

December 2, 2018	Hanging of the Greens	Worship 10:30 a.m.
WELCOME! NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE OR WHERE YOU ARE ON LIFE’S JOURNEY, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.		
Prelude	We invite you to take time for silence.	
Chimes		
Welcome and Sharing Friendship and Service Opportunities		
Greeting One Another		
* Choral Introit	Christmas is Coming	Rainey
The Meaning of the Service		
Lighting the Advent Candles		
Call to Worship		
Leader: Today is the first Sunday of Advent, in which we recall the hope we have in Christ.		
People: Christ - the light and hope of the world.		
Leader: Hope is like a light shining in a dark place.		
People: As we look at the light of this candle, we celebrate the hope we have in Jesus Christ.		
* Song	O Come, O Come Emmanuel	Veni Emmanuel
O come, O come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Child of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!		
O come, O Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh; To us the path of knowledge show, and help us in that way to go. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!		
The Paraments and Advent Colors		
Advent Prayer		
God of Light and Hope, send your Son Jesus to us again, as a sign of hope. As we begin this Advent season, prepare our hearts for the coming of your presence in Jesus. As he comes to each of us anew, may the Advent of your Hope show us ways to share your light and love to others. We ask it in the name of the Coming One, Jesus Christ. Amen.		
Wreaths		
The Trees and Lights		
* Carol	O Christmas Tree	Anonymous
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, Your leaves of green unchanging O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, Your leaves of green unchanging Your boughs, so green, in summertime, Stay bravely green in wintertime. O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, O tree of green unchanging		
The Chrismons		

Poinsettias

The Gifts of Christmas

Pastoral Prayer, Silent Prayer & Choral Response

Gathering our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

* Doxology [#515] and Prayer of Dedication [unison]

Loving God, thank you for the gift of your Son, the greatest gift ever given. May that love be the center of our lives. Remind us, Lord, of this gift. May these tithes and offerings be used to reflect that love to those you place along our path each day and through the ministries of our church and our church’s wider mission, in Christ’s name. Amen.

Holly and the Garland

The Manger

Carol Away in a Manger Anonymous

Away in a manger, No crib for His bed; the little Lord Jesus, laid down His sweet head
The stars in the sky, Looked down where He lay; the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The Moravian Star

Choral Song What Star Is This Puer nobis

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Invitation

Communion Prayer & the Lord’s Prayer [“trespasses”]

Words of Institution and Receiving the Elements

Everyone is welcome to participate. Wine and grape juice are both offered. Please come forward, take the wafer and dip it into the cup before eating. Gluten- free wafers are available.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

* Carol Hark! The Herald Angels Sing Mendelssohn

Hark, the Herald angels sing, “Glory to the new born King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all you nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic hosts proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark, the Herald angels sing, “Glory to the new born King;

Hail the heaven – born Prince of Peace; Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, Risen with healing in his wings;
Mild he lays his glory by, Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give us second birth.
Hark, the Herald angels sing, “Glory to the new born King;

* Benediction and Response Alleluia [joining hands]

Postlude ALL MUSIC LICENSED UNDER CCLI #639547

* Those who are able, please stand.