HANGING OF THE GREENS **December 3, 2023**

PRELUDE & PROCESSION OF THE LIGHT OF CHRIST	Sylvia Campbel
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS	

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Darrell & Kathy Page

UNISON PRAYER

Faithful God, your promises stand unshaken through all generations. Renew us in hope, that we may be awake and alert as we watch for the glorious return of Jesus Christ, or judge and Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.

"O Come. All Ye Faithful"

SCRIPTURE READING

from Isaiah 9

Wade

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. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest... For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of His government and peace, there will be no end; he will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

UNISON PRAYER

Coming Lord, by your mercy, guides our outward actions so that our inward being is formed in faith, hope, and love. May the decorations we offer engage our senses during the days of Advent and enliven our praise and worship through Christ our Lord. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS		Rev. Dayton Wilson
*HYMN 134	"Joy To the World!" (1 st & 4 th verse)	Mason
*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST The Peace of Christ be with you all.		Rev. Dayton Wilson

All: And also with you

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

(Preschool -2^{nd} grade go to children's church)

EPC Young Disciples

THE WHITE CHRISTMAS GIFTS

- One: Advent reminds us that Jesus was born into a broken and hurting world. These gift bags remind us that Christ came for the poor and hungry. We pray, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."
- We join in God's missionary work proclaiming salvation through Jesus All: Christ through our words and deeds, loving God and loving our neighbors.

"Away in a Manger"

*HYMN 115

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SCRIPTURE READING

from Isaiah 61 & Matthew 23

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor; He has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God. To comfort all who mourn, To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness... I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness... For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 13:24-37

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RESPONSE

SERMON

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Unison

The Apostles Creed I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *DOXOLOGY

Special Music

Marc Edge Unison

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

THE CHRISMON TREE

- One: The evergreen tree stands as a reminder of life in the midst of the bleak winter. The Chrismons adorn the tree as symbols of Jesus Christ his name, his life, and his saving acts.
- All: The Chrismon Tree reminds us of God's grace revealed in the living, dying, and rising again of Jesus Christ.

HYMN 122

"Silent Night, Holy Night"

Gruber

SCRIPTURE READING

from Psalm 1

Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his law day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither— whatever they do prosper.

HYMN 136 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" Costen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

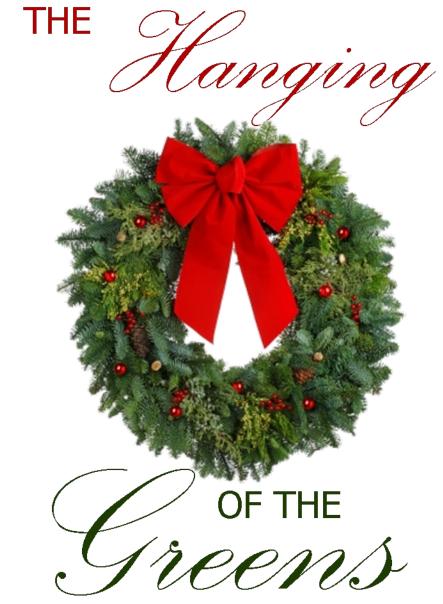
May the Lord Mighty God bless and keep you forever. Grant you peace, perfect peace, and joy in every endeavor. Lift up your eyes and see His face and His grace forever. May the Lord Mighty God bless and keep you forever.

***POSTLUDE**

*Congregation standing as able

The following members will be presented to the congregation for approval to service as Elders for the Class of 2026:

Mac Campbell Stuart Campbell Niki Dennis Pat DeVane Toni DeVane Susie Holland



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