



DECEMBER 3, 2023

The Memorial Baptist Church

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

*How Does a Weary
World Rejoice?*



WE EXCHANGE WEARINESS FOR HOPE!

The Church in Worship

Advent 2023: Hanging of the Green



HOW DOES A WEARY WORLD REJOICE? *We Exchange Weariness for Hope!*

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

Three Bells

WELCOME AND FRAMING OF WORSHIP

Andy Roby

CALL TO WORSHIP

Nick Green and Congregation

In God's house, we can be joyful.

We can be grateful.

We can be hopeful.

In God's house, we can be weary.

We can be anxious.

We can be grieving.

In God's house, we can be honest—

inspired or tired,

delighted or doubtful,

connected or curious,

and everything in between.

This is God's house. You are welcome exactly as you are.

Let us worship our loving God.

PRELUDE

Prelude on VENI EMMANUEL/IN DULCE JUBILO
arr. Susan Caudill

Sandro Silva

† PROCESSIONAL HYMN 83

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

Acolyte: Wyatt Graham—Crucifer: Jackson Saunders—Banner: Ginny Graham

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Candle of Hope

Chris and Ashlyn Cale
Madison and Meredith

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Tyler Roach

CHILDREN'S VOICES IN WORSHIP

A "Silent Night" Christmas

Growing in Grace
Elementary and Preschool

SCENE 1: MEET JOSEPH MOHR

CONGREGATION: SING HYMN 134—FIRST STANZA ONLY

SCENE 2: THE MANGER

GROWING IN GRACE PRESCHOOL

Welcome Jesus

Welcome Jesus, to the manger. Welcome to the world.

Welcome Jesus, to the manger. Welcome to the world.

Angels sing from afar. Wise men follow the star.

Shepherds kneel to adore the King, and with the angels we sing!

Welcome Jesus, to the manger. Welcome to the world.

Welcome Jesus, to the manger, Welcome to the world.

SCENE 3: MEET FRANZ GRUBER

SCENE 4: ANGELS, SHEPHERDS, AND LAMBS

GROWING IN GRACE ELEMENTARY *Shepherds Watch*

The sky is dark, the stars are bright, the sheep are sleeping and peaceful tonight.
Shepherds watch with steadfast care, when suddenly voices ring throughout the air!

“Glory, glory, glory to God!” Angels sing to shepherds in awe;
they learn that a Child who will save us all is found in a stable manger.
They run to find the Savior small, and search the stables and check ev’ry stall.
Finally, they find the place, and worship God’s incredible Grace!

“Glory, glory, glory to God!” Angels sing to shepherds in awe;
they learn that a Child who will save us all is found in a stable manger.
The shepherds hurry into town, to spread the news to all people around,
“Shout for joy! Let God be praised!” and everyone is truly amazed!
“Glory, glory, glory to God!” Angels sing to shepherds in awe;
they learn that a Child who will save us all is found in a stable manger.

Asleep on the Hay

Away in a manger, no crib for a 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.
Jesus, asleep in a manger of hay; Jesus, our Savior was born on this day.
Shepherds who came to see God’s promised Son knelt there in wonder at what God had done.

SCENE 5: THE WISE MEN

GROWING IN GRACE ELEMENTARY *Good Christian Friends,
Rejoice!
Fa la la...*

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!
Give ye heed to what we say: News! News! Jesus Christ is born today!
Man and beast before Him bow, and He is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Fa la la ...
Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!
Now ye hear of endless bliss: News! News! Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven’s door, and we are blest forever more.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

CONGREGATION: SING HYMN 102—FIRST STANZA ONLY

CHILDREN’S MOMENT IN WORSHIP Lighting the Chrismon Tree Tyler Roach and TMBC Children

HYMN OF ADORATION *O Come, Let Us Adore Him* ADESTE FIDELES
Refrain Only

**O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.
For He alone is worthy. For He alone is worthy.
For He alone is worthy. Christ the Lord.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Sherry Dendy

CHORAL OFFERTORY

O Come, Emmanuel

Chancel Choir

from *O Holy Light*—arr. Mary McDonald

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom Israel,
that mourns in lowly exile here, until God's Son appear.
O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer spirits by Thine advent here.
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night. Dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come, O Israel, shall come, O Israel!
O come, Thou Wisdom from on high, order all things far and nigh.
To us the path of knowledge show. Lead us in her ways to go.
O come, Desire of nations, bind all in one heart and mind.
Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease. Fill the world with heaven's peace.

