

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 24, 2017

9:30 AM

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Jon Hutchison

PRELUDE

Christmas Canon

Hope

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

Sue Laude

While Shepherd Watched Their Flocks (verse 1)

Hymn 236

CALL TO WORSHIP

Randy Riotto

Leader: I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever; I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

People: I declare that your steadfast love is established forever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

Leader: You said, "I will establish your descendants forever, and build your throne for all generations."

People: Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord, your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones.

Leader: Let us worship God!

People: Let us worship God!

†OPENING HYMN

In the Bleak Midwinter

Hymn 221

†PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

Randy Riotto

Your steadfast love endures forever, O God; your name is heralded throughout the land. Songs of rejoicing are heard in your sanctuary as hymns of praise proceed from our mouths. You fill your people with the gift of your Holy Spirit; you send forth a Savior with the promise of new life. You are our God, and great are your wonderful deeds. We worship you now in great adoration. Amen.

Prayer Response

Emmanuel

On the wall

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

Away in a Manger

Hymn 217

SCRIPTURE READING

†Gospel: Luke 1:46b -55

Randy Riotto

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

What Can I Give Him?

Chancel Choir

MESSAGE

"Our Help Comes"

Rev. Jon Hutchison

RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Do You Hear What I Hear?

Hope

†Doxology

On the wall

†Prayer of Dedication

Source of life and Bringer of light to the nations, you provide for all our needs. We bring our gifts in response to your goodness. We thank you for sending Christ into our midst. Use what we offer, to enlighten all people so the truth of his salvation, and bless all our endeavors as we seek faithfully in Christ's name to do your will. Amen.

†CLOSING HYMN

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Hymn 229

†BENEDICTION

Alleluia

All are invited to sing this praise to God.

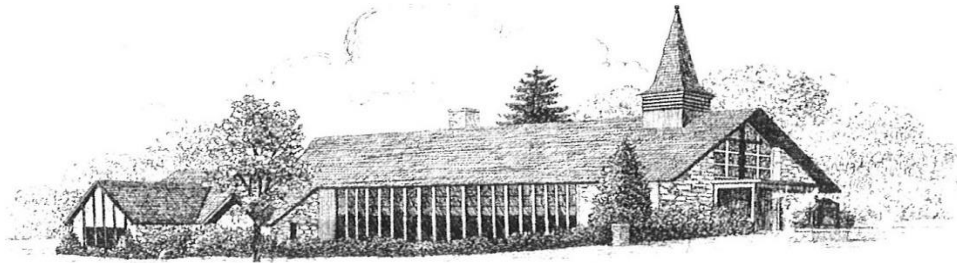
POSTLUDE

Sing We Now of Christmas

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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