



Order of Worship - Hanging of the Greens - December 1, 2024

Prelude	<i>Meditation on "The Holly and the Ivy"</i>	David Lasky (b. 1957)
Welcome		Rev. Will Burhans
Lighting of the Advent Wreath	Candle of Hope	Copeland Family
Processional Hymn	<i>Comfort, Comfort Ye My People</i>	Pilgrim Hymnal #104
Morning Prayer/Lord's Prayer/Gloria in excelsis Deo		Rev. Maeve Hammond

HANGING OF THE GREENS

The Sanctuary Evergreens		reader: Nathan K.
Carol	<i>The Holly and the Ivy</i> (2 verses)	Traditional Carol
The Christmas Poinsettia		reader: Michaela S.
Carol	<i>Silent Night, Holy Night</i> (1 verse)	Pilgrim Hymnal, #138
The Christmas Tree		reader: Ben W.
Carol	<i>O Christmas Tree</i>	Traditional German Folk Song
<i>As we sing, you are invited to come forward and place an ornament on the sanctuary tree. The Deacons have extra ornaments in the back of the sanctuary if you need one.</i>		
The Crèche		reader: Abby W.
Carol	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i> (1 verse)	Pilgrim Hymnal, #134
Offertory: The Gifts of Christmas		Maggie Keeler
Carol: <i>The Song of Saint Nicholas</i> to the tune of "Jolly Old St. Nicholas"		
Scripture	Jeremiah 33:14-16 James 1:16-17	Liturgist: Rory V.
Sermon	"Inside Out Christmas"	Rev. Will Burhans
Anthem	<i>O Come, Emmanuel</i>	Music: Elaine Hagenberg
Text: Latin, trans. John M. Neale (vv. 1-2); Henry S. Coffin (v. 3) John Soultz, cello		

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

Sharing of Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Closing Hymn

Wait With Us

To the tune "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus." Written by members of this congregation, the writing of this hymn was made possible by Rev. Judith Arnold's sabbatical grant, 2012.

Announcements/Benediction

Rev. Maeve Hammond & Rev. Will Burhans

Postlude

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme

J.G. Walther (1684-1748)

Rev. Will Burhans, Lead Pastor, **Rev. Maeve Hammond**, Associate Pastor, **Jane Ring Frank**, Minister of Worship & the Arts, **Maggie Keeler**, Minister of Children & Families, **Jeffrey Mead**, Keyboards, **Sarah Marino**, Office Administrator.

Thanks to **Brian McArdle**, our Live Stream Technician, and **Julia Daggett** for Slide Advancement.

Deacons serving today are: **Carol Andrus**, **Robin Delurey**, **Andy Gallop**, and **Ted Lamson**.



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Flowers

Today's Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God, and in memory of Osmon and Helen Tilton and Robert and Mabel McIndoe by the Robert McIndoe family.

P&D Fund

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