During the Offertory, all preschoolers through five years old (including K)
are invited to move to Extended Session in the Children's Wing.
Meet Mrs. Trish Johnson and Mrs. Luisa Haynes at the front of the Sanctuary, piano side.

† HYMN OF EXULTATION

Doxology for Advent

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God for gifts of hope and peace.
Praise God for gifts of joy and love.
Praise God for sending Christ to dwell
on earth for us, Emmanuel. Amen.**

READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:5-23

Brad Smith

GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

***HOW DOES A WEARY WORLD REJOICE?
We Exchange Weariness for Hope!***

Brad Smith

† HYMN OF RESPONSE 87

Arise, Your Light is Come

FESTAL SONG

† BENEDICTION

Brad Smith

† POSTLUDE

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven
arr. Larry Shackley

Fran Wilson



† All who are able, please stand



Please note that the nursery is available during today's Morning Worship service for infants and children up to three years of age.

Serving in Worship Today:

Mr. Nick Green—Cooperative Baptist Student Fellowship Student Leader at East Carolina University

Mr. Wyatt Graham—Acolyte

Mr. Jackson Saunders—Crucifer

Ms. Ginny Graham—Banner Holder

Mrs. Sherry Dendy—Deacon

Mrs. Trish Johnson, Mrs. Luisa Haynes—Extended Session

Mr. Tyler Lumley, Mrs. Sharon Surles, Mr. Tony Godwin—Media Ministry Team



As Advent begins, we start by acknowledging the weariness, grief, anger, and hopelessness we may carry—and we also affirm that we are made by God for joy. But joy lives in a full house of other emotions. We start the season with Zechariah and Elizabeth; they have longed for a child and have lived many years steadfast in their faith. Perhaps they feel the weight of hopes and dreams unattained. The angel comes to Zechariah with a promise of good news, but Zechariah can't fully receive it, and he is cast into silence for the duration of Elizabeth's pregnancy. Sometimes weariness can harden us and prevent us from living fully. We've had hard journeys. Grief has left a scar on us. This is how we show up to Advent. Let us acknowledge the ways we, too, are hardened by disbelief. Like the psalmist we ask "how long?" even as we put our hope in God.
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A "Silent Night" Christmas

presented by Growing in Grace Preschool and Elementary Choirs

As a part of our Hanging of the Green service, in which we finish preparing the Sanctuary for the worship services during Advent and Christmas, our children present a special mini-musical. The setting is a church children's choir rehearsal in which Franz and Joseph pay a visit. A nativity scene is created in the process.

On Christmas Eve 1818, the carol "Silent Night, Holy Night" was first performed at St. Nicholas Church in Oberndorf, Austria. It has since become one of the world's most popular and beloved Christmas carols. Joseph Mohr, the lyricist, and Franz Gruber, the composer, were both amazing individuals. The story of their lives adds to the carols' meaning.

CHOIRS AND CAST MEMBERS

Adult Roles

Mrs. Laura Roach: Narrator
Mr. Gavin Adams: Joseph Mohr
Mr. Thomas Lamm: Franz Gruber

Elementary Choir and Roles

Ella Roach: Kaitlyn
Lily Messerli: Michelle
Sophie Roach: Justine
Peyton Shoopman: Kayla
Dylan Whitehurst: Mary at the Manger
Cole Wilson: Joseph at the Manger
Glory Odawade: Chorister
Heritage Odawade: Chorister

Preschool Choir and Roles

Lawson Bennett, Kemp Bradshaw, Scottie Lamm: Shepherds
Wyatt Jones, Miles Lewis, Lillie Whitehurst: Lambs
Bennett Dunn, Brooks Taylor, Lincoln Taylor: Three Kings
Madison Cale, Kenly Taylor: Angels

Elementary Choir is led by Mrs. Mary Roby and Mrs. Fran Wilson
Preschool Choir is led by Mrs. Allyson Potter and Mrs. Marsha Rehm

Costume assistance by Mrs. Debra Bradshaw.



