

Hangings of the Green

First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2017
6:00 p.m.


Second
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Hang of the Green

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INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: "Echoes of Joy" Hans-André Stamm

WELCOME Dick Cain

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Denny, Michelle, Luke, Eli, and Ruthie Catalano

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" VENI EMMANUEL

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.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 Lizzie Sutton

CAROL: "Prepare!" Allen Pote

Prepare the way of the Lord. Prepare ye the way. Prepare ye the way of the Lord.

For God has chosen to come to earth, joining the human race.
Born a child in holy birth, taking a human face.

His name shall be Emmanuel, the baby born in the night.
God will be revealed in us, piercing the darkness with light.

*Spirit and Song Choir
Christy Young, director*

✦ INVOCATION (*Please lift hands*)

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 2:1-14 Peter van der Bijl

CAROL: "Noel, Noel, a Boy Is Born" Natalie Sleeth

*Noel, noel, a boy is born in Bethlehem.
So therefore let us joyful be and sing Noel.*

He comes to earth to save us all on Christmas Day. Alleluia

*Sr. Cherub and First Grade Choirs
Mimi Vestal, director*

✦ CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: No. 214 "Angels, We Have Heard on High" GLORIA

THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 2:15-20 Sarah Morgan

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

CAROL: "Away in a Manger" CRADLE SONG

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head;
The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

*Jr. Cherub Choir
Hannah Crowley, director*

FOURTH SCRIPTURE LESSON John 10:10

ADVENT HOMILY: "The Life We Did Not Expect" Gerry Peak

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 around the perimeter of the building as labeled
- Reassemble outside the Russell (PDS) Building for the live nativity*

INSTRUMENTAL POSTLUDE

THE NATIVITY: “Silent Night” STILLE NACHT

**Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright
 Round yon 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; Daniel Pollorena, guitar*



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