

# CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24, 2018

7:00 PM

*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

*Ave Maria*

N. SanchezTio/D. Bach

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

*Christ Be Our Light* (vs. 5)

The Ball Family

Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dan Gardner

Leader: Glory to God for the gift of a Son.

**People: Glory to God for Jesus.**

Leader: Glory to God for sending a Son.

**People: Glory to God for Jesus: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace!**

Leader: Glory to God for the gift of a Son

**People: Glory to God for Jesus!**

Leader: Let us worship God!

**People: Let us worship God!**

†CHRISTMAS CAROL

*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*  
(vs. 1, 2, 3)

Hymn 240

†PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Dan Gardner

**God, we gather tonight, in breathless wonder and awe, to remember the birth of Jesus. The very God, very man, real-life, on our level, gift of your Son is a gift greater than we could ever earn or deserve. Thank you, Lord, for leaving the splendor of heaven to dwell with us for a season. Amen.**

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.**

CHRISTMAS CAROL

*Sing We Now of Christmas* (vs. 1, 2, 3) Hymn 237

LITANY: "A Christmas Litany for All God's Children"

Pastor Noemi Meza

(Please see the Special Litany Insert.)

SCRIPTURE READING

†Gospel: Luke 2:1-20

Dan Gardner

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

*Silent is the Night*

Chancel Choir

MESSAGE

"News of Great Joy!"

Pastor Noemi Meza

RECEIVING OF OUR CHRISTMAS OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Silent Night*

Donna Bach

†DOXOLOGY

Hymnal Page 94

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Pastor Noemi Meza

**Gracious God, in this season of gift-giving, we come to offer our gifts to you, knowing that we can never repay you for the gift of your Son. Amen.**

†CHRISTMAS CAROL

*Away in a Manger*

Hymn 217

†CAROL LIGHTING CAROL

*Silent Night*

See insert

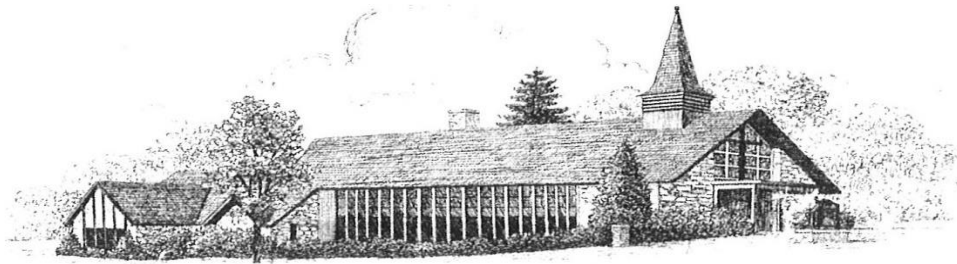
POSTLUDE

*O, Holy Night*

Marcie and N. SanchezTio

† 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 11:30 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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