

Hangings of the Green Service

December 1, 2024

Five O'clock

CHIMES

PRELUDE

Christmas Medley
Youth Handbell Choir

arr. Thompson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Janice Hinnant

Leader: Tonight we come together to prepare for the birthday of a King.

People: Tonight we make ready our welcome for God's only Son, Jesus Christ.

Leader: We begin this special and holy season of Advent, the season of going toward the birth of Christ.

People: As we renew the special meaning of the Advent season, the season of going toward new hope and eternal life,

Leader: Let us clear our minds and open our hearts to the coming of the Lord.

People: Let us also honor His birth by adorning our church for the coming of our King.

All: Glory to God in the highest! Amen.

*HYMN #90

People, Look East

BESANCON

THE EVERGREENS

LITANY

Gary Strickland

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

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

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

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

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

People: With wreaths of holly and ivy, symbolizing
His passion, death, and resurrection.

All: Glory to God in the highest!

HYMN #125 *Angels We Have Heard on High* GLORIA

ANTHEM *Hope Will Come* James Brighton
Youth Ensemble

THE WREATHS

READING Lucy Wilkinson

HYMN #110 *Away in a Manger* MUELLER

ANTHEM *Christ Is Born!* Mark Miller
Youth Ensemble

THE POINSETTIAS

READING Dale Lynch

HYMN #107 *O Little Town of Bethlehem* ST. LOUIS

ANTHEM *Lo How a Rose/The Rose* arr. Johnson
Chloe Rau, soloist; Youth Ensemble

THE CHRISMONS

READING Catherine Carnes

HYMN #124 *The First Nowell* THE FIRST NOWELL

HYMN #127 *Hark the Herald Angels Sing* MENDELSSOHN

DUET *Carols Sing* arr. Donna Williams
Rosemary Cureton, piano; Randal Blackburn, organ

THE LIGHTS

READING Janice Hinnant

HYMN #134 *Silent Night, Holy Night* STILLE NACHT

ANTHEM *Holy Child* arr. Simms
Wells Smith, soloist; Youth Ensemble

PRESENTATION OF THE SANCTUARY

LITANY OF PRESENTATION

Gary Strickland

Leader: Tonight we have gathered to adorn our sanctuary with the beautiful flowers, greenery, and lights of the season.

People: **We have renewed our faith through these songs and symbols that express the glory of God.**

Leader: As we have prepared our place of worship,

People: **We have prepared our hearts and minds for Christ's coming.**

Leader: Tonight we offer our sanctuary as an expression of our grateful hearts for God's gift of love to us.

People: **Tonight we offer our lives to be used by God to share the gift of His Son with others.**

All: **"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace and goodwill to all people."**

*HYMN #102

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

*BENEDICTION

Gary Strickland

*POSTLUDE

Joy to the World

arr. Diane Bish

*Congregation standing

Youth Ensemble

Madison Hayes *Wells Smith

*Serenity Hayes *Wren Smith

*Chloe Rau Braelyn Wilson

*Charlotte Woods

*Youth Handbell Choir

Janice Hinnant, director

Rosemary Cureton, pianist; Randal Blackburn, organist

Paula Hayes and Lori Stenhouse, handbells