

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 9, 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 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Donna Bach

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE Roy and Linda Seyller
Christ Be Our Light (vs. 2) Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP Doug Kramp

Leader: How shall we prepare for the coming of the Lord?

People: With hearts filled with love and peace.

Leader: How shall we prepare for the coming of Christ?

People: With prayers filled with adoration and devotion.

Leader: How shall we prepare for the coming of our savior?

People: With songs filled with joy and hope.

Leader: How shall we prepare for the coming of the Son of God?

People: With worship filled with passion and spirit.

Leader: Come! Let us worship God!

People: Let us worship God!

†OPENING HYMN *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* Hymn 240

†PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION Doug Kramp

God of love and renewal, enter the wilderness of our lives and call us to prepare once more for the coming of your Son. Fill the valleys of our insecurities with hope, and bring low the mountains of our pride and conceit. Make straight the paths before us, and guide our feet in the ways of peace. Amen.

Prayer Response: *Emmanuel* On the wall

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response: **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 *What Child Is This* Hymn 219

SCRIPTURE READING †Gospel: Luke 3:1-6 Doug Kramp
Response: **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC "Christmas Duet" Donna Bach/Nancy Gardner

MESSAGE Pastor Noemi Meza

RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Still, Still, Still* Donna Bach

†DOXOLOGY On the wall

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION Pastor Noemi Meza

Blessed Redeemer, as you rescued your people of old, so you rescue us over and over again. Like a refiner's fire and fullers' soap, you have purified our lives like works of fine silver and gold. From the brightness of your dawn, we bring our offering to you this day that those who sit in darkness may find in these gifts light and hope, and compassion and love. Amen.

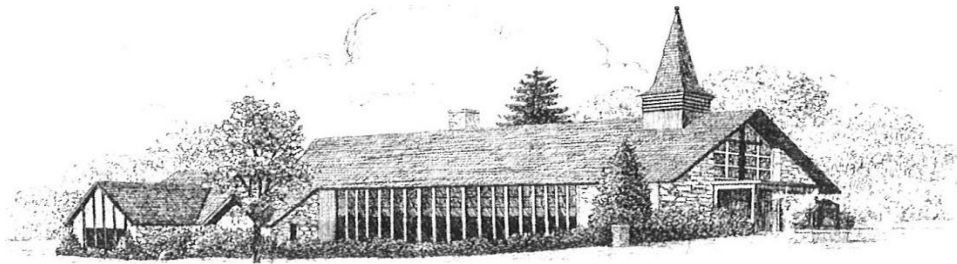
†CLOSING HYMN *The First Noel* Hymn 245

†BENEDICTION *Alleluia* All are invited to sing this praise to God.

POSTLUDE *Fum, Fum, Fum* 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 11:00 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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