

## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 3rd, 2017

1st Sunday of Advent Hanging of the Greens

11:00 am

• Please feel free to stand as you are able.

*Thank you for worshipping with us today. We consider your presence with us a blessing from God. You are encouraged to greet one another in friendship and love. When the Chiming of the Hour starts, you are invited to prepare yourself for the worship of God.*

### Chiming of the Hour - Westminster Chimes

**Welcome & Announcements** *(please pass the friendship pad)*

Rev. Dr. Roy A. Martin

### Moment of Silent Prayer/Meditation

**Prelude** "The Holly And The Ivy" arr. Bob Moody (b. 1941)  
Tune: English Folk Hymn. Bass line from Pachelbel's Canon

### The Call to Worship

*(adapted from Isaiah 9)*

Leader: You, O God, have multiplied the nation, you have increased it's joy;

**People:** *they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest.*

Leader: For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given;

**People:** *authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

Leader: His authority shall grow continually,

**People:** *and there shall be endless peace.*

•Hymn 2 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession

**God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world.**

*Moment of Silent Confession*

Kyrie 572 "Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us"

*Lord, have mercy upon us.*

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

*Lord, have mercy upon us.*

**Assurance of Forgiveness** *(Respond with Alleluia, Amen!)*

•Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks #106 *(refrain)*

*Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.*

*Alleluia, Alleluia! Give praise to His Name.*

•Passing of the Peace

Leader: . . . The peace of Christ be with you all!

**People:** *And also with you.*

*(Please feel free to drop any prayer requests you may have in the basket up front while greeting one another.)*

•Gloria Patri (#579)

"The Advent Wreath"

**Scripture: Based on Isaiah 2**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle I**

"Candle of Hope"

*Brian, Penny, Harleigh, Moose, Bayleigh, Lydia and Trevor Lee*

**Congregational Response**

*(sung to the tune of "Away in a Manger")*

**A can-dle is burn-ing, a flame warm and bright,**

**A can-dle of hope in De-cem-ber's dark night.**

**While an-gels sing bless-ing from heaven's star-ry sky,**

**Our hearts we pre-pare now for Je-sus is nigh.**

**Advent Prayer**

**Anthem** "In Him Is Life"

Adult Choir

*Clifford McCormick (1932-2013) Text from John 1.*

"The Poinsettia"

**Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-5**

*A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.*

•Hymn Insert

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

"The Christmas Tree"

**Scripture: Isaiah 9:2**

*The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined.*

**The Lighting of the Tree**

•Hymn Insert

"O Christmas Tree"

"The Chrismons"

**Scripture: Jeremiah 33:14-16**

*The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'*

•Hymn 8

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

**Scripture: Luke 21:25-36**

*'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.' Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.' 'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'*

**For Children of All Ages**

"Waiting for Christmas"

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•The Apostles' Creed *(Traditional - page 14)*

•Hymn 9

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

**Joys & Concerns**

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**Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer**

**Amen #583 - Amen. Amen. Amen.**

**The Offering of Tithes and Gifts****Offertory***Chorale Prelude on "Lo How A Rose e'er Blooming"**Johannes Brahms (1833-1918)**The hymn melody is embellished with added notes in this work from opus 122 posthumous.***•Doxology (#592)****•Prayer of Dedication****•Charge and Benediction**

Rev. Bernard Bangley

**•Congregational Response "Go with Us, Lord" #535***Go with us, Lord, and guide the way  
Through this and ev-ery com-ing day,  
That in Your Spir-it strong and true  
Our lives may be our gift to you.***Postlude***"Variations and Fugue on O Come, All Ye Faithful"**Donald Hustad (1918-2013)**The composer was for many years the organist for the  
Billy Graham Crusades.*

====Notes on the Prelude====

In 1994, Joy and I traveled to Salem, Oregon where I was to play the organ for my nephew's wedding. The wedding was in Westminster Presbyterian Church, Salem, Oregon. Jeff Papke and his wife Christa met while both were state officers for the Future Farmers of America. Both studied horticulture in the same college. Since Jeff and Christa were both horticulturists, they asked me if it would work to use "The Holly and the Ivy" as their wedding march. We discussed it (over the phone) and came up with the idea to use Pachelbel's Kanon, for the bridesmaids and then use the "Holly and the Ivy" for the flower girl, ring bearer, and the bride. One day the idea hit me that they just might fit together, and I had the arrangement written in about 30 minutes. The variations reflect their life together—meeting, courtship, marriage and establishing a home, children, and empty nest. Greg Moody, my younger son, was in the wedding as a groomsman. In 1995 he arranged this piece for the Stonewall Flutes of the Shenandoah, a group that played in our summer concert series.

