING OF OUR SPECIAL CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Offertory

Away in a Manger

Donna Bach

†Doxology

On the wall

†Prayer of Dedication

Our lives abound with signs of your matchless love, O God. Our days are full because of your mercy. As those who long ago journeyed to Bethlehem and felt great joy at what had occurred, so also we come before you, praising your name for what you have made known to us. Accept our tributes to the Christ-child; use them that he may grow in stature among all people. Amen.

†CHRISTMAS CAROL

O Little Town of Bethlehem

#230

†CANDLE LIGHTING CAROL *Silent Night, Holy Night*

Bulletin insert
Christmas Pictures

†BENEDICTION

Rev. Roger Zavala

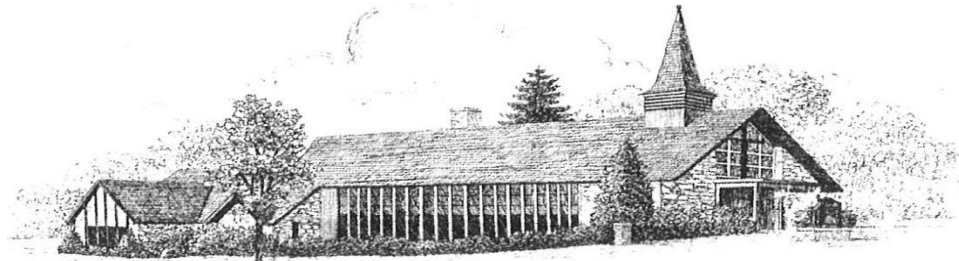
POSTLUDE

Angels We Have Heard on High

Donna Bach

† 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 Cattron– 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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