

# *Hanging of the Greens*



*First Baptist Church*  
*Whiteville, North Carolina 28472*  
*November 27, 2022*

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## The First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022

6:00 p.m.

\*Please stand as you are able.

### Greeting and Invocation

Dr. Wayne Brown

### Prelude

*Christmas Lullaby*

Mrs. Patricia Slomanski  
arr. Albin Whitworth

### Call to Worship

Isaiah 40:3-5

Rev. Eddie Fort

### Advent Response

Congregation

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 and ever green.**

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

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

Leader: For God did not send 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!**

Leader: Let us pray: Loving Father, who has brought us again to this season of Advent, we wait in anticipation for the birth of your son, Jesus of Nazareth. Open our hearts that we may joyfully welcome him. Open our lips that we may truly sing with uplifted hearts, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among all people with whom you are pleased. Amen."

### \*Hymn No. 76

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

VENI EMMANUEL

## The Advent Wreath

### Scripture Reading

Isaiah 60:1-3

Mary Gregg Williamson

### Significance of the Advent Wreath

### Blessing of the Advent Wreath (spoken by all)

Holy God, bless this wreath bearing candles of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. As we prepare your house for the coming of your Son, help us know that Jesus is truly the "Light of the World."

### Response

*Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love*

Randy Edwards

(Please see this song on the next page.)

Hope, peace, joy, and love! These are gifts You  
bring from a - bove. Je - sus, Em - man - u - el, come to  
be light of Your hope, re - flect - ed in me.

## The Greenery

**Scripture Reading**

Isaiah 60:13

Olivia Crawmer

**Significance of the Greenery**

**Blessing of the Greenery** (spoken by all)

Holy God, bless this greenery, symbols of life. As we prepare your house for the coming of your Son, help us know that Jesus is truly the “Messiah of the World.”

**Response**

*Adorning Your House God*

AFTON

A - dorn-ing your - house, God, with branch - es of green, we pray that your  
These beau - ti - ful - branch - es, O Je - sus, so dear, re - mind us your  
We ask for your - Spir - it to pour from a - bove, that we may be  
glo - ry may clear - ly be seen. Now fill us with - love that your  
hum - ble, sweet ad - vent is near. So bless us each - day as your  
gen - tle, with pa - tience and love. Like green liv - ing - branch - es, may  
prom - ise in - parts, with hope and with joy in the rooms of our hearts.  
com - ing draws near, to live so that oth - ers can tell you are here.  
all that we do be signs that your prom - ise is now com - ing true.

## The Poinsettias

**Scripture Reading**

Isaiah 35:1-2

Carly Sanderson

**Significance of the Poinsettias**

**Blessing of the Poinsettias** (spoken by all)

Holy God, bless these poinsettias, symbols of suffering on our behalf. As we prepare your house for the coming of your Son, help us know that Jesus is truly the “Savior of the World.”

**Choral Response**

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

The Chancel Choir  
arr. Susan N. Dengler

**The Chrismons**

**Scripture Reading**

Revelation 22:12-14a

Pierson Young

**Significance of the Chrismons**

Sam Wheatley

**Blessing of the Chrismons** (spoken by all)

Holy God, bless these Chrismons, symbols representing Christ our Savior. As we prepare your house for the coming of your Son, help us know that Jesus is truly the "King of kings."

**Carol**

*O Chrismon Tree*

Congregation

1. O Chris mon Tree, O Chris-mon Tree, how love-ly are your branch-es! O  
 2. O Chris-mon Tree, O Chris-mon Tree, how love-ly are your branch-es! O  
 3. O Chris-mon Tree, O Chris-mon Tree, how love-ly are your branch-es! O

Chris-mon Tree, O Chris - mon Tree, How love-ly are your branch-es! Your  
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orn - a - ments of gold and white Are sym - bols of Christ's love and light. O  
 orn - a - ments of white and gold Make mem - o - ries of Christ un - fold. O  
 beau - ty, peace, and joy be - stow On those who wor - ship here be - low. O

Chris - mon Tree, O Chris - mon Tree, How love - ly are your branch - es!  
 Chris - mon Tree, O Chris - mon Tree, How love - ly are your branch - es!  
 Chris - mon Tree, O Chris - mon Tree, How love - ly are your branch - es!

**Song**

*Jesus is Born  
Ring, O Ring the Bells*

Children's Music  
Ruth Elaine Schram  
Claire Russell

**The Light**

**Scripture Reading**

John 1:1-5

Dr. Brown

**Carol**

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

ST. LOUIS

O little town of Bethlehem,  
How still we see Thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by;  
Yet in Thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting Light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in Thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary,  
And gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep  
Their watch of won-d'ring love.  
O morning stars, together  
Proclaim the holy birth,  
And praises sing to God the King,  
And peace to men on earth!

