

Hanging of the Christmas Greens
December 3, 2023
A Service for the Beginning of Advent
Worship Series: The Gift of Being Present
Message: Being Present with Hope
UMH – United Methodist Hymnal
TFWS – The Faith We Sing
***Stand in body or in spirit**

Prelude *How a Rose E'er Blooming* June Shuffett

Welcome/Announcements Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Threshold Moment

Lighting of the Advent Wreath The Arthur/Posey Family

*Hymn *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* UMH 196

Dramatic Reading *The Gift of Hope* Jordan R. Biscardo
Linda Biscardo, Allie Adams

Children's Moment Linda Biscardo

Prayer Song *Right Here, Right Now*

Prayers of People Sarah Chambers

Special Music *Away in the Manger* Children's Chimes

Recognition of 2023 Leadership

Offering Song *What Gifts Can We Bring?* Cantata Choir

*Doxology UMH 95

Scripture Reading Mark 13: 24-37 Sandy Ross

Homily *Being Present with Hope* Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

The Hanging of the Greens

Litany of Celebration Sarah Chambers
Charlotte & Katherine Glaser

The Meaning of the Season of Advent Zach Chambers

Special Music *Good King Wenceslas* Henry McCarthy, violin

Christmas In America Jessica Posey

Lessons of Christmas Hymn *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing! vs. 2* Sam Patricola
UMH 240

The Sanctuary Evergreens Hymn	<i>Lift Up Your Heads vs. 1 & 4</i>	The Upp Family UMH 213
The Christmas Tree Congregational Song	<i>O Christmas Tree</i>	The Aikman Family
The Christmas Poinsettia Hymn	<i>Hail to the Lord's Anointed vs. 1 & 3</i>	The Frittman Family UMH 203
The Paraments and Advent Colors Hymn	<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel vs. 1 & 2</i>	Shea & Siobhan Porter-Miller UMH 211
The Nativity Hymn	<i>Emmanuel, Emmanuel (sung twice)</i>	The Stahl Family UMH 204
The Gifts of Christmas Hymn	<i>In the Bleak Midwinter vs. 1 & 4</i>	The Adams Family UMH 221
Christmas Caroling Hymn	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High vs. 1 & 2</i>	Kathy Henry UMH 238
The Christ of Christmas		Lisa Dickinson
The Great Thanksgiving	UMH 13	Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
The Lord's Prayer		
Breaking of the Bread		
Giving the Bread and Cup		
Music During Communion	<i>The Jesus Gift</i>	Amy McCarthy
Prayer Following Communion		
*Hymn	<i>Good Christian Friends, Rejoice vs. 2, 3</i>	UMH 224
*Benediction		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Postlude	<i>Away in a Manger</i>	June Shuffett