

# First Sunday of Advent

## The Hanging of the Greens

December 3, 2017

Color: Violet

Today is the beginning of Advent. This is a season to prepare for the coming of the Lord. We hang greens in our sanctuary to remind us that life never ends for the believer.

**PRELUDE:** Come and enter the presence of God and prepare yourself for worship. Join us in enjoying God's presence as Jayne Thompson and our worship team leads us in songs of praise.

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

 **OPENING SONG OF WORSHIP:** *This Little Light Of Mine*  
*The Processional and Illumination*

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** (responsively)

L: The time of waiting and watching is here! Are you ready?

P: **We are waiting for the Lord of peace to open our hearts.**


L: The Lord of Peace comes to you this day to free you from your sins.

P: **We are ready to receive the precious blessings of God.**

L: Come, let us worship God who loves us dearly.

P: **Let us praise God for God's blessings in our lives AMEN.**

<http://www.ministrymatters.com/worship/entry/1856/worship-connection-november-30-2014>

 **SONGS OF WORSHIP:** *Jesus Name Above All Names;*  
*Worthy You Are Worthy*

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION:**


Pastor Cal


**OUR GIFTS TO GOD ARE CALLED FORTH**

Invitation

Offerings to God

Offertory: **Choir Anthem: "Alleluia for Advent"**

 Doxology # 95

 Prayer of Dedication

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**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

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Today we welcome the Wood family to light the first candle, the candle of Hope.

### CHILDREN'S PRAYER

**Communion at the Lord's Table:**

Scripture reading I Cor 11:23-33

Prayer of Preparation Hymnal page 891

Invitation to Receive

Distribution of the elements

**Song of Meditation of the Bread: *What Child Is This***

Hymn # 219

**Song of Meditation of the Cup: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel***

Hymn # 211

**PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER (trespasses)**

*We share words of celebration and thanksgiving*

*We share our prayer needs and petitions*

*Pastor: The Lord is with you.*

**Congregation: And also with you**

*Pastor: Lord have mercy.*

**Congregation: Christ have mercy.**

*Pastor: Let us pray.*

### SCRIPTURE

Old Testament Lesson: **Isaiah 7:14**

Pew Bible 591

New Testament Lesson: **John 1:1-18**

Pew Bible 922

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

 **GLORIA PATRI:**

Hymn # 71

**ADVENT SERIES: Unto Us a Son is Given**

**TODAY'S MEDITATION: *Miracle in the Manger***

Pastor Cal

 **CLOSING HYMN: *Once in Royal David's City*** Hymn # 250

*The Recessional*

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

†All who are able, please join us when we stand together as one.

*Join us for prayer on Wednesday from 6 to 7PM*

Thank You for turning off your cell phones and bringing only water into the sanctuary ☺

***THIS WEEKS STEEPLE LIGHTING IS IN REMEMBRANCE OF FRED MILLER GIVEN BY THE MILLER FAMILY.***

**Thank You to this weeks Volunteer Worship Leaders!**

**December 3, 2017**

Greeters: DOUG & MERRILY  
STONE  
Ushers: JOHN & JAMES JOSLIN  
Co-leader: IAN BUSSIERE  
Worship Servers: FLEMMING (A)  
CARVILL (B)  
Nursing Homes: BERNSTIEN (C)  
STONE (D)

**December 10, 2017**

Greeters: DOLLY & MARCIA  
BOUTELLE  
Ushers: MARK & DENISE PRICE  
Co-leader: MARVIN BERNSTEIN

**Pastor:** F. Calvin Miller

**Senior Deacon:** Marvin Bernstein

**Fellow Deacons:** Merrily Stone, Cindy Carvill, Jerry McKean, Katrina Fleming, Robert Duval, Martha Dienst

**Junior Deacons:** Dakota Wood & Ian Bussiere

**Director of Music:** Jayne Thompson

**Children's Ministry:** Brandy Wood

**Youth Director:** Jennie LeBlanc

**Office Administrator:** Cheri Comer

**Church Sexton:** James Lemmer

**Nursery Attendant:** Kayte Richtarcsik

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**Offering for the week of November 19, 2017**

General \$1,069.00 Missions \$133.00 Loose Offering \$334.16  
Christmas offering \$2.00 Shoeboxes \$207.00 Steeple Lighting \$20.00  
Thanksgiving offering \$10.00

Total \$1,775.16 Thank you for giving & God Bless!

**Offering for the week of November 26, 2017**

General \$1,158.00 Missions \$83.00 Loose Offering \$731.75  
Thanksgiving Offering \$90.46

Total \$2,063.21 Thank you for giving & God Bless!