



Hangings of the Greens

Words of Welcome

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

THE GATHERING – We Enter into God's Presence

Sharing Christ's Peace and Gathering in the Light

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Prelude to Worship

Amy Knost, flute

Invitation to Worship

Nancy Corbin

one: How will we prepare this house for the coming of God's royal son?

*all: **With branches of cedar, the tree of royalty fitting for a king.***

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

*all: **With garlands of pine and fir, whose leaves are ever-living and ever-green.***

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

*all: **With wreaths of holly and ivy, telling of his passion, death, and resurrection.***

one: How shall we prepare our hearts for the coming of the son of God?

*all: **By journeying again towards Bethlehem, following the way of those who journey with us.***

Opening Hymn

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Chalice Hymnal #148; vv 1, 2, & 4

Invocation

Nancy Corbin

Song of Response

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Chalice Hymnal #119; vv 1 & 3

THE WORD – We Receive God's Word

Prayer of Illumination

"Be Still"

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Worship & Wonder Scripture

"How the Church Tells Time"

Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

a Children Worship & Wonder story by Sonja M. Stewart and Jerome Berryman, based on Leviticus 23:1-3

Hanging of the Greens Introduction

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Reading

"The Paraments"

Judy Nickum

Special Music

"An Advent Reflection"

by Ruth Elaine Schram

Chalice Chancel Choir

and Amy Knost, flute

Reading

"The Banners"

Judy Nickum

Reading

"The Advent Wreath and Candles"

Carla Labunski and Laura Edgington

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| Advent Candle Lighting Song | “When God Is a Child” | Chalice Hymnal #132 |
| Reading | “The Greens” | Sue Elliott |
| Reading | “The Wreaths” | Nancy Corbin |
| Hymn | “We Three Kings” | Chalice Hymnal #172 |
| Reading | “The Word” | |
| Reading | “The Poinsettias” | Nancy Corbin |
| Hymn | “Angels from the Realms of Glory” | Chalice Hymnal #149; vv 1 & 2 |

THE RESPONSE – We Respond in Worship

Prayers of the People Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Our Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Invitation to Stewardship Sue Elliott

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Doxology “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear Doxology”

Prayer of Dedication

Invitation to Communion Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Communion Prayer

Words of Institution Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Communion Response “Come, O Long-expected Jesus” Chalice Hymnal #125; vv 1 & 2

SENDING FORTH – We Go Out into the World

Invitation to Discipleship

Closing Hymn “O Little Town of Bethlehem” Chalice Hymnal #144; vv 1 & 3

Blessing and Benediction Rev. Laura Ann Phillips

Postlude Amy Knost, flute

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