

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 1, 2017

9:30 AM

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Roger Zavala

PRELUDE

What Child is This
(Arrangement by Paul Manz)

Sharon Lowery

CALL TO WORSHIP

Chuck Keysor

Leader: Arise, shine; for your light has come; and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

People: Lift up your eyes and look around; sons and daughters gather together, they come to you.

Leader: Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice.

People: They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Leader: Let us worship God.

People: Let us worship God.

†OPENING HYMN *Love Came Down at Christmas* (vs. 1, 2, 3) #242

†PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

Chuck Keysor

Merciful God of deliverance, we praise you for sending Jesus as a Light for the nations. He is the glory and radiance of your compassion and care. Our eyes behold the brightness of your promised righteousness; you illumine our darkness with the hope of your justice. As generations before us, we stand in awe of your splendor; we bow down to worship you, lifting our voices in praise of your goodness and giving heed to your instruction. Amen.

Response:

Emmanuel

On the wall

CONGREGATIONAL AND PASTORAL PRAYER

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

†HYMN OF PREPARATION *We Three Kings* (vs. 1, 2, 5) #254

SCRIPTURE READING Old Testament: Isaiah 60:1-6 Chuck Keysor

†Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Celebrate the Joy

Chancel Choir

MESSAGE

“New Year, New Life?”

Rev. Roger Zavala

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

AND RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Communion/Offertory *Now Sing We Now Rejoice* Sharon Lowery
(Arrangement by Paul Manz)

†Doxology

On the wall

†Prayer of Dedication

O God, as wise rulers of old brought gifts and worshiped a newly born baby, so also we bring offerings in praise of him whom you sent. The star that we follow is the light of Christ's teachings, calling us to be faithful in service to all in need. Accept what we earn, the products of our creative energy and talent. Let this be the gold, frankincense, and myrrh that we bring. By our gifts may a sad and needy world be enriched and comforted. Amen.

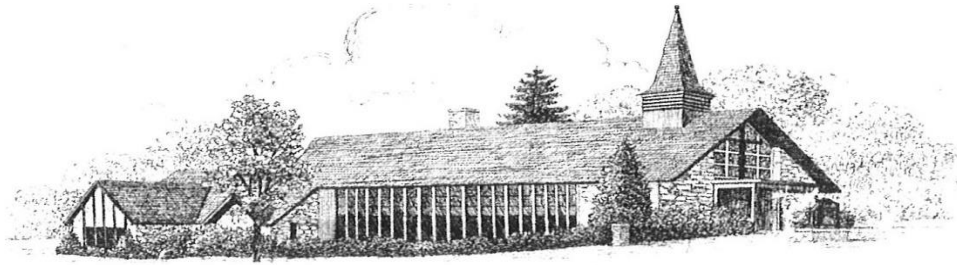
†CLOSING HYMN *Joy to the World* (vs. 1, 2, 4) #246

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

POSTLUDE *In Thee is Gladness* Sharon Lowery
(Arrangement by Bish)

† 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

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