How Does a Weary World Rejoice?

Advent 2023



Advent 1 - Sunday, December 3

We exchange weariness for hope

9:45 am - Sunday School

10:55 am - Morning Worship -

Hanging of the Green

6:00 pm - Youth Angel Tree Shopping

7:00 pm - O Holy Light at Cypress Glen



Advent 2 - Sunday, December 10

We find joy in connection

9:45 am - Sunday School

10:55 am - Chancel Choir and Orchestra present

O Holy Light in Morning Worship

5:00 pm - Children & Youth Advent Party



Advent 3 - Sunday, December 17

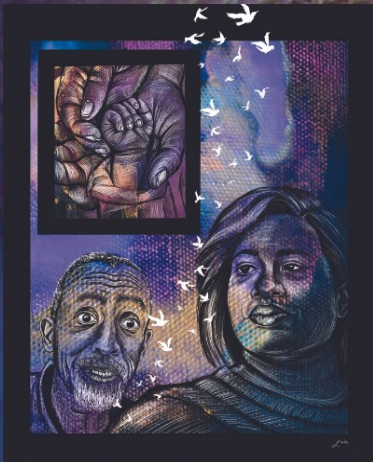
We allow ourselves to be amazed

9:45 am - Sunday School

10:55 am - Youth Worship Arts and Chancel

Handbells share in Morning Worship

3:00 pm - Caroling & Youth Progressive Dinner



Advent 4 - Sunday, December 24 (Morning)

We sing stories of hope

10:00 am - Fellowship Coffee Hour

10:45 am - Casual Morning Worship

Sunday, December 24 (Evening)

We make room

7:00 pm - Candlelight, Carols, and Communion Service



Christmas at Memorial



DECEMBER 3-
Hanging of the Green

10:55 AM



DECEMBER 10-
"O Holy Light" Cantata

10:55 AM



DECEMBER 10-
Youth & Children Party

5:00 PM



DECEMBER 13-
Preschool Christmas
Program

11:00 AM



DECEMBER 14
Children's Storytime

6:00 PM



DECEMBER 17
Christmas Caroling

3:00 PM



DECEMBER 17
Youth Progressive
Dinner & Caroling

3:00 PM



DECEMBER 24
Fellowship Coffee Hour

10:00 AM



DECEMBER 24
Casual Morning
Worship

10:55 AM



DECEMBER 24
Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service

7:00 PM

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 10:55 am—Morning Worship
 Hanging of the Green
 5:00 pm—Youth Worship Arts
 5:45 pm—Chancel Handbells
 6:00 pm—Youth Angel Tree Shopping
 7:00 pm—*O Holy Light* at Cypress Glen

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

9:30 am—Threads of Love

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

6:45 pm—Angel Tree Set-Up
 7:00 pm—Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

3:45 pm—Angel Shop

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

8:45 am—Angel Shop

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

9:45 am—Sunday School
 10:55 am—Morning Worship
 O Holy Light Cantata
 5:00 pm—Youth & Children's Advent Party
 5:45 pm—Chancel Handbells



**Youth & Children's
 Advent Party**
Saturday, December 10
5:00 - 7:30 pm



Join Us!
**CHRISTMAS
 CAROLING**
Sunday, December 17
3:00 pm

First Time?

Please fill out
 our electronic
 Guest Form
 by scanning
 the QR code below.



Thank you for visiting!

We are so glad you could join us
 in worship this morning!
 Want to know more? Reach out
 at info@tmbc.org or
 (252) 756-5314 to get connected!



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