Hanging of the Green Service

November 29, 2026 **Five O'clock**

CHIMES

PRELUDE *Ding, Dong, Merrily on High* arr. Mark Hayes

CALL TO WORSHIP Janice Hinnant

Leader: Tonight we come together to prepare for the birthday of a King.
All: 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.
All: 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.
All: Let us also honor His birth by adorning our church for the coming of our King. 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?
All: With branches of cedar, the tree of royalty.
Leader: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of Jesus, the eternal Christ?
All: 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
All: With wreaths of holly and ivy, symbolizing His passion, death, and resurrection. Glory to God in the highest!

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

ANTHEM *Infant Holy, El Shaddai* arr. Jay Rouse
Youth Ensemble

THE WREATHS

READING		Lucy Wilkinson
HYMN #110	*Away in a Manger*	MUELLER
ANTHEM	*Hush, My Babe* Youth Ensemble	by Cynthia Gray

THE POINSETTIAS

READING		Janice Hinnant
HYMN #107	*O Little Town of Bethlehem*	ST. LOUIS
INTERLUDE	*On This Day, Earth Shall Ring* Youth Handbells; Rosemary Cureton, piano	arr. Jason W. Klug

THE CHRISMONS

READING		Lucy Wilkinson
HYMN #124	*The First Nowell*	THE FIRST NOWELL
HYMN #127	*Hark the Herald Angels Sing*	MENDELSSOHN
ANTHEM	*Long Ago* Youth Ensemble	arr. Jacob Narverud

THE LIGHTS

READING		Janice Hinnant
HYMN #134	*Silent Night, Holy Night*	STILLE NACHT
ANTHEM	*The First Light of Christmas* Youth Ensemble	by Mark Burrows

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	*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*	arr. Anna Laura Page

Youth Ensemble & Youth Handbells

Madison Hayes Reagan Patterson

Serenity Hayes Chloe Rau

Wren Smith

Janice Hinnant, director

Rosemary Cureton, pianist

Randal Blackburn, organist