How silently, how silently  
The wondrous gift is giv'n!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
The blessings of his heav'n.  
No ears may hear His coming,  
But in this world of sin  
Where meek souls will receive him, still  
The dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem!  
Descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin, and enter in,  
Be born in us today!  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
Our Lord Immanuel!

## The Proclamation of Good News

**Leader:** The Greenery has been hung! The candles are lit!

**People:** **The sound of our songs and words has filled the air.**

**Leader:** Our sanctuary has been transformed for the celebration of Christ's coming. Let us dedicate all that we do and all that we are to the glory of the Father who sent his son, Jesus Christ, to be our Savior.

**People:** **"Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, and good will toward all people."**

### \*Carol

#### *Angels We Have Heard on High*

GLORIA

Angels we have heard on high,  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains:  
And the mountains in reply,  
Echoing their joyous strains.

Gloria in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
Which inspire your heav'nly song?

Gloria in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem, and see  
Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Gloria in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

See Him in a manger laid,  
Whom the choirs of angels praise;  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,  
While our hearts in love we raise.

Gloria in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

### \*Postlude

*Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts*  
(From CHRISTMAS ORATORIO)

Mrs. Slomanski  
Camille Saint-Sëans



## **Hanging of the Greens Committee**

Janie Briggs  
Johnny Britt

Brenda Carter  
David Heath

Janet Plasky  
Beverly Pope

Mary Alice Stanley - Chair

Donna Prince  
Stephen Prince

The Hanging of the Greens Committee would like to thank Mr. Mel Ray and his associates for their help in setting up the Chrismon tree and the poinsettia tree.

## **Audio-Visual Committee**

Bryce Kronenwetter

Eric Kronenwetter (Co-chair)

Kirby Sanderson (Co-Chair)

## **Children's Music**

Major Lee  
Jayden Lynn

Jordan Lynn  
River Scott

Ryder Warlick  
Abigail Williamson

Grant Williamson  
Gwyneth Williamson

## **Chancel Choir**

Brownie Cook  
Leigh Cook  
Olivia Crawmer

Pat Hyatt  
Ruth Kuykendall  
Rose Langston

Jolene Lewis  
Stephen Prince  
Ella Jo Sellers

Patricia Slomanski—Accompanist



## Wreaths Given

<u>In Memory Of:</u>	<u>Given By:</u>	<u>In Honor Of:</u>	<u>Given By:</u>
Robin Fort & Joanne Wall	Carlton & Mary Jean Prince	Charlie Duncan	Vann Underwood
Robin Fort	Vann Underwood	God our Father, Jesus our	Jolene Lewis
Betty & Grady Waters	Children, Grandchildren, & Great Grandchildren	Savior, the Holy Spirit our Comforter—The Trinity	
Tom Stanley	Fred & Martha Senter	Martha Watson	Jan Hinson
Robert Tedder	Juanita Tedder	Rev. Joe C. Sellers	Ella Jo and Jeannine Sellers
Armond Carter & Graham Carter	Bill & Sandra Floyd	Wonderful Staff & Members of	Rose Langston
John Norosky	Peggy Norosky	First Baptist Church	
Eloise Hooks Sellers	Joe, Ella Jo, Jeannine Sellers	Congregation of First Baptist	Dr. Wayne & Mrs. Joy Brown
Robin Fort	Joe, Ella Jo, & Jeannine Sellers	Church	
Anthony & Norma Stroschio	Michael, Gail, & Their Children		
Tom Ray	Hilda Ray		
Mr. & Mrs. Dewey Hooks	Mr. & Mrs. Joe Hooks		
Mr. & Mrs. John McNeill, Sr.	Mr. & Mrs. Joe Hooks		
Mrs. Ruby Bell Beck	Kiesha Crawmer		
Evelyn Clyburn Fields	Robert & Kris Clyburn		
Charles & Thelma Lytle	John & Janet Plasky		

