



HANGING

of [◆]the **GREEN**

NOVEMBER 27, 2022 • 6:00 PM

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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PRELUDE: "He Is Born, the Holy Child" arr. Alice Jordan

Jill Peak, organ

WELCOME David Bowen

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Brian, Leslie, Nathan, Samuel, Emory, and Simon Poole

CALL TO WORSHIP

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: No. 140 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" ADESTE FIDELES

Words and Music: John Francis Wade / Luke 2:15

♠ Congregation stands as directed

1. O come, all ye faith-ful, joy-ful and tri-um-phant, O come ye, O
 2. God of God, Light of Light; lo, he ab-
 3. Sing, choirs of an-gels, sing in ex-ul-ta-tion, sing, all ye
 4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap-py morn-ing; Je-sus, to

come ye to Beth-le-hem; come and be-hold him born the King of
 hors not the vir-gin's womb: ver-y God, be-got-ten, not cre-
 cit-i-zens of heav'n a-bove; glo-ry to God in the
 thee be all glo-ry giv'n; Word of the Fa-ther, now in flesh ap-

an-gels;
 at-ed;
 high-est;
 pear-ing;
 O come, let us a-dore him, O come, let us a-



INVOCATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 9:2 Mary Knight

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CAROL: "Waiting!" Toni Sullivan

We are waiting, waiting, waiting, for the promised One.
We are waiting, waiting, waiting, for God's Son.
Prophets did foretell it, the coming of this birth;
God would send a Savior to bring us peace on earth!

*Music Makers Choir
Christy Young, director
Mary Lawrence Flinn, accompanist*

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 9:6-7. Ronshel Kurusanthony

⁶For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷Of the increase of his government and of peace

there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CAROL: "Each Little Lamb" Diane Beckstead

He watches over each little lamb and holds them in the palm of his hand.
With love, the shepherds cares for His sheep, by day or night, awake and asleep.
Away in the manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky look down where He lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
Asleep. Asleep.

*Pre-K & JK Cherub Choir
Christy Young, director*

Words: Phillips Brooks / Music: Lewis H. Redner / Micah 5:2

1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie;
 2. For Christ is born of Mar - y; and gath - ered all a - bove,
 3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is giv'n!
 4. O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

a - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by:
 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - d'ring love.
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav'n.
 cast out our sin and en - ter in; be born in us to - day.

yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 And prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.
 where meek souls will re - ceive him still, the dear Christ en - ters in.
 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el.

THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 1:26-33 Katie Thompson

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" ²⁹But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰And the angel said to her, "Do

not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³²He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CAROL: "Gentle Mary" Jay Althouse

Gentle Mary, tender Mary, in a humble stable bed.
Gentle Mary, lovely Mary come and rest your weary head.
All is calm, all is bright; sing a lullaby tonight.
Gentle Mary, tender Mary, in a lowly manger bed.
Gentle Mary, tender Mary, God has given you a son.
Gentle Mary, lovely Mary; Jesus Christ, the blessed one.
Sleep in peace little Child, infant holy, meek and mild.
Gentle Mary, tender Mary, God has given you a son.

Gloria, in excelsis Deo. Gentle Mary, tender Mary, God has given you a son.

Ronshel Kurusanthony and Liza Weller, duet

CAROL: "Shepherds, Awake" Henry Hinnant

Shepherds awake and rise from your sleep; now leave your flocks and gather your sheep:
For born today, in humblest way, is God's only Son, the Promised One.

Joy, joy, joy to the earth, sing praise for the Savior's birth. Peace, peace, his reign has begun,
For Jesus is born this holiest morn; rejoice for the Child has come.

His cradle is only a manger; his linen is only of straw. To weakness He is no stranger:
For this baby so small in Bethlehem's stall is Jesus, the Savior of all.

*Spirit & Song Choir
Christy Young, director*

FOURTH SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 2:8-15. Harry Wilson

⁸And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹²And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped

in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" ¹⁵When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

◆HYMN: "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" MENDELSSOHN

Words: Charles Wesley, George Whitfield / Music: Felix Mendelssohn, William Cummings / Luke 2:13-14

**Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."**

**Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."**

**Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."**

*Faithline Choir
James Ryan, director*

FIFTH SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 1:39-45

³⁹In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, ⁴⁰and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, ⁴²and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and

blessed is the fruit of your womb! ⁴³And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."

The grass withers, the flower fades,

but the Word of our God will stand forever. *(Isaiah 40:8)*

HOMILY: Eagerly Anticipating Jesus Philip James

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

WORDS OF INSTRUCTION AND DISMISSAL

Decorating Opportunities:

Children and families make crafts, decorate cookies, and take photos *(Fellowship Hall)*

Note: Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Decorate the B building stair railing *(Reception Area – B Building)*

Decorate the Chapel with the Chapel Class

Decorate the International Ministry tree *(West Entrance – Outside C310)*

Decorate the Narthex *(area at the back doors of Sanctuary)*

Help hang outdoor wreaths on all exterior building doors

POSTLUDE: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" Gordon Young

DECORATING THE CHURCH

At 7:10 p.m., reassemble for the live nativity on the lawn behind the B building near the playgrounds (Central side of campus).

♣THE NATIVITY: "Silent Night" STILLE NACHT

Words: Phillips Brooks / Music: Lewis H. Redner / Micah 5:2

**Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.**

♣BENEDICTION

♣Indicates congregation standing

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A special thank you to our choir helpers: Ginny Atkinson, Pat Corbitt, Sarah Curtis, Beth Fischer, Mary Lawrence Flinn, Emily Hale, Julia Knowlton, Allie Marek, Stephanie Rolfe, Grace Simmons, Vicki Simmons, Edy Smith, Lynn Weller, and Linda Wingo

ADVENT

A Baroque Christmas

December 4 at 6:00 in the Sanctuary

Don't miss this evening of Christmas carols and classical masterpieces from the Baroque period of Western music.

Second's Chancel Choir will be joined by members of the Memphis Symphony Orchestra as they perform Antonio Vivaldi's *Gloria* and Arcangelo Corelli's *Christmas Concerto Grosso*.

Festival of Carols

December 11, 6:00 p.m.

Nine Lessons and Carols

December 18, 8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

A Gospel Christmas

December 18, 6:00 p.m.

Christmas PJ Party

December 20, 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Worship

4:00 p.m. Family Service

5:30, 8:00 & 11:00 p.m.

Candlelight Communion Services

To sign up for Pastor George's Advent devotionals, distributed on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning November 29, text ADVENT to (888) 381-1121.

Also, resources for families are available on a table outside the Nursery.

Visit 2pc.org/advent for more dates, details, and service opportunities.



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