

CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24, 2017

7:00 PM

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Jon Hutchison

PRELUDE

It was Long, Long Ago

Chancel Choir with children

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

The Waters Family

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks (Verse 3) Hymn 236

CALL TO WORSHIP

Julie Ball

Leader: You know what time it is,

People: How it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep.

Leader: For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first became believers;

People: The night is far gone, the day is near.

Leader: Let us then lay aside the works of darkness

People: And put on the armor of light.

†CHRISTMAS CAROL

What Child Is This

Hymn 219

†PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Julie Ball

O God our Father, you have brought us again to the glad season when we celebrate the birth of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that his Spirit may be born anew in our hearts this day, and that we may joyfully welcome him to reign over us. Open our ears that we may hear again the angelic chorus of old. Open our lips that we, too, may sing with uplifted hearts: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, goodwill toward all, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MUSICAL MOMENT

Ave Maria

C. Hutchison Solo/Hope

CHRISTMAS CAROL

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Hymn 230

THE BIDDING 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.

SCRIPTURE READING

New Testament: Titus 2:11-14

Julie Ball

†Gospel: Luke 2:1-20

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Still, Still

Chancel Choir/N. Gardner & D. Bach/Piano

MESSAGE

“The Story According to Titus”

Rev. Jon Hutchison

RECEIVING OF OUR SPECIAL CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Offertory

Carol of the Bells

Donna 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 who long ago had 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.

†CHRISTMAS CAROL

Joy to the World

Hymn 246

(verses 1, 2, and 4)

†CANDLE LIGHTING CAROL

Silent Night, Holy Night

Bulletin Insert

†BENEDICTION

Rev. Jon Hutchison

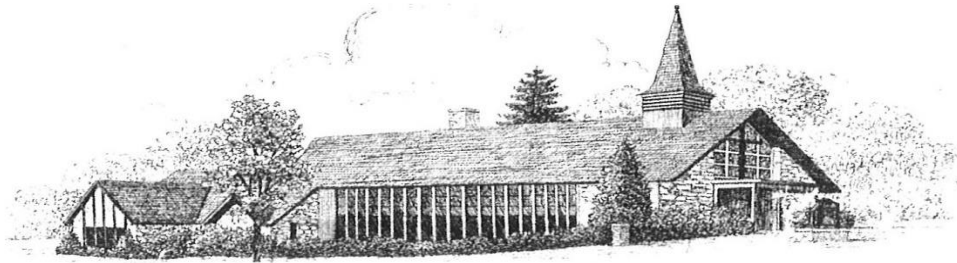
POSTLUDE

O Holy Night

N. SanchezTio/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. 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

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE