Hanging of the Green

First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2016 6:00 p.m.



Know ye not that lowly child was the bright and morning Star? He, the Light of the Gentiles, and the darkened isles afar?

And we too may seek him, our hearts' best treasures bring; Love and faith and devotion for our Savior, God and King.

> Youth Choir Ginger Statom, director

Please remain seated for the first four verses. Stand for verse five only.

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, who to Thy tribes, on Sinai's height, In ancient times didst give the law in cloud and majesty and awe. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free Thine own from Satan's tyranny; From depths of hell Thy people save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by Thy drawing nigh; Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Key of David, come and open wide our heav'nly home; Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

♦CALL TO WORSHIP

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 ... Emily Smith

SONG OF WELCOME: "Welcome the Babe"	
Welcome the Babe, welcome the Babe, Infant Holy, meek, and lowly. Welcome the Babe, welcome the Babe. Hallelujah, Hallelujah!	
Worship the Babe, worship the Babe. Bow before Him, now adore Him. Worship the Babe, worship the Babe. Hallelujah, Hallelujah!	
Jr. Cherub Choir Terri Theil, director	
PRAYER OF ADORATION	
SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 2:1-7	
SONG OF JOY: "Sing We Noel"	
Noel, noel, we sing! Tidings of joyful news we bring! Christ has come with us to dwell. Jesus, our Emmanuel. Noel, noel, noel, we sing! Tidings of joyful news we bring! With angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem." He is Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father. Jesus, Messiah, the Prince of Peace, some to reign forever.	
Sr. Cherub and First Grade Choirs Mimi Vestal, director	
CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: No. 205 "Away in a Manger"	
THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 2:8-14	
SONG OF WONDER: "Nobody Knew This Little Child"	
Nobody knew this little Child, the Savior He would be. Mary and Joseph kept in their hearts and waited for to see. Only the shepherds knew it. Only the wise men from afar Hastening on their journey following one bright star.	
Nobody knew this little Child what might his story be. Did He not call the children in and lift them to His knee? Only a Heav'nly Father, only a God of love, and tender sent to us from above. In you, O Child of Beth'lem, we have this gift of love.	
Music Makers and Spirit & Song Choirs Terri Theil, director	
FOURTH SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 2:15-20 Elizabeth Scott	
ADVENT HOMILY: "What Do You See?"	
PRAYER OF COMMITMENT	

WORDS OF INSTRUCTION AND DISMISSAL

Decorating Opportunities:

Children and families will enjoy music while working on crafts and decorating cookies (Fellowship Hall)

Decorate the Christmas tree with the 3Ms (Reception Area – B Building)

Decorate the tree and railing (C Building – Downstairs)

Decorate the Chapel with the Chapel Class

Decorate the International Ministry tree (West Entrance – Outside C310)

Decorate the lobby areas around the Sanctuary (Connector by Welcome Center)

Help hang outdoor wreaths (Main Sanctuary Entrance – Poplar Avenue side)

Reassemble outside the Russell (PDS) Building for the live nativity

INSTRUMENTAL POSTLUDE

Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright Round you virgin mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight! Glories stream from heaven afar, heavn'ly hosts sing alleluia; Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born.

Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love's pure light Radiant beams from Thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Silent night! Holy night! Wondrous star, lend Thy light; With the angels let us sing alleluia to our King; Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

BENEDICTION

♦ Indicates congregation standing

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Instrumentalists
Mary Lawrence Flinn, piano; Dee Walker, flute and piccolo;
Samuel Metzger, organ; David Pollorena, guitar; Gabe Statom, piano



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