



Hanging of the Greens

First Baptist Church
Whiteville, North Carolina 28472
December 3, 2023

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The First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2023

6:00 p.m.

* Please stand as you are able.

Greeting and Invocation

Dr. Christopher Hillman

Prelude

Christmas Lullaby

Mrs. Patricia Slomanski
Albin Whitworth

Call to Worship

Isaiah 40:3-5

Dr. Hillman

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

Pierson Young

Significance of the Advent Wreath

Blessing of the Advent Wreath (spoken by all)

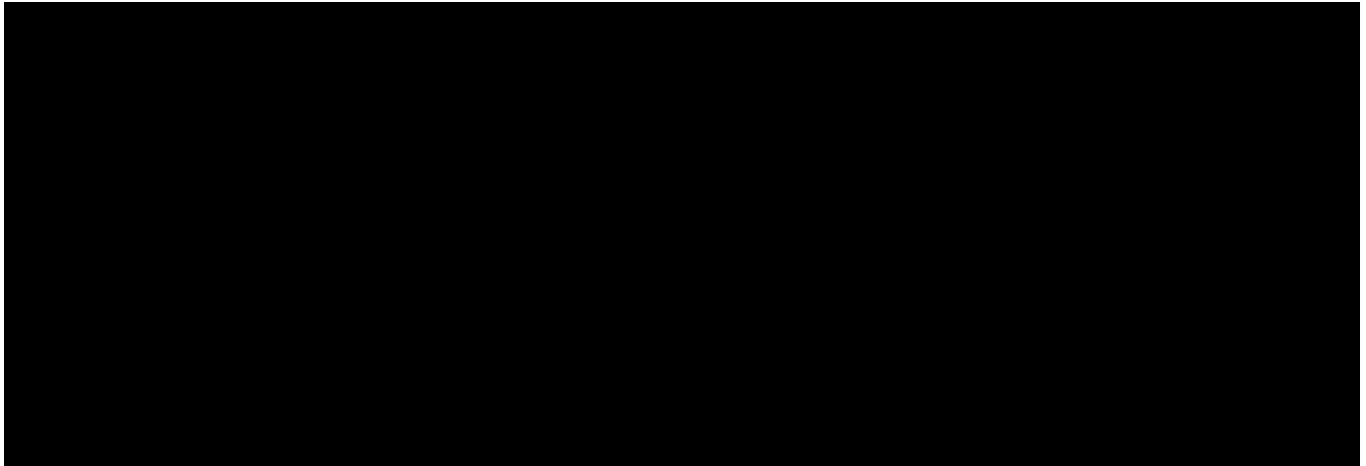
Holy God, bless this wreath bearing candles of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. As we prepare your house for the coming of your Son, help us know that Jesus is truly the "Light of the World."

Response

Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love

Congregation

(Please see this song on the next page.)



The Greenery

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 60:13

Sam Wheatley

Significance of the Greenery

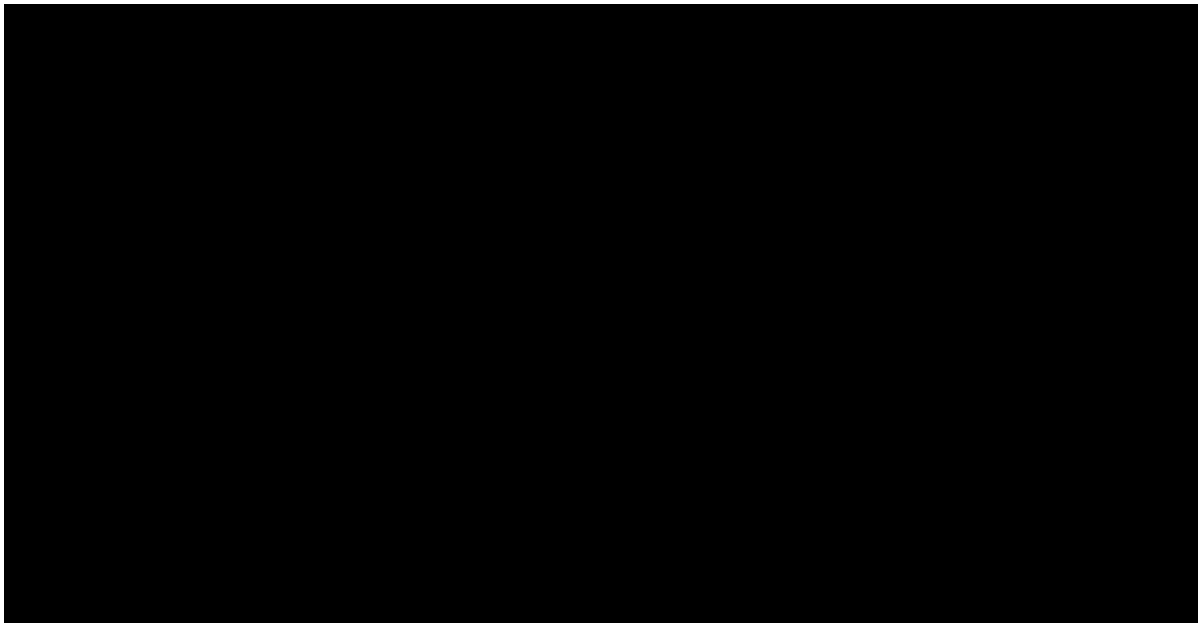
Blessing of the Greenery (spoken by all)

