

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 16, 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 THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

Ron Paxton, Trudy Wise

Christ Be Our Light (vs. 3)

Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Gary Newton

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice!

People: With joyful hearts, we draw living water from the wellspring of God's salvation.

Leader: With loud singing, we return to a home of love.

People: With loud shouts, we return to our God.

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice!

Leader: Let us worship God!

People: Let us worship God!

†OPENING HYMN

People, Look East (vs. 1, 3, 4)

Hymn 202

†PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

Gary Newton

Redeemer God, with laughter in our mouths and joy in our hearts, we draw living water from the wellspring of your salvation; for you save the lame and gather the outcast, turning their shame into praise. You gather the lost and bring the exile home at last. Who is like you in all the earth? There are none that compare to you, O God. In your presence, we dwell secure. In your love, we find the power to transform the world.

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

"Twas in the Moon of Wintertime"

Hymn 244

(vs. 1, 3, 4)

SCRIPTURE READING

†Gospel: Luke 3:7-18

Gary Newton

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

You are Mine

Chancel Choir & Jan Barry/Flute

MESSAGE

"The Messiah is Coming: What Do We Do?"

Pastor Noemi Meza

RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Cold December Flies Away

N. SanchezTio/D. Bach

†DOXOLOGY

On the wall

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Pastor Noemi Meza

God of our salvation, with a strong hand and mighty arm you save us from our foes and rejoice over us with gladness. How can we repay you for your love and grace? Receive our thanks and humble appreciation for all that you have given us which makes us what we are. Bless these gifts and offerings that they may bring peace and hope to your people in need. Amen

†CLOSING HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful (vs. 1, 2, 3)

Hymn 234

†BENEDICTION

Alleluia

All are invited to sing this praise to God.

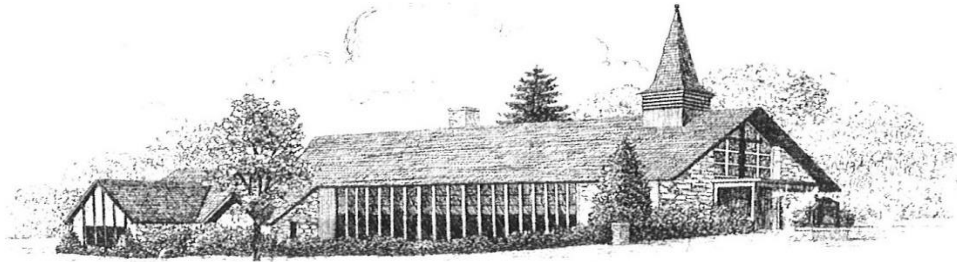
POSTLUDE

Joy to the World

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

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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