## Poinsettias Given

<u>In Honor Of:</u>	<u>Given By:</u>	<u>In Honor Of:</u>	<u>Given By:</u>
Owen Turner	Brad & Anna Johnson	Gleaners SS Class Teachers	Fred & Martha Senter
Erica J. Turner	Brad & Anna Johnson	David & Carrie Waters	Glenn & Sherry Waters
Callie Quick	Brad & Anna Johnson	Adelaide & Asher Waters	Glenn & Sherry Waters
Lindsey J. Quick	Brad & Anna Johnson	Courtney & Andy Powell	Glenn & Sherry Waters
Dr. Wayne & Mrs. Joy Brown	Buster & Genie Carter	Piper & London Powell	Glenn & Sherry Waters
Ella Jo Sellers	Buster & Genie Carter	The Cook Children	Brownie & Leigh Cook
Willis Pinnell	Buster & Genie Carter	The Cook Grandchildren	Brownie & Leigh Cook
Dinah Reaves	John & Janet Plasky	Joanne Vereen	Brownie & Leigh Cook
Rev. Joe Sellers	John & Janet Plasky	Rev. Eddie Fort	John & Janet Plasky
Teresa Malpass	John & Janet Plasky	Dr. Wayne & Mrs. Joy Brown	John & Janet Plasky
Rev. Eddie Fort	Edgar & Diane Tyson	Staff of First Baptist Church	Dr. Wayne & Mrs. Joy Brown
Mrs. Patricia Slomanski	Edgar & Diane Tyson	Rev. Joe Sellers	Edgar & Diane Tyson
Dr. Wayne & Mrs. Joy Brown	Edgar & Diane Tyson	Haywood & Myrtle Corbett	Anonymous
Doris Davis	Anonymous	Charlie Duncan	Anonymous
Dale Duncan	Anonymous	Bill & Sandi Floyd	Anonymous
Betty Jackson	Anonymous	Bryce Kronenwetter	Anonymous
Rose Langston	Anonymous	Coburn & Terri Powell	Anonymous
Betty Jo Prevatte	Anonymous	Hilda Ray	Anonymous
Mel & April Ray	Anonymous	Kenwood Royal	Anonymous
John, Tina, & Benlyn Sauls	Anonymous	Mitchell Sauls	Anonymous
Marie Sellers	Anonymous	Myrtie Sellers	Anonymous
Dr. Fred & Mrs. Martha Senter	Anonymous	Nancy Smith	Anonymous
Sylvia Walker	Anonymous	Barbara Whitson	Anonymous
Bridger Warlick	Anonymous	Mary Alice Stanley	Anonymous

## Poinsettias Given

### In Memory Of:

Charles Donald Prevatte  
 Paul Sellers  
 Gregory Sellers  
 Karen Wilds  
 Graham Carter  
 Armond Carter  
 Mr. & Mrs. A. G. Carter, Jr.  
 Sylvia Elkins  
 Grace & Lynn Duncan  
 Rev. Roy E. Walker  
 Frank & Nellie Norosky  
 Ronald Whitson  
 Wendy Whitson Davis  
 Bill Lewis  
 Ed & Joanne Wall  
 Tom Stanley  
 Gayle Powell  
 Watha Cook  
 Louise Royal  
 Billy & Watha Cook  
 Robin Fort  
 Sue Jordan  
 Gayle Powell  
 Graham Carter  
 Armond Carter  
 Mr. & Mrs. A. G. Carter, Jr.  
 John Cook

### Given By:

Betty Jo Prevatte  
 Myrtie Sellers  
 Myrtie Sellers  
 Myrtie Sellers  
 Buster & Genie Carter  
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 Anna Smyth  
 Dale & Charlie Duncan  
 Sylvia, Edward, & Carl Walker  
 Peggy Norosky  
 Barbara Whitson  
 Barbara Whitson  
 Rev. Joe & Ella Jo Sellers  
 Glenn & Sherry Waters  
 Charlie Duncan  
 Gail Stroschio Jones  
 Juanita Stanley  
 Juanita Stanley  
 Brownie & Leigh Cook  
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 Brenda Carter  
 Brenda Carter  
 Brenda Carter  
 Haywood & Myrtle Corbett

### In Memory Of:

Tom Stanley  
 Willard & Clara Barefoot  
 Billy M. Watson  
 Eva Powell & Okie Sellers  
 William "Bill" Lewis  
 O. L. "Junior" Briggs, Jr.  
 Sylvia Elkins  
 Gayle Powell  
 David Walters  
 Opal & Willard Huggins  
 Mary Atkinson  
 Ann Hinson  
 Pete & Kay Huggins  
 Gayle Powell  
 Charlie Langston  
 Mr. & Mrs. George Miller  
 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Lee Clyburn  
 Gayle Powell  
 Robin Fort  
 Jack Vereen  
 Louise Royal  
 Mr. & Mrs. Ben Powell  
 Beth Robinson  
 Stephen Cook  
 Kathryn Cook  
 Warren & Mary Cook

### Given By:

Mary Alice Stanley  
 Mary Alice Stanley  
 Martha Watson  
 Marie Sellers  
 Jolene Lewis  
 Janie Briggs  
 Pat Davis  
 Pat Davis  
 Peggy Walters  
 Peggy Norosky  
 Jan Hinson  
 Jan Hinson  
 Jeannine Sellers  
 John & Janet Plasky  
 Rose Langston  
 Robert & Kris Clyburn  
 Robert & Kris Clyburn  
 Juanita Stanley  
 Juanita Stanley  
 Brownie & Leigh Cook  
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 Mr. & Mrs. Joe Hooks  
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 Haywood & Myrtle Corbett  
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 Carolyn & Stan Southerland  
 Catherine & Joe Cook

We sincerely apologize if we have inadvertently omitted any participant or contribution from the program.



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