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

Congregation



The Poinsettias

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 35:1-2

Olivia Crawmer

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

Benlyn Sauls

Significance of the Chrismons

Maggie Williamson

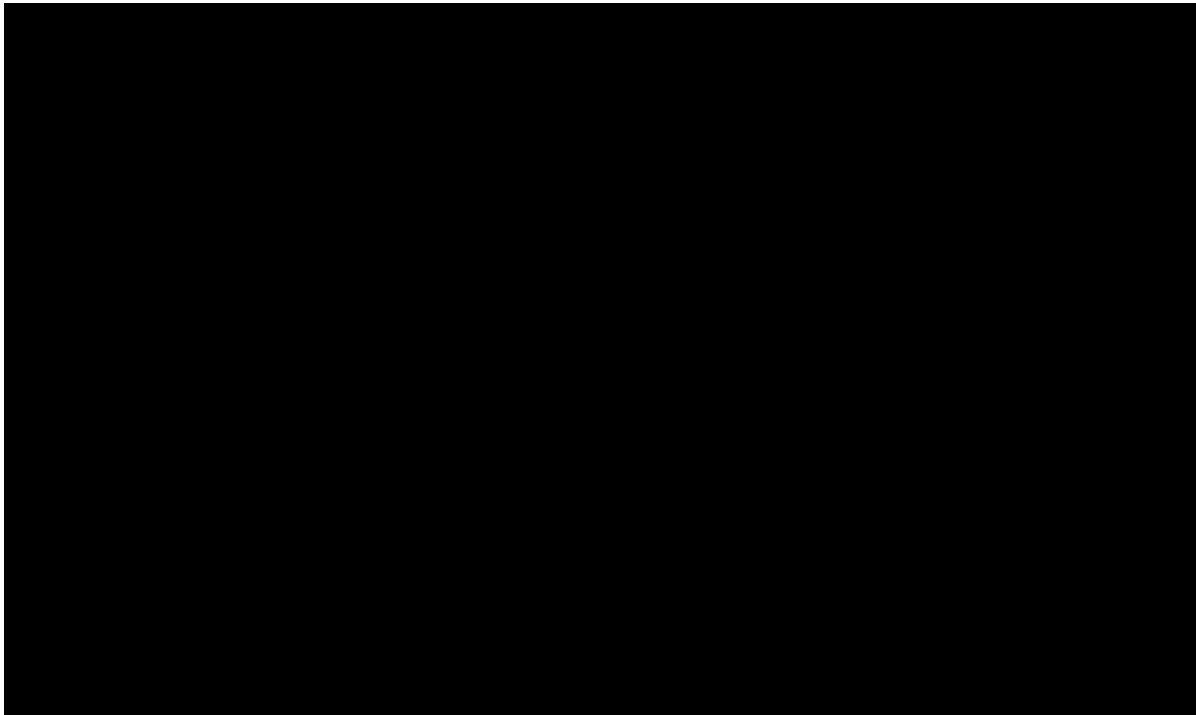
Blessing of the Chrismons (spoken by all)

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



The Light

Scripture Reading

John 1:1-5

Jillian Young

Significance of the Light

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 Yim, 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!

Worship Through Music *Mary, Did You Know?*

Mrs. Vi Jones

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

Leigh Cook
Olivia Crawmer

Karen Dawsey
Charlie Duncan

Wendy Hensley
Janet Plasky

Beverly Pope
Mary Alice Stanley, Chair

The Hanging of the Greens Committee would like to thank Mr. Mel Ray and his associates for their help in setting up the Chrismon and poinsettia trees, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Prince for selecting the beautiful live wreaths from the mountains, and Mr. Eric Kronenwetter for his help in setting up the flooring for our baptistry nativity scene.

Audio-Visual Committee

Eric Kronenwetter (Co-chair)

Kirby Sanderson (Co-Chair)

Chancel Choir

Robert Clyburn
Brownie Cook
Leigh Cook
Myrtle Corbett
Karen Dawsey
Chris Duncan
Carolyn Grainger

Wendy Hensley
Pat Hyatt
Ruth Kuykendall
Rose Langston
Jolene Lewis
Jeff Mahanes
Gina Morningstar

Janet Plasky
Stephen Prince
Ella Jo Sellers
Fred Senter
Martha Senter
Lisa Voss
Martha Watson

