

# Hanging of the Greens

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11:00 a.m.

## GATHERING TOGETHER

*Prayer cards are located in the pews. If you have a prayer request, fill out the card and pass it to the center aisle. It will be collected during the announcements.*

## Announcements and Welcome

**Prelude:** “Hodie” Benjamin Britten

**Reading:** Luke 21:25-36 David McCormick

**First Reading:** Isaiah 9: 6-7, 11:1-3 Chuck Robertson

*The prophet announces the coming of the Messiah to the Jews in exile.*

**Anthem:** “A Shoot Shall Come Forth” Richard Horn

**First Narrator** Ruth Gamble

The angel comes to Zechariah with the promise of a son. Zechariah doubts the angelic announcement and as a result must wait without words for the promise to be fulfilled. The word “angel” means “messenger.” Just as the green of nature promises life beyond the frozen winter, God sends us messengers of hope and promise in each of our lives. May we open our hearts and lives to God’s angels this Advent.

**Second Reading: Luke 1:8-20**

Meg Murray

*The angel Gabriel appears to Zechariah and announces that his wife will bear John the Baptist. (The angel is placed)*

**\*Hymn:** “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”

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**Third Reading: Luke 1: 26-33**

Julie Spositi

*The angel Gabriel appears to Mary and announces that she will bear the Messiah*

**Second Narrator**

Dave Hancock

Like the never-dying evergreen, God’s love for us will last forever. The wreaths are shaped into a circle to signify the never-ending reign of the Messiah. The wreath also signifies the crown- both a sign of the kingship of Jesus and a reminder that for his love of us, he wore a crown of thorns.

**The Wreaths**

(The wreaths are hung)

Sara Lavecchio, Ida Koen,  
Dolores Rupert

**Fourth Reading: Isaiah 61: 1-3**

Carol Nygren

*The prophet tells the healing power of the Anointed One*

**Third Narrator**

David McCormick

We cannot hear these words of Isaiah without thinking of the healing that the coming of Christ will bring. The evergreen most associated with healing in the ancient world was the mistletoe, at one time known as “all-heal.” Today it is remembered as the plant of peace. For when enemies happened to meet under the mistletoe in the forest, they threw down their arms and exchanged friendly greeting. It is in keeping with this meaning that we decorate this place of worship with mistletoe, in anticipation of the coming of the presence of the Prince of Peace.

**Mistletoe is hung**

Stacey & Susan Lagakos

**\*Hymn:** “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

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**Fourth Narrator**

Becki Szkotak

Along with mistletoe, holly adorns our churches because, unlike most plants, it bears its fruit in winter. Holly has become a symbol of Christ’s Passion, with its prickly leaves representing the crown of thorns, the berries representing the blood he shed for us, and the bitter bark representing the drink he was offered on the cross.

**Holly is placed**

The Sunday School Children

**Hymn: “The Holly and the Ivy”**

The holly and the ivy, when they were both full grown,  
Of all the trees within the wood, the holly bears the crown.

(Refrain) O, the rising of the sun, the running of the deer,  
The playing of the merry organ, sweet singing of the choir.

The holly bears a blossom, as white as any flower;  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ to be our dear Savior. (Refrain)

The holly bears a berry, as red as any blood;  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ, to do poor sinners good. (Refrain)

**Fifth Narrator**

David Hancock

In ancient times, the cedar was known as the tree of royalty. Today we often use cedar, along with other greens- pine, fir, spruce, juniper, and rosemary- which we prize for their fragrance, as well as their symbolism of our hope and expectation and hope of the coming of the Christ Child again. As we light our tree, we remember that Christ is ever-present, and that he is the “Tree of Life.” The lights on our tree remind us that this day Christ Child came to earth as the “Light of the World.”

**Tree is lit**

**Hymn: “O Christmas Tree”**

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,  
how faithful are your branches!  
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,  
how faithful are your branches!  
So green when summer breezes blow,  
Still green amid the winter snow.  
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,  
how faithful are your branches!

**Offering**

**Offertory:** “Allegretto”

Gustav Holst

**\*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

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**Fifth Reading: John 1: 1-5**

Lori Corker

*John relates to us the coming of the true Light*

**Sixth Narrator**

Bill Bowen

The Advent season is essentially one of light. Candles are lighted throughout the season to remind us that Jesus is “the Light of the World.” Windows in homes and churches alike are decorated with candles that burn each night. This is a very old custom that sprang from the belief that the lighted window would guide the Christ Child through the darkness to the house.

**The Lighting of the First Advent Candle**

The Hanson/Delaney Family

**\*Closing Hymn:** “Break Forth O Beauteous”

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**\*Benediction:** “O Come Let Us Adore Him”

O Come, Let Us Adore Him  
O Come, Let Us Adore Him  
O Come, Let Us Adore Him  
Christ, the Lord

**\*Postlude:** “Good Christian Men Rejoice”

Gustav Holst

*\*please stand if able*

*Next Week:  
Rev. Dr. Ken Larter*

***The Church Staff:***

William Braun, Music Director

Lisa Hanson, Treasurer

Lesley Echols, Secretary

Mark Hall, Sexton

***This Week in Our Church:***

Sunday:	Worship	11:00 a.m.
	AA (Fellowship Hall)	7:00 p.m.
Monday:	AA (Fellowship Hall)	1:00 p.m.
	AA (Fellowship Hall)	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday:	Thrift Store Workers	9:00 a.m. – noon
	AA (Fellowship Hall)	8:00 p.m.
Wednesday:	Thrift Store Workers	9:00 a.m. – noon
Thursday:	AA (Fellowship Hall)	5:30 p.m.
	AA (Fellowship Hall)	7:00 p.m.
Friday:	AA (Fellowship Hall)	5:30 p.m.
	AA (Fellowship Hall)	8:00 p.m.
Saturday	Thrift Store	9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.

**WELCOME!** We welcome you to our church in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. If you are visiting, please sign the guest register in the narthex or place a pew card in the offering plate.

*Children are welcome in this congregation.* A nursery for those ages six and younger is available, but not staffed, during the worship hour, if your child needs a place to “let off steam.” Activity bags (in back of church) are available for other children who stay for services. Please be considerate of other worshipers if your child should become agitated, by stepping outside the sanctuary until the child is calm.

**THE SERMON** can be found in the literature rack in the family life center most Sundays. A few people have copies emailed to them the following week. If you would like one or like to be added to the list, contact the church office.

**FLOWERS:**

Placed by the Deacons for the Hanging of the Greens

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**

The family of Nan McHale on her passing

Chuck Robertson’s family on the passing of Marion Damico