

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 3, 2017

9:30 AM

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Jon Hutchison

PRELUDE

Mary, Did You Know?

Donna Bach

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

Gary Bowen

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (Verse 1)

Hymn 196

CALL TO WORSHIP

Julie Ball

Leader: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel. Stir up your might and come to save us!

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

Leader: Let your hand be upon us that we may be made strong for yourself.

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

Leader: Let us worship God!

People: Let us worship God!

†OPENING HYMN

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Hymn 220

(Verses 1, 3, and 4)

†PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

Julie Ball

O Shepherd of Israel, you open our lips; our mouths give you praise. You shepherd your flock, gathering us from our wanderings, assembling us in Christ's name to learn of your will. Your covenant names us, your law guides us. The prophets attest to your promise that we shall not be forsaken. With great expectation we watch for your unfolding plan of salvation. Be present with us and guide us toward the truth in Christ's name. Amen.

Response:

Emmanuel

On the wall

CONGREGATIONAL AND PASTORAL PRAYER

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

HYMN OF PREPARATION

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Hymn 234

(Verses 1, 3, and 4)

SCRIPTURE READING

Julie Ball

New Testament: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

You Are Mine

Chancel Choir

MESSAGE

“All the Gifts We Need”

Rev. Jon Hutchison

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Communion/Offertory

Still, Still, Still

Donna Bach

†Doxology

On the wall

†Prayer of Dedication

God of unchanging truth, your promise is eternal, your benevolent care spans the ages. We come with our gifts to be molded in accordance with your purposes. We offer ourselves to be shaped by your will. Fill us with wisdom, and make us vessels of your truth. Make all that we do an outpouring of your goodness, spreading compassion on the afflicted and care to all who may be in need. Amen.

†CLOSING HYMN

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Hymn 240

(Verses 1, 2, and 4)

†BENEDICTION

Alleluia

All are invited to sing this praise to God.

POSTLUDE

Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella

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. Jon Hutchison -- Pastor

Gwen Cattron– Office Administrator

Nereyda SanchezTio – Music Director

Donna Bach – Organist

Erika Bringas & Santos Ortiz – Worship Multimedia

Omaira Mora – Lay Missioner

Rod Ball – Custodian

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