

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Christmas Cantata

December 23, 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 *Still, Still, Still* Hope

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE Karen and Bill Snyder
Christ Be Our Light (vs. 4) Chancel Choir
Sandra Harper-Fromi/Trumpet

† HYMN *Joy to the World* (vs. 1, 4) Hymn 246
Sandra Harper-Fromi/Trumpet

READING **Opening** Trudy Wise

ANTHEM *We Want to be Ready* Chancel Choir

†THE WORD **Mark 1:1-3 and Luke 1:13** Sue Laude
Elizabeth

ANTHEM *Let the Christ Child In* Chancel Choir

†THE WORD **Luke 1:30-34** Julie Ball
Mary

ANTHEM *God With Us* N. SanchezTio/D. Bach

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

†THE WORD **Matthew 1:20** Randy Riotto
Joseph

HYMN *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* (vs. 1, 2) Hymn 229

HYMN *He Is Born* (vs. 1, 2) Hymn 228

†THE WORD **Luke 2:8-12** Bev Newton
Shepherd's Wife

ANTHEM *Away in a Manger* Chancel Choir, Bells, Cello

HYMN *O Little Town of Bethlehem* (vs. 1, 2) Hymn 230

RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Do You Hear What I Hear?* Hope

†DOXOLOGY On the wall

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION Pastor Noemi Meza

Glorious God, bless these gifts, that they may lift up the lowly, fill the hungry with good things, and give strength and mercy to those most in need. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

†THE WORD **Matthew 2:1-2** Rod Ball
Wise Men

HYMN *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* (vs. 1, 4) Hymn 218

HYMN *We Three Kings* (vs. 1, 2, 4) Hymn 254

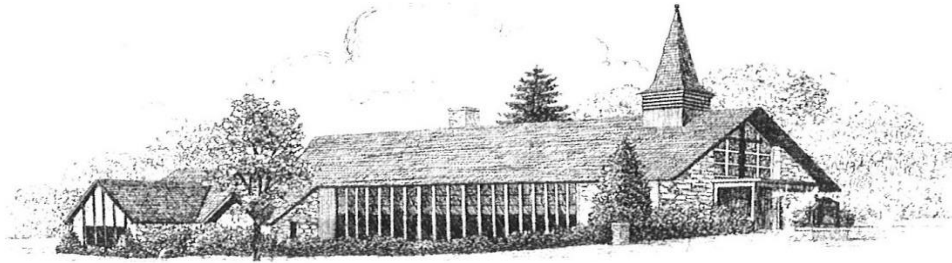
READING **Closing** Karen Snyder

† HYMN *Angels We Have Heard on High* (vs. 1, 4) Hymn 238
Sandra Harper-Fromi/Trumpet

POSTLUDE *Arise and Shine* Chancel Choir

† 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 Cattron– Office Administrator

Rod Ball – Custodian

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