Patricia Slomanski—Accompanist

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



Wreaths Given

<u>In Honor Of:</u>	<u>Given By:</u>	<u>In Memory Of:</u>	<u>Given By:</u>
Martha Watson	Jan Hinson	Tom Stanley	Dr. & Mrs. Fred Senter
All God's Creatures Great & Small	Eric & Betty Gail Kronenwetter	John Norosky	Peggy Norosky
Dr. Chris & Mrs. Resa Hillman	Bill & Sandi Floyd	Charlie Langston	Rose Langston
Dr. Fred & Mrs. Martha Senter	Bill & Sandi Floyd	Eloise Hooks Sellers	Ella Jo Sellers
Wallyce Todd	Bill & Sandi Floyd	Rev. Joe C. Sellers	Ella Jo Sellers
Our Sunday School Teachers	Ruth Believers SS Class	Kelly Brosseau	Carlton, Mary Jean, & Adam Prince
Our Church	Keith & Jamie Beverley	Grady & Betty Waters	Their Children, Grandchildren, and Great Grandchildren
Rose Langston	Her Children, Grandchildren, and Great Grandchildren	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>
Mary Alice Stanley	Fred & Martha Senter	Doris Davis	Joe & Mary Hooks
Owen Turner	Brad & Anna Johnson	Marie Sellers	Joe & Mary Hooks
Callie Quick	Brad & Anna Johnson	Juanita Stanley	Joe & Mary Hooks
Heath Watson	Martha Watson	Ruth Believers SS Class	Karen Dawsey
Keith & Vonnie Watson	Martha Watson	Dale Duncan	Anonymous
Derek Watson	Martha Watson	Brownie & Leigh Cook	Anonymous
Jan Hinson	Martha Watson	Haywood & Myrtle Corbett	Anonymous
Mary Alice Stanley	Janie Briggs	Dale Duncan	Anonymous
Kenwood Royal	Anonymous	Charlie Duncan	Anonymous
Mitchells Sauls	Anonymous	Bryce Kronenwetter	Anonymous
John, Tina, & Benlyn Sauls	Anonymous	Rose Langston	Anonymous
Marie Sellers	Anonymous	Willis & Sue Pinnell	Anonymous
Myrtie Sellers	Anonymous	Betty Jo Prevatte	Anonymous
Mary Alice Stanley	Anonymous	Coburn & Terri Powell	Anonymous
Sylvia Walker	Anonymous	Hilda Ray	Anonymous
Bridger Warlick	Anonymous	Mel & April Ray	Anonymous
Barbara Whitson	Anonymous	Charlie Duncan	Haywood Corbett
Michael Memory	Betty Jo Prevatte	Jolene Lewis	Myrtle Corbett
Brandon Duncan	Charlie Duncan	Martha Watson	Myrtle Corbett
Grace Andrews	Charlie Duncan	Glenda Turbeville	Jan Hinson
Scot Andrews	Charlie Duncan	John, Tricia, Brad, & Stephen	Betty Jo Prevatte
John & Janet Plasky	Anonymous	Our Church	Keith & Jamie Beverley
Willis & Sue Pinnell	Anonymous	The Hillmans	Rose Langston
Eric & Peggy Underwood	Anonymous	Dr. Chris & Mrs. Resa Hillman	John & Janet Plasky
Rev. Eddie Fort	John & Janet Plasky	Dr. Patricia Slomanski	John & Janet Plasky
Teresa Malpass	John & Janet Plasky	Dr. Fred & Mrs. Martha Senter	John & Janet Plasky
Dinah Reaves	John & Janet Plasky	Martha Watson	John & Janet Plasky
Bill & Sandi Floyd	John & Janet Plasky		

Poinsettias Given

In Memory Of:

Charles Donald Prevatte
Tom Stanley
Willard & Clara Barefoot
Wanda Watson Diefes
Billy Mac Watson
Jerry FormyDuval
Billy M. Watson
Wanda D. Diefes
LeRoy & Betty Hillman
Paul Sellers
Gregory Sellers
Karen Wilds
Willard & Opal Huggins
Frank & Nellie Norosky
O. L. "Junior" Briggs, Jr.
Rev. Joe C. Sellers
Rev. Roy E. Walker
Dr. Ron Whitson
Wendy Whitson Davis

Given By:

Betty Jo Prevatte
Mary Alice Stanley
Mary Alice Stanley
Martha Watson
Martha Watson
Peggy FormyDuval & Family
Keith Watson
Keith Watson
Pastor & Resa Hillman
Myrtie Sellers
Myrtie Sellers
Myrtie Sellers
Peggy Norosky
Peggy Norosky
Janie Briggs
Myrtle Corbett
Sylvia, Edward, & Carl Walker
Barbara Whitson
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In Memory Of:

Edward H. O'Rourke, Sr.
Judy L. O'Rourke
Howard & Flora Singletary
Willard Cole
Marjorie Cole
Johnny Cole
Susan Cole Nixon
Graham Carter
Mr. & Mrs. A. G. Carter, Jr.
Armond Carter
Beth Robinson
Mr. & Mrs. John McNeill, Sr.
Mr. & Mrs. Dewey Hooks
Mr. & Mrs. Ben Powell, Jr.
Grace & Lynn Duncan
Rev. Joe C. Sellers
LeRoy & Betty Hillman
Com. Sgt. Maj. Rev.
Dr. Henry Slomanski
Clinton & Juelene Grainger

Given By:

John & Tina Sauls
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Rian & Brantley Russell
Mike & Lauren Cole
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Brenda Carter
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Joe & Mary Hooks
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