

HANGING OF THE GREEN SERVICE

Congregation: Tonight we offer our lives to be used by God.

Leader: . Tonight we offer to share the good news of God's gift of love for us.

All: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace and goodwill to all people."

Hymn # 270

Joy to the World!

Congregation

Benediction

Stephen Clyborne

A Special Thanks to Rachel Clyborne for providing the beautiful harp music tonight.

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Prelude *Christmas Carols* Rachel Clyborne

Welcome Stephen Clyborne

Call to Worship Stephen Clyborne

Leader: Tonight we come together to prepare
for the birthday of a King.

**Congregation: Tonight we make ready our welcome
for God's only Son, Jesus Christ.**

Leader: We begin this special and holy season of
Advent, the season of preparing for the
birth of Christ.

**Congregation: As we renew the special meaning of the
Advent season, the season of going toward
new hope and eternal life,**

Leader: Let us clear our minds and open our hearts
to the coming of the Lord.

**Congregation: Let us honor His birth by adorning our
church for the coming of our King.**

All: Glory to God in the highest! Amen.

Invocation Stephen Clyborne

THE POINSETTIAS

Anthem *Prepare the Way of the Lord* Choir

Poinsettia Reading Melissa McMahan

Hymn #281 *What Child Is This?* Congregation

THE EVERGREENS

Litany Katherine Booker

Leader: How shall we prepare this house
for the coming of Jesus, the King?

**Congregation: With branches of cedar, the tree of
royalty.**

Leader: How shall we prepare this house for the
coming of Jesus, the eternal Christ?

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

Leader: How shall we prepare this house for the coming
of Jesus, our Savior?

**Congregation: With wreaths of holly and ivy, symbolizing
Jesus's passion, death, and resurrection.**

All: Glory to God in the highest!

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Hymn #265 *The First Noel* Congregation
(Placing of the Wreaths)

THE WREATHS AND ADVENT CANDLES

Wreath Reading Crystal Selfridge

Anthem *Silent Night* Choir

Special Music *O Holy Night* Rachel Clyborne

THE CHRISMON ORNAMENTS

Chrismon Reading Aiden Selfridge

Hymn # 249 *O Come, All Ye Faithful* Congregation

Hymn #277 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* Congregation
(Congregation hangs Chrismons on the tree as the hymns are sung.)

Special Music *Away in a Manger* Rachel Clyborne

THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Lights Reading Debbie Adkins

Lighting of the Tree Wyatt Rose and Jackson Greer

Special Music *Angels We Have Heard on High* Rachel Clyborne

Litany Stephen Clyborne

Leader: Tonight we have gathered to adorn our
sanctuary with the beautiful flowers, greenery,
and lights of the season.

**Congregation: We have renewed our faith through these
songs and symbols that express the
glory of God.**

Leader: As we have prepared our place of worship,
we have prepared our hearts and minds
for the coming of the Lord, our Christ Jesus.

**Congregation: Tonight we offer our sanctuary as an
expression of our grateful hearts for
God's gift of love to us.**

Leader: Tonight we reaffirm our faith in
Emmanuel, God with us.