

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 2, 2018

9:30 AM

*Please enter the sanctuary quietly and reverently in the presence of the Lord, and quiet your cell phones.*

WORDS OF WELCOME

Pastor Noemi Meza

PRELUDE

*Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

Donna Bach

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

Nancy and Dan Gardner

*Christ Be Our Light* (vs. 1)

Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Chuck Keysor

Leader: It's time to get ready.

**People: It's time to worship.**

Leader: It's time to get ready.

**People: It's time to be strong.**

Leader: It's time to get ready.

**People: It's time to love.**

Leader: Let's worship together, that God may strengthen our love this day.

Let us worship God.

**People: Let us worship God.**

†OPENING HYMN *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (vs. 1, 2, 4) Hymn 211

†PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

Chuck Keysor

**O God, the times and signs are confusing. During this time of worship, help us know your ways, and see clearly the coming of the Promised One. Lead us in your truth and teach us. For we wait with hopeful expectation: to see; to know; to believe. To you we lift our souls in trust and love, knowing you will hold them in your loving hands. Amen.**

Prayer Response:

*Emmanuel*

On the wall

CONGREGATIONAL AND PASTORAL PRAYER

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

HYMN OF PREPARATION *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* Hymn 196

SCRIPTURE READING

†Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

Chuck Keysor

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

*What Can I Give Him?*

Chancel Choir

MESSAGE

“Apocalyptic Signs and Our Response”

Pastor Noemi Meza

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

COMMUNION/OFFERTORY “Christmas Duets” N. Gardner/D. Bach

†DOXOLOGY

On the wall

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Pastor Noemi Meza

**We dedicate our resources and our very selves to the One who fulfills promises, who holds us in steadfast love, and who calls us to be alert, to watch out, to be ready. For that we are truly grateful. Amen.**

†CLOSING HYMN

*Angels from the Realms of Glory*  
(vs. 1, 3, 4)

Hymn 220

†BENEDICTION

*Alleluia*

All are invited to sing this praise to God.

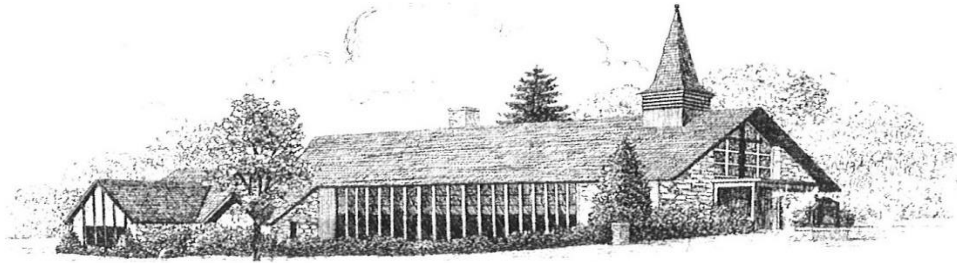
POSTLUDE

*Sing We Now of Christmas*

Donna Bach

† Those who are able are requested to stand.

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## **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 11:00 A.M.

### **Office Hours**

Monday through Thursday 9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

### **Church Staff**

Noemi Meza –Lead Pastor

Nereyda SanchezTio – Music Director

Donna Bach – Organist/Pianist

Erika Bringas & Santos Ortiz – Worship Multimedia

Gwen Catron– Office Administrator

Rod Ball – Custodian

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