

# THE MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

## Hanging of the Greens

December 4, 2016

6:00 p.m. – The Sanctuary



INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Dr. Brad Smith

PRELUDE

The Praise Ringers

*God Rest Ye Merry* – Dobrinski  
*Bring a Torch* – Wagner

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Dr. Smith

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Bradley Turner, Acolyte

## “The days are surely coming declares the Lord...”

† CAROL

*Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

HYFRYDOL

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free.  
From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's strength and Consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art;  
Dear Desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.

LITANY OF THE GREENS

Mrs. Abbi Mullens

How can we prepare this house for the coming of the King?

**With branches of cedar, the tree of royalty.**

How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the eternal Christ?

**With garlands of wreaths of pine and fir, whose leaves are ever living, ever green.**

How shall we prepare this house for the coming of our Savior?

**With arrangements of holly and ivy, symbolizing His passion, death and resurrection.**

How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the Son of God?

**By hearing again the words of the prophets who foretold the saving work of God.**

For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

**All Glory to God in the highest!**

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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, Echo back their joyous strains.

Glo- -ria in excelsis Deo,

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Come to Bethlehem, and see Him whose birth the angels sing.  
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

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Glo- -ria in excelsis Deo.

~ INSTRUMENTAL INTERLUDE ~

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

*Away in a Manger* – Murray

Music Friends

THE WORDS OF THE PROPHET

*Isaiah 2:1-6*

Dr. Walter Byrum

~ INSTRUMENTAL INTERLUDE ~

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

*The Snow Lay on the Ground* – Courtney

Music Makers

Young Musicians

*O Little Town of Bethlehem* – Childers  
*Deo Gracious* – Sleeth

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Mr. Jacob Montgomery and  
Ms. Kathryn Holley, flute

*The First Nowell*  
*Wilcox*

CHORAL WORSHIP

*Your Light Has Come* – arr. Martin

Chancel Choir

~ INSTRUMENTAL INTERLUDE ~

CHORAL WORSHIP

*Deck the Halls* – Jones  
*Sweeter Still* – Barnam

Choir Ensemble

THE WORDS OF THE PROPHET

*Isaiah 11:1-7*

Mrs. Mullens

CAROL

*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

MENDELSSOHN

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"

Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies;  
With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

**“Jesus said, ‘I am the Light of the world...’”**

CAROL

***Silent Night! Holy Night!***  
Ben Wilson, *guitar*

STILLE NACHT

Silent night, holy night, All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and Child. Holy Infant so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

BENEDICTION

Dr. Smith

† CLOSING CAROL

***Joy to the World!***

ANTIOCH

Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth receive her King.  
Let every heart prepare Him room,  
And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

† POSTLUDE

***Hark! The Herald Angels Sing***  
*Whitsett*

Mr. Montgomery and  
Mrs. Fran Wilson

† *Congregation will please stand.*

*Following the service, you are invited to a Cookie Reception .  
Please exit, either by the piano or organ, turn right and make your way to the Fellowship Hall.*



Join us for

***Christmas at Memorial***

**Sunday, December 11 -**

Choral Performance by Chancel Choir and Orchestra, 11:00 a.m.

**Wednesday, December 14 -**

Caroling and Christmas Snacks, 6:00 p.m.

**Thursday, December 15 -**

WEE Christmas Program, 11:00 a.m.

**Sunday, December 18 -**

Live Nativity, 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Family Christmas Party, 7:30 p.m.

**December 24 -**

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 7:00 p.m.

**December 25 -**

Christmas Day Family Worship, 10:00 a.m. (One service, No Sunday school)



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THE FOURTH OF DECEMBER  
TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN

SIX - THIRTY  
THE SANCTUARY

