

CHRISTMAS DAY

December 25, 2016

9:30 AM

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Roger Zavala

PRELUDE

The First Noel

N. Gardner/D. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

Nancy Gardner

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song.

People: Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Leader: Sing to the Lord, bless God's name.

People: We tell his salvation from day to day.

Leader: Declare God's glory among the nations

People: We tell God's marvelous works among all peoples.

Leader: Great is the Lord!

People: And greatly is he to be praised!

†OPENING HYMN

In the Bleak Midwinter (vs. 1, 2, 4)

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†PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

Nancy Gardner

O God of peace, to you we ascribe all honor and majesty, beauty and strength. You bring forth a child whom we call blessed, upon whose shoulders the destiny of nations rests. You give us the gift of life everlasting, a wonderful counselor who shall guide all your people. With shepherds and angels, we lift our voices rejoicing: All glory to you in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom you dwell. 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

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

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SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament: Isaiah 52:7-10

Nancy Gardner

†Gospel: John 1:1-14

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Believe

Marcie SanchezTio

MESSAGE

“The Greatest Gift”

Rev. Roger Zavala

RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

Offertory

O Holy Night

N. SanchezTio/D. 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 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.

†CLOSING HYMN

Sing We Now of Christmas (vs. 1, 2, 3)

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†BENEDICTION

Alleluia

All are invited to sing this praise to God.

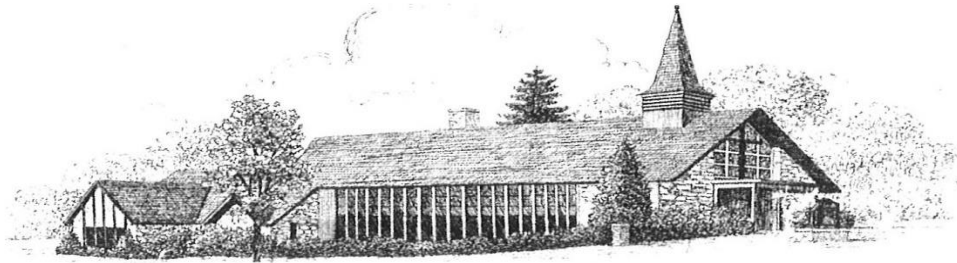
POSTLUDE

Angels We Have Heard on High

N. Gardner/D. 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 Catron– Office Administrator

Nereyda SanchezTio – Music Director

Donna Bach – Organist

Erika Bringas – Worship Multimedia

Flor Zavala – Education Lay Missioner

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Rod Ball – Custodian

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