

THE MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

Hanging of the Green

December 3, 2017

6:30 p.m. – The Sanctuary



CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

Chancel Handbell Choir

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Dr. Brad Smith

PRELUDE

Chancel Handbell Choir

**Good Christian Friends, Rejoice
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**
arr. Kevin McChesney

INVOCATION

Rev. Abbi Mullens

† PROCESSIONAL CAROL 244

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.

Born Thy people to deliver, Born a child, and yet at King,
Born to reign in us forever, Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal spirit Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit, Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

A READING FROM ISAIAH 2:4

Dr. Smith

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

Sydney Carden, acolyte
Zach Turner, crucifer

LITANY OF THE EVERGREENS

Dr. Andy Roby

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!

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

Chancel Handbell Choir

Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming
arr. McChesney

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CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

Music Friends

Come, See the Baby

THE POINSETTIAS

Rev. Mullens

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

See, Amid the Winter's Snow
Mrs. Fran Wilson

arr. Larry Shackley

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

Music Makers and Young Musicians

Alle, Alle, Alleluia, Christ Is Born

THE CHRISMON TREE— A READING OF REVELATION 22:12-14

Dr. Smith

† CAROL OF ADORATION 240

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Mysterium Divinum

Of the Father's love begotten, Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, He the Source, the Ending He
Of the things that are, that have been, And that future years shall see,
Evermore and evermore.

O ye heights of heav'n, adore Him; Angels hosts, His praises sing;
Pow'rs, dominions, bow before Him And extol our God and King;
Let no tongue on earth be silent; Every voice in concert ring,
Evermore and evermore.

Christ, to Thee with God the Father, And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee,
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving, And unwearied praises be:
Honor, glory, and dominion And eternal victory,
Evermore and evermore.

THE NATIVITY

Mackenzie Caggiano

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

Chancel Handbell Choir

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child Lowly in the Manger
arr. McChesney

A READING FROM ISAIAH 40:3-5

Braden McPhillips

CHORAL WORSHIP

Chancel Choir

Every Valley
from *The Christmas Rose* by Joseph M. Martin

THE ADVENT OF THE CHRIST LIGHT—A READING FROM ISAIAH 9:1-2

Dr. Roby

† CAROL OF HOPE

Arise, Your Light Is Come

FESTAL SONG

Arise, Your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God Which shines on you today.

Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door;
Proclaim the captive's liberty, Good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born,
Bind up the brokenhearted ones And comfort those who mourn.

Arise, Your light is come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

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.

He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love, And wonders, wonders of His love.

† POSTLUDE

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come
J. Pachelbel

Brandon Banks

† *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.*

Music Friends are led by Marsha Rehm and Allyson Rehm, assisted by Abigail McPhail and Olivia Perry.
Music Makers and Young Musicians are led by Fran Wilson, assisted by Diane Brady and Andy Roby.

Join us for

Christmas at Memorial

Sunday, December 10 -

The Winter Rose presented by the Chancel Choir, Ensemble, and Orchestra, 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 10 -

Live Nativity, 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.; Birthday Party for Jesus, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 13 -

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

Thursday, December 14 -

TMBC Preschool Christmas Program, 11:00 a.m.

December 24 -

Christmas Eve Breakfast Fellowship, 9:45 am

(Coffee and Orange Juice will be provided—please bring a favorite Christmas breakfast treat to share)

Christmas Eve Family Worship, 10:30 a.m. (One service, No Sunday school)

December 24 -

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



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**THE THIRD OF DECEMBER
TWO THOUSAND SEVENTEEN**

**SIX - THIRTY
THE SANCTUARY**

