



THE FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL

Hangíng of the Greens

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SIX O' CLOCK

COME . . . LET US HANG THE GREENS

LET EVERYONE BE JOLLY

EACH ROOM WITH IVY LEAVES IS DRESSED

AND EVERY POST WITH HOLLY.

- GEORGE WITHER

First Baptist Church

99 N. SALISBURY STREET

RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

THE HANGING OF THE GREENS

THE ORGAN PRELUDE "Greensleeves" arr. Richard Purvis

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

THE PROCLAMATION Christopher Chapman

THE INTROIT "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel/A Winter Birth" Kevin Kell
Becky Mercer, flute

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

THE INVOCATION

THE MEANING OF THE SERVICE Michael Hood

THE SANCTUARY GREENS

The Reading Lynn Lingafelt

The Carols

"Deck the Halls"

Deck the halls with boughs of holly,
Fa la la la la la la la la.
'Tis the season to be jolly,
Fa la la la la la la la la.
Don we now our gay apparel,
Fa la la la la la la la la.
Troll the ancient Yuletide carol,
Fa la la la la la la la la.

"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

Angels, from the realms of glory
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King!

Though an infant now we view him
He will share his Father's throne,
Gather all the nations to him;
Every knee shall then bow down.
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King!

The Reading

Leah Reed

The Carols

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild; God and sinners reconciled.”
Joyful, all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic hosts proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.”

Christ, by highest heav’n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord:
Late in time, behold him come, Offspring of a virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, Hail th’incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.”

Hail the heav’n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, Ris’n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.”

“It Came upon the Midnight Clear”

It came upon the midnight clear, That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth, To touch their harps of gold:
“Peace on the earth, good will to men,” From heav’n’s all gracious King.
The world in solemn stillness lay, To hear the angels sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife, The world has suffered long,
Beneath the angel strain have rolled Two thousand years of wrong;
And man, at war with man, hears not The love song which they bring;
O hush the noise, ye men of strife, And hear the angels sing!

All ye, beneath life’s crushing load, Whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way With painful steps and slow,
Look now! for glad and golden hours Come swiftly on the wing:
O rest beside the weary road, And hear the angels sing!

For lo! the days are hast’ning on, By prophet bards foretold,
When with the ever-circling years Comes round the age of gold;
When peace shall over all the earth Its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world give back the song Which now the angels sing.

THE ADVENT PRAYER†

Sue Crocker

- LEADER: Almighty God, who, having created all worlds and humankind, has profoundly pitied us;
- PEOPLE: **Who has come to us that we might be saved, not of our merit, but of your unquenchable love;**
- LEADER: Look on us who worship in comfort, in light and warmth,
- PEOPLE: **In health and prosperity,**
- LEADER: In pride and in presumption.
- PEOPLE: **For, having all glory,**
- LEADER: You became incarnate in the dishonor of a defeated line of kings;
- PEOPLE: **Having all riches,**
- LEADER: You became incarnate in the poverty of the working class;
- PEOPLE: **Having all illumination,**
- LEADER: You became incarnate in the darkness of night and obscurity;
- PEOPLE: **Having all wisdom,**
- LEADER: You became incarnate in the confounding simplicity of a child. Help us to recognize our shame, our poverty, our darkness, our foolishness, that we may know our need of you.
- PEOPLE: **And then, become incarnate in us.**
- LEADER: Let your servants grow in peace, O Lord, full of the vision of your salvation, ready to make it plain before all the faces of the earth.
- UNISON: **We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

The Music for Meditation

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”
Beth McCollum, violin

arr. Jason Krug

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

The Reading

Lynn Lingafelt

The Music for Reflection

“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”
Becky Mercer, flute

arr. John Purifoy

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

Michael Hood

The Lighting of the Individual Candles

The Carol

“Silent Night, Holy Night”

Silent night, holy night, All is calm, all is bright.
Round yon virgin mother and child! Holy Infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love’s pure light,
Radiant beams from Thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Silent night, holy night, Wondrous Star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

THE PROCLAMATION

Mike Morris

THE PROCESSION INTO THE WORLD

The Music for Celebration

“Joy to the World! the Lord Is Come”
Beth McCollum, violin

arr. Jason Krug

THE BENEDICTION

Christopher Chapman

THE POSTLUDE

“In Dulci Jubilo”

J.S. Bach

†The Advent Prayer, adapted from *The Worshiping Church*, was written by Paul A. Richardson.

PARTICIPANTS

Ministers: Christopher Chapman

Sue Crocker, Michael Hood, Lynn Lingafelt, Mike Morris, Leah Reed

Instrumentalists Beth McCollum, violin
Becky Mercer, flute

Decorations Carolyn Dickens, General Director

Adult participants

Myra Brickell
Anne Bullard
Linda Carothers
Sam Carothers
Maria Childrey
Tom Childrey
Ginger Graves
Tyson Graves
Mary Hauser
Sherri Henderson
John Hobson
Shirley Hobson
Cathy James
Janet Kinsey
Rhonda Lowe
Jeff Mercer
Bobby Phillips
Nancy Moore Phillips
Robert Ponton
JD Rhodes
Mary Powell Rhodes
Sarah Catherine Rhodes
Jeanie Scott
Allison Strickland
Matt Strickland
Anne Tunstall
Hollis Yelverton

Youth participants

Megan Archer
Nathan Bacon
Savannah Bacon
Claire Carothers
Caroline Childrey
Riley Galvan
Abby Hinson
Hannah Hinson
Elaine Holley
Emory Jackson
Tyler Jones
Cady Mercer
Will Mercer
Isaac Poteat
Olivia Poteat
Ella Sasser
Nathan Sasser
Emily Taylor
Matthew Taylor
Dillon Tyndall
Emma Tyndall
Bailey Underwood
Jackson Underwood
Jesse Vogel

Child participants

Thomas Archer
Addie Bacon
CeCe Bissette
Jackson Bissette
Parker Carothers
Eller Collins
Audrey Davis
Caroline Davis
Lila Davis
Eleanor Gardner
Asher Helms
Campbell Jackson
Bella Kumah
Carter Pegram
Kinley Pegram
Crosby Rohrbaugh
Alice Strickland
Hayes Strickland
Lucy Willis
Catherine Yelverton
Elizabeth Yelverton