



HANGING  
*of the* GREEN

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 2, 2012  
6:00 p.m.



Second  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

WELCOME ..... Mitchell Moore

SONG OF PREPARATION: "Ding Dong! Merrily on High" ..... Alan Smith

Ding dong! Merrily on high in heav'n the bells are ringing;  
Ding dong! Verily the sky is riv'n with angel singing.  
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

E'en so here below, below, let steeple bells be swungen,  
And io, io, io, by priest and people sungen.  
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

Pray you, dutifully prime your matin chime, ye ringers;  
May you beautifully rime your evetime song, ye singers.  
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

*Youth Choir  
Ginger Statom, director*

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE ..... Eden, Lily, and Macy Williams

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" ..... VENI EMMANUEL

*Please remain seated for the first four verses. Stand for verse five only.*

**O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here,  
Until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,  
Who to Thy tribes, on Sinai's height,  
In ancient times didst give the law  
In cloud and majesty and awe.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free  
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
From depths of hell Thy people save,  
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,  
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**O come, Thou Key of David, come  
And open wide our heav'nly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high,  
And close the path to misery.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

SONG OF WONDER: "Lullaby, Holy One" ..... Terry D. Taylor

Lullaby, Holy One, blest One most Holy.  
Mary is holding You, King born so lowly.  
Rest now, O, Jesus, King born so lowly.  
Safe in Your mother's arms; rest Savior Holy.

*Jr. Cherub Choir  
Terri Theil, director; Molly Johnson, accompanist*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 1:21 ..... Cora Moore

SONG OF JOY: "For Unto Us" ..... Natalie Sleeth

For unto us a Child is born! For unto us a Son is given.  
Let the whole wide earth be filled with joy, for in Bethlehem is born a Boy.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

O blessed be this joyful day! O blessed be this happy morning!  
Go and spread the word both far and near that the Savior, Christ the Lord, is here!  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

*Sr. Cherub and First Grade Choirs  
Mimi Vestal, director; Mary Lawrence Flinn, accompanist*

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 2:8-14 ..... Mary Kate Thomas

SONG OF INVITATION: "O Come, Little Children" ..... Charles McCartha

O come, little children, O come, one and all,  
To Bethlehem's stable, in Bethlehem's stall,  
And see with rejoicing this glorious sight,  
Our Father in Heav'n has sent us this night.

Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria the angels sing.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo, come to the manger and worship the newborn King!

O, see in the manger, in hallowed light  
A star throws its beam on this holiest sight.  
In clean swaddling clothes lies the Heavenly Child,  
More lovely than angels, this Babe so mild.

O, there lies the Christ Child, on hay and on straw.  
The shepherds are kneeling before Him with awe.  
And Mary and Joseph smile on Him with love,  
While angels are singing sweet songs from above.

*Music Makers and Spirit and Song Choirs  
Soloists: Abby Brown, Macy Williams  
Terri Theil, director; Mary Lawrence Flinn, accompanist*

♣ ADVENT CAROL: No. 216 “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” .....W ZLOBIE LEZY

THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 2:1-6 ..... Claire Schneider

ADVENT DEVOTION *Blessed to be a Blessing* Andrew Keasling

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Father God,  
we thank You that You did not withhold Your best from us  
but freely offered Your one and only Son,  
Whom You loved, on our behalf.  
In the same way, help us by Your Spirit  
to offer our best to You this holiday season.  
Let our hearts be as Your heart,  
our words be as Your words,  
and our love be as Your love  
in order that we may reflect You in and through all we do  
to a world that desperately needs You.  
We dedicate our church and these decorations to You  
as reminders of Your promises and blessings to us.  
We ask this in Jesus’ Name. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTRUCTION AND DISMISSAL

**DECORATING OPPORTUNITIES**

Children and families will enjoy music while working on crafts and decorating cookies (*Fellowship Hall*)

Decorate the Christmas tree with the 3Ms (*Reception Area – B Building*)

Decorate the tree and railing (*C Building – Downstairs*)

Decorate the Chapel with the Chapel Class

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

Decorate the lobby areas around the Sanctuary (*Connector by Welcome Center*)

Help hang outdoor wreaths (*Main Sanctuary Entrance – Poplar Avenue side*)

Decorate the Sanctuary Chancel (*Pulpit Steps*)

*Reassemble outside the Russell (PDS) Building for the live nativity*

INSTRUMENTAL POSTLUDE

THE NATIVITY

“Silent Night”

BENEDICTION

♣ *Indicates congregation standing*

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*Instrumentalists: Mary Lawrence Flinn, Molly Johnson, piano; Dee Walker, Elizabeth Ann Hickman, flute*