



Cookeville First United Methodist Church

The Hanging of the Greens
December 3, 2023

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Prelude on *Bring A Torch Jeanette Isabella*

Uehlein

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH THE LIGHT OF HOPE

8:30 a.m. Wesley Boles Family

11:00 a.m. Susan Collins, Barbara Hughes
Miller

May Hope Light the Way

*May hope light the way,
hope light the way,
hope light the way
now and always.*

**May hope light the way,
hope light the way,
hope light the way
now and always.**

*CHIMING OF THE HOUR

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

No. 211

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

O come, O come, great Lord of night,
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times once gave the law
in clouds and majesty and awe.

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee,
O Israel.

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee,
O Israel.

O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
and order all things far and nigh;
to us the path of knowledge show
and cause us in her ways to go.

O come, thou Root of Jesse's tree,
an ensign of thy people be;
before thee rulers silent fall;
all peoples on thy mercy call.

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee,
O Israel.

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee,
O Israel.

INVOCATION

RESPONSIVE READING

How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the King?

With branches of cedar, the tree of royalty.

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

With garlands of pine and fir, whose leaves are ever living, evergreen.

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

**With wreaths of holly and ivy, telling of His passion, death,
and resurrection.**

How shall we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Son of God?

By hearing again the words of the prophets, who foretold the saving work of God.

*For God did not send His son into the world to condemn the world,
but that the world through Him might be saved.*

Glory to God in the highest!

ANTHEM	8:30 a.m. <i>Waiting!</i> (Sullivan)	Children's Choir
	11:00 a.m. <i>Silent Night</i> (Forrest)	Chancel Choir

SYMBOLISM OF THE EVERGREENS, POINSETTIAS, AND WREATHS

DEDICATION OF THE EVERGREENS, POINSETTIAS, AND WREATHS

ANTHEM	<i>Comfort Ye and Every Valley</i> (Handel)	Cass Roberts
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SYMBOLISM OF THE CANDLE

DEDICATION OF THE CANDLE

HYMN:	<i>Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus</i>	No. 196
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Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.

SCRIPTURE	Isaiah 64:1-4; Luke 1:5-20
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This is the word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God

SERMON SERIES: THE ANGELS AND SONGS OF CHRISTMAS

SERMON	"God Coming Near"	Dr. Kevin Conrad
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THE OFFERTORY	Prelude on <i>Adeste Fidelis</i> (Eithun)	Handbell Choir
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SYMBOLISM OF THE BELL

ANTHEM	<i>It Came Upon a Midnight Clear</i> (Eithun)	Handbell Choir
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THE CRECHE
THE CRECHE FAMILY

Lucas Flatt Family

ANTHEM

My Lord Has Come (Todd)

Young Adult Ensemble

READING

ANTHEM

8:30 a.m. *When Christmas Morn is Dawning* (Pederson)
11:00 a.m. *Joyful, Joyful/Joy to the World* (Roberts)

Youth Choir
Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Young

Flowers: The altar flowers are given in loving memory of Gerry Holliman Feick and Bishop Holliman by Paul and Becky Payne.

The poinsettias dedicated during the Hanging of the Greens service today are given in memory of Paige Lane by Julie Lane Burns.

Liturgists: Janis Nunnally, Janet Worley

Prayer Concerns:

Marilyn Aitken
Maggie Andersen
Carter Apple
Reagan Bagci
Marvin Barker
Juanita Bileyu
Jeannie Buck
Bill Bullington
James Cherry
Betty Coleman
Tom Daniel
Kim Daniels
Walter Derryberry
Ginger Dunn
Butch Eldridge
Rita Finley

Jim Foltz
David Funk
Alice Funk Livingston
Pat Gilbreath
Ellie Luna Hazlewood
Ann Kellman
Shirley Kirouac
Heather Lee
Jeannine Lynne
Brian Maffett
Maddie Mayo
Sargent McCann
Linda McConnell
Barret McDonald
Ksenia McDonald
Ada Mullinax

Wayne Nichols
Jean Nichols
Fred Noll
Deana Persson
Johnny and Jewell Pippin
Joey Poston
Carol Rice
Margaret Ridley
Allen Salmon
John Schaefer
Jim Simek
Andrea Stanic
Brett Stanton
Lindsay Vinson
Rachel Williams

Our members who are homebound or in assisted living facilities.

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