

# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 17, 2017

9:30 AM

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Jon Hutchison

PRELUDE

*Arise and Shine*

Chancel Choir

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

The Gardner Family

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (verse 1)*

Hymn 206

CALL TO WORSHIP

Nancy Gardner

Leader: I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God,

**People: for you have clothed me with the garments of salvation, you have covered me with the robe of righteousness.**

Leader: For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,

**People: so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all nations.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

**People: Let us worship God!**

†OPENING HYMN

*It Came upon the Midnight Clear*

Hymn 218

(Verses 1, 2, and 4)

†PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

Nancy Gardner

**Your Spirit is upon us, O God, because you have anointed us to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and to comfort all who mourn. This is all your doing, and it is wonderful in our sight. As we pass through the portals of your sanctuary, we come bringing our hymns of praise and thanksgiving. Be pleased with our worship as we bless your name. Amen.**

INTERLUDE

*Still, Still*

Hope

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

PASTORAL PRAYER 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 *The First Noel* (verses 1, 3, and 5) Hymn 245

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 126

Nancy Gardner

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Wesley Bells

MESSAGE

“A Renewed Attitude”

Rev. Jon Hutchison

RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

A Ukrainian Bell Carol

Hope

†Doxology

On the wall

†Prayer of Dedication

**God of peace, in Christ you bring light to illumine the nations. You make your will known to all who believe. We come in response to your call to us, seeking to follow and fulfill your commands. Accept the gifts we offer as symbols of our commitment; sanctify them wholly, that they may be used as you desire. Mold us and use us as instruments of your will. May all that we do be in accordance with the gospel of him that you have sent. Amen.**

†CLOSING HYMN

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

Hymn 238

†BENEDICTION

*Alleluia*

All are invited to sing this praise to God.

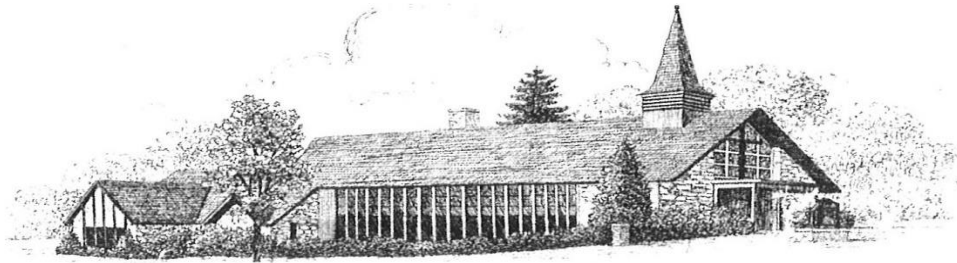
POSTLUDE

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

Bells/Choir/Piano

† Those who are able are requested to stand.

# DECEMBER 17, 2017



## **Wesley United Methodist Church**

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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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