



 **Main Street**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Following Christ from City Center

November 27, 2016

Prelude

Coventry Carol
Wexford Carol
For Unto Us

Sarah Dean, Javernique Tinsley, Tamia Hayes, Collin McKinnon, Seth Brown

Wake, Awake for Night is Flying J.S. Bach
Emily Wallace and Elizabeth Smith

Prelude from the Christmas Oratorio Camille Saint-Saens
Organ and Instrumental Ensemble

***Call to Worship**

Pastor Phil Thrailkill

Leader: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the King?

People: With branches of cedar, the tree of royalty.

Leader: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the Christ?

People: With garlands of pine and fir, whose leaves are ever living, evergreen.

Leader: How shall we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Son of God?

People: By hearing again the words of the prophets, through spoken word and song.

Leader: For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.

People: Glory to God in the Highest!

*** Processional Carol No. 234**

O Come, All Ye Faithful
(Verses 1, 2, 3, and 6)

*** Common Prayer**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us prayer together.

O God, our heavenly Father, the whole world rejoices at the coming of Your Son. Everywhere around us we see signs of His coming. As we gather in this evening hour, as your family, draw us closer to You; fill our hearts with anticipation and longing for Your Son's return, and make His Spirit very present in our hearts tonight. May the life symbolized in the hanging of these greens be a sign of the greater life we find in Him. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Preparation

Kim Clark

Anthem

Prepare the Way of the Lord
Chancel Choir and organ
Lisa Smith and John McFadden, soloists

William Rowan

Paraments

Kim Clark

Anthem

Advent Alleluia
Chancel Choir and organ

Joy Althouse



Candles

Kim Clark

Anthem

Unto Us
Celebration Singers and piano

Elizabeth Gage

The Advent Wreath

Kim Clark

Anthem

Air for Advent
Chancel Choir, strings, and oboe

arr. Fettke

Evergreen Wreaths and Poinsettias

Kim Clark

Anthem

Messiah Comes, Emmanuel
Chancel Choir, piano, and flute

Gilbert Martin



Holly & Ivy

Kim Clark

Anthem

The Holly and the Ivy
Chancel Choir, piano, handbells

Anna Laura Page

Chrismon Tree

Anthem

The Shepherds' Lamb
Chancel Choir, piano, flute, and oboe

Tom Porter

The Nativity

Anthem

Light the Advent Candle
Chancel Choir organ, strings, and violin

Davenport arr. Wagner

The Christmas Story from The Gospel according to Luke

Pastor Phil Thrailkill

Anthem

All Is Well
Ella Bassett, Claire Leuthner Barrineau
Chancel Choir, organ, piano, strings, oboe

Smith arr. Huff

Collect For Advent (Unison)

Pastor Phil Thrailkill

Gracious God, Your vision of peace and wholeness comes to us in sweeping revelations and in tiny signs of hope. Kindle our hearts that we may be a hopeful people. Keep us from growing weary of waiting lest we miss the glory of your appearing. Even so, come quickly, O God. Amen.

Carol No. 218

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

*Blessing

Pastor Phil Thrailkill

*Postlude

Toccata on "Savior of the Nations, Come"

Hugo Distler

*Please stand as you are able

Reception Following the Service

All are invited for refreshments in the Fellowship Hall
immediately following the service.

Greeters

Tommy and Cathy Chalmers, Carol Harley, Ed and Brenda Munnerlyn,
David and Jeanie Patterson

Acknowledgements

Tonight marks the twenty-ninth Hanging of the Greens Service. Many people have contributed to the beauty of this service tonight and in the past. Main Street United Methodist Church is blessed by friends who lovingly share their gifts. From the beautifully handcrafted pew end candleholders to the graceful needlework and the delicately-crafted Chrismons, for the gifts of time and talent shared, we are thankful. Additional thanks to this year's Hanging of the Greens Chairperson, Debbie Tharpe.

Poinsettias

The poinsettias are given to the glory of God in loving memory of **Charlie Webber** by Vickie Webber and children, Chase and Katy.

Reader: Kim Clark

The Hangers of The Greens

Keaton Alexander	Marler Askew
Ben Harley	Julia Baker
Joe Hartung	Cecilia McGinnis
Wylan Radcliff	Marisa Rogers
Josh Sluder	Olivia Rowland
Hampton Warner	Sydney Sluder

The Children

Gibson Askew	Julia Meredith	Sanders Rogers
Daniel Leuthner Barrineau	Teague Meredith	Jarratt Smith
Emma Pearl Gentry	Tucker Meredith	Witt Smith
Morgana McKee	Richie Pinckney	Aleah Washington
		Chelsea Washington

Celebration Singers

Ella Bassett	Jarrett Smith
Claire Leuthner Barrineau	Witt Smith
Daniel Leuthner Barrineau	Chelsea Washington
Richie Pinckney	Aleah Washington

Instrumentalists

Sarah Dean, violin	Tamia Hayes, viola	Lori Thrailkill, handbells
Elizabeth Smith, oboe	Seth Brown, bass	Elaine Dukes, handbells
Javernique Tinsley, violin	Collin McKinnon, cello	Emily Wallace, organ & piano
Rhonda McGinnis, flute		

Main Street UMC Chancel Choir **John McFadden, Director of Music Ministries** **Emily Wallace, Organist**

Emmie Burns	Kathy Kelly	Debbie McFadden	Tommy Rambo
Brab Crooks	Bill Klauber	Rhonda McGinnis	Lee Robirds
Pam Faulkner	Ann Landis	Dennis Moore	Lisa Smith
Myra Greene	Carolyn Lumley	Woody Nivens	Gladys Turner
Heather Kennerly	Joey McClain	MaryAshlynn Perkey	Dale Wallace
John Kennerly	David McFadden	Pamela Poulin	Lou Walters
			Linda Zigos

THE HANGING OF THE GREENS SERVICE

Through the centuries, Christians have observed a time of waiting and expectation before celebrating the birth of Jesus at Christmas. The celebration of Christmas for Christians is such an important part of the church calendar that it is easy to assume it has always been. But the major Christian festival for the early church was Easter. Around the fourth century, Christmas became part of the Christian calendar and by the year 336, December 25 was generally established as the date of Jesus' birth. Soon afterwards, church leaders began to feel the need for a period of preparation leading up to the actual celebration of the Christ Child's birth - thus we have the Advent season. The Advent season is a time for reflection and preparation, but its mood is joyful. One of the ways we mark the start of Advent and the new church year is with the Hanging of the Greens service.

The observance of the Hanging of the Greens is an old English custom of decorating one's home with evergreens and other festive trappings for Advent and Christmas. Many of the decorations and customs are derived from ancient customs and legends. It is the hope that putting these customs in the context of a worship service on the first Sunday in Advent will help set help the tone of your own personal worship and celebrations.



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