



HANGING OF THE GREENS

*A Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication
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*God we give you great thanks
for this Advent season of waiting
that we have entered into.
For as a Resurrection People,
we know that at the end of this wait
lies Emmanuel –
God with us.
Bless these greens
that now adorn our sanctuary.
May they be for us
a bold reminder
of the story of Christ-child.
Amen.*

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greens*

*The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee,
the fir tree, the pine tree, and the box together,
to beautify the place of my sanctuary;
and I will make the place of my feet glorious.*

ISAIAH 60:13

First Baptist Church, Piedmont, SC

First Baptist Church of Piedmont

November 27, 2022 • 6:00 p.m.

First Sunday of Advent



Prelude

Welcome and Invocation

Call to Worship (from Isaiah 2)

Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.
Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord.
During the Advent season, let us learn of
God's ways and walk in God's paths.
Let us seek the well-being of all creation.

Decorating the Sanctuary (Isaiah 40:3-5)

***Hymn #245:** "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

The Advent Wreath (Jeremiah 23:5-6)
(The Advent Wreath is lit during the reading.)

***Hymn #254:** "Isn't He?"

Hanging the Wreaths and Garland (Isaiah 9:2, 6-7)
*(The wreaths and the garland are hung as
Frances begins to play.)*

The Holly and the Ivy

Traditional

Frances Ward, piano
Isaiah 53:3a, 4a, 5-6

***Hymn #277:** "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"

Placing the Poinsettias (Numbers 24:17)
*(The poinsettias are placed at the base of the tree
during the reading.)*

***Hymn #285:** "O Holy Night!"

Hanging the Chrismons (Matthew 2:1-2)
*(The children hang the chrismons on the tree
during the reading and hymn.)*

***Hymn #250:** "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

The Crèche • The Nativity Scene (Luke 2:6-7)
*(The different parts of the manger scene are placed
during music.)*

***Hymn #251:** "It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

Lighting the Tree • Emmanuel, God with Us
John 1:1-5, 9-14
(The tree is lit during the reading and hymn.)

***Hymn #278:** "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Pastor: Go forth from this place an awakened people, aware of the world's darkness, yet reaching for the light; an expectant people, conscious of judgment in our midst, yet welcoming God's new order and justice; and a serving people, sensing anew the pain so many bear, yet confident God will bring healing, even through you.

Congregation: We see, we welcome, and we open ourselves as channels of God's grace, for we have heard good news and we have been empowered to share it.

Pastoral Prayer

***Hymn #281:** "What Child Is This?"

***Postlude**