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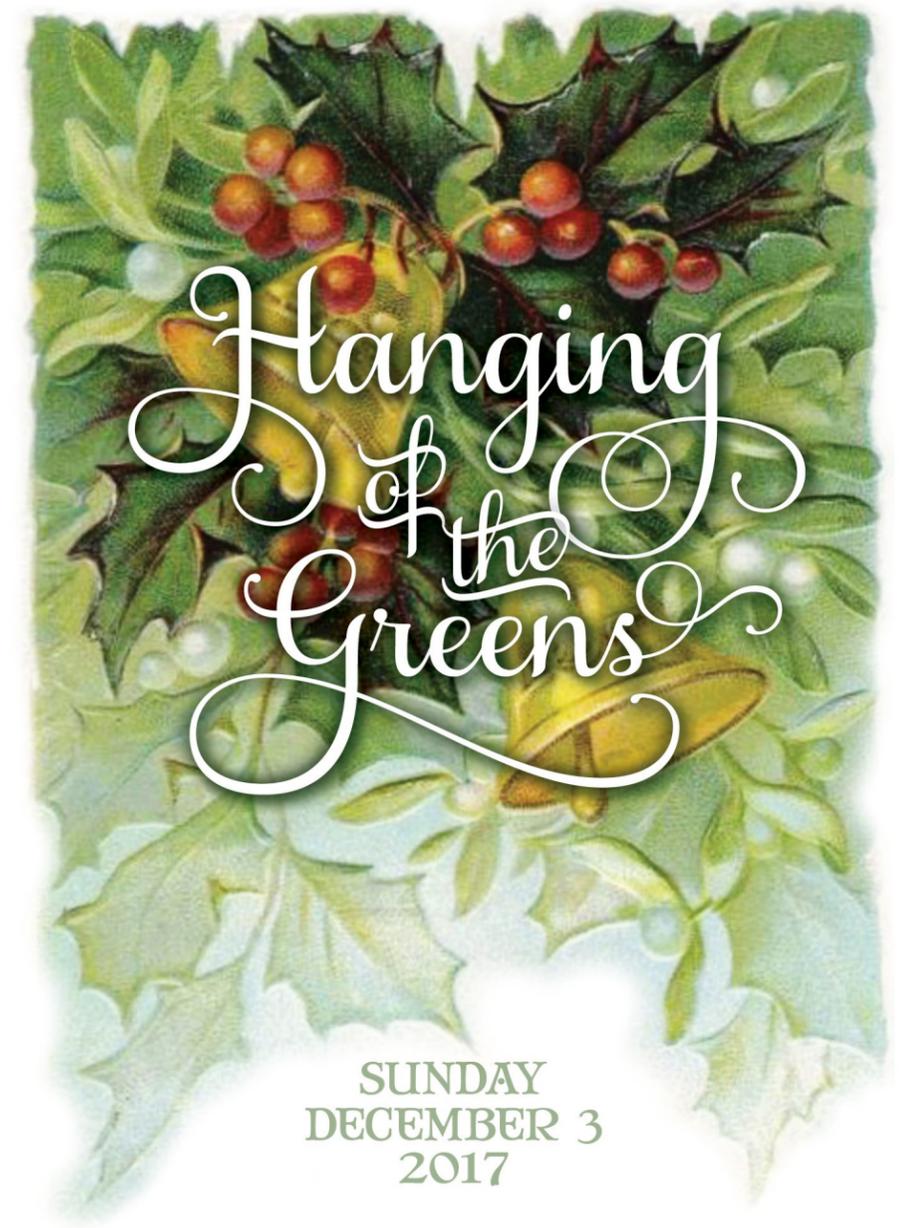
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