



Hanging of the Greens



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November 29, 2020
Hanging of the Greens

Welcome to Main Street United Methodist Church.
Our Mission is: "Following Christ from City Center"

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL HANGING OF THE GREENS

11:00 am

First Sunday of Advent

Purple

Welcome

Pastor James

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude

Air on the G String
Paul Peart III and Jarvernique Tinsley, violins

Bach

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Litany of Preparation

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 eternal Christ?

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

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

People: With wreaths of holly and ivy, telling of his passion, death and resurrection.

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

People: By hearing the words of the prophets, who foretold the saving work of God.

Leader: For God did not send Christ into the world to condemn the world, but to save it.

All: Glory to God in the highest!

God Will Send a Righteous King

Jeremiah 23:5-6

"The time is coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up a righteous descendant from David's line, and he will rule as a wise king. He will do what is just and right in the land. During his lifetime, Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And his name will be The Lord Is Our Righteousness."

Offering the Cedar

Hymn

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

The Prophet Declares A Child Will Be Born

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light. On those living in a pitch-dark land, light has dawned. A child is born to us, a son is given to us, and authority will be on his shoulders. He will be named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, and Prince of Peace. There will be vast authority and endless peace for David's throne and for his kingdom, establishing and sustaining it with justice and righteousness now and forever."

Offering the Pine & Fir

Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Blessing of The Advent Wreath

Loving God, your church joyfully awaits the coming of its Savior, who enlightens our hearts and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin. Pour forth your blessings upon us each week as we light the candles of this wreath. May their light reflect the splendor of Christ, who is Lord, forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Advent Candle Lighting

Isaiah 60:2-3

"See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn."

Leader: We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Hope. May the light sent from God shine in the darkness to show the way to salvation.

All: O come, o come, Emmanuel.

Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

The Fourth Servant Song

Isaiah 53:1-6

"Who can believe what we have heard, and for whose sake has the Lord's arm been revealed? He grew up like a young plant before us, like a root from dry ground. He possessed no splendid form for us to see, no desirable appearance. He was despised and avoided by others; a man who suffered, who knew sickness well. Like someone from whom people hid their faces, he was despised, and we didn't think about him. It was certainly our sickness that he carried, and our sufferings that he bore, but we thought him afflicted, struck down by God and tormented. He was pierced because of our rebellions and crushed because of our crimes. He bore the punishment that made us whole; by his wounds we are healed. Like sheep we had all wandered away, each going its own way, but the Lord let fall on him all our crimes."

Offering The Holly & The Ivy

Hymn

The Holly and the Ivy

The Mystery of the Incarnation

John 1:1-5, 9-14

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God – children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a

husband's will, but born of God. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

The Placement of the Nativity

Anthem

Come, Jesus, Prince of Peace
Chancel Choir

arr. Nix

Meditation

What Child Is This?

Morning Prayer

Lighting & Blessing of the Chrismon Tree

***Hymn**

Joy to the World

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

***Benediction**

Choral Response

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

Postlude

**Please stand if you are able*

Chancel Flowers

The chancel flowers today are given by Chuck Drake to the glory of God and in loving honor of his wife, Anne Drake, on her 89th birthday today.

Today's service can be found on our website, www.mainstreetgreenwood.org.

Acknowledgements

Today marks the Thirty-Third Hanging of the Greens Service in the life of Main Street United Methodist Church. Many people have contributed to the beauty of this service today and in the past. Main Street Church is blessed by friends who lovingly share their gifts. From the beautifully handcrafted pew-end candleholders to the delicately-crafted Chrismons, for the gifts of time and talent shared, we are thankful.

The Hangers of the Greens

Ann Baker

Ella Bassett

Madalin Radcliffe

Instrumentalists

Paul Peart III and Jarvernique Tinsley

Chancel Choir

Gary Funderburk, Dennis Moore, Myra Greene, Lisa Smith,
Ann Landis, Debbie McFadden, and Pam Faulkner

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.

<p align="center">Serving This Sunday, November 29</p> <p>Sound System Operator: Toby Chappell Media Team: Asa Stallworth</p>	<p align="center"><u>THIS WEEK at MAIN STREET</u></p> <p><u>Monday, November 30</u> 9:00 am-12:00 noon Mud Pies Preschool 6:00 pm The Essentials-Zoom 7:00 pm BSA Troop 911-Scout Room</p> <p><u>Tuesday, December 1</u> 9:00 am-12:00 noon Mud Pies Preschool 9:30 am Staff Meeting 10:00 am Susanna Circle-Wesley Commons 12:00 pm Foundation Zoom Meeting</p> <p><u>Wednesday, December 2</u> 9:00 am-12:00 noon Mud Pies Preschool 5:30 pm Confirmation Meeting 6:30 pm Women's Evening Bible Study 6:30 pm Elevate Youth 6:30 pm Children's Ministry</p> <p><u>Thursday, December 3</u> 7:30 am Men's Bible Study-Howard's on Main 9:00 am-12:00 noon Mud Pies Preschool</p> <p><u>Friday, December 4</u> 9:00 am-12:00 noon Mud Pies Preschool 10:00 am Praise Band Rehearsal 5:30 pm Family Fun Night 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery</p> <p><u>Sunday, December 6</u> 8:30 am Early Service Fellowship Hall Sunday School Classes – 10:00-10:45 am Children-Asbury Building Cornerstone Drake Class-Zoom and in-person Dula Class-Zoom from Harley Family Center Genesis to Revelation Class-Zoom Is Jesus Calling You-Library Paul Frey Youth 11:00 am Traditional Worship Service 4:00 pm Church Council Zoom Meeting</p> <p><i>To learn more about future events planned at Main Street, visit us on our website at www.mainstreetgreenwood.org.</i></p>																			
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<p align="center"><u>Random Acts of Christmas Kindness</u></p> <p>We have put together packs of cards that suggest random acts of kindness you might do for others during the Advent season. Pick up your cards beginning today!</p>																				
<p align="center"><u>We have Advent Wreaths you can order</u></p> <p>Would you like to have an Advent Wreath at home for Advent season? Call the Church Office. They are \$9. We also have hand-crafted Wooden Star Ornaments for sale. They have Main Street inscribed on them. They are \$15.</p>																				
<p align="center"><u>Childcare is available this morning</u></p> <p>Infants through two-years old are welcome in the nursery, Asbury Building, from 8:15 am -12:00 pm. You must sign your child in and out.</p>																				

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