

THE HANGING OF THE GREENS

- Scripture Jeremiah 23:5
Hymn *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* – vs. 1 & 2 No. 160
***Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung,
of Jesse's lineage coming by faithful prophets sung;
it came a flow'ret bright, amid the cold of winter when half spent was the night.***
***Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind;
with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.***
To show God's love aright she bore to us a Savior when half spent was the night.
- Scripture Isaiah 9:2, 6-7
Hymn *Of the Father's Love Begotten* – vs. 1 & 2 No. 104
***Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,
Christ is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he!
Of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see,
evermore and evermore!***
***O ye heights of heave sing praises; angels and archangels sing!
And on earth let all the faithful now your joyous anthems ring,
ev'ry tongue Christ's name confessing, countless voices answering,
evermore and evermore!***
- Scripture Isaiah 11:1-9
Anthem *O Come Emmanuel - Hagenberg* Chancel Choir & Barbara Kavanaugh, cello
- Scripture Isaiah 53:1-6
Hymn *Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates* No. 129
***Lift up your heads, O mighty gates; behold the glorious Ruler waits!
The Sovereign One is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here.***
***Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple,
set apart from earthly us for heaven's employ,
adorned with prayer and love and joy.***
***Redeemer, come! We open wide our hearts to you; here, Christ, abide!
Let us your inner presence feel, your grace and love in us reveal.***
***So come, our Sovereign; enter in! Let new and nobler life begin;
your Holy Spirit guide us on, until the glorious crown be won.***
- Scripture Luke 1:46-55
Hymn *People, Look East* – vs. 1 & 4 No. 142
***People, look east, the time is near of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.***
People, look east: Love, the Guest, is on the way.
***Angels announce with shouts of mirth him who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming.***
People, look east: Love, the Lord, is on the way.

THE PROCLAMATION

Children's Message

Claire Baer

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Dr. Mark Bender

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Meditation

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

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THE RESPONSE

Communion Hymn

O Come, O Come Emmanuel – vs. 1 & 4

No. 119

***O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!***

***O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;
bid envy, strife and quarrels cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!***

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table and Words of Institution

Sally Hastings

Prayers for the Bread & Cup

Gary Ballard & Richard Phillips

Partaking of the Bread and Cup

All believers are invited to share in the Lord's Supper.

I believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God.

THE SENDING

Sent from the Table & Invitation to Discipleship

Dr. Mark Bender

Closing Hymn

Blessed Be the God of Israel

No. 135

***Blessed be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free,
who visits and redeems us, and grants us liberty.
The prophets spoke of mercy, of freedom and release;
God shall fulfill the promise to bring our people peace.***

***Now from the house of David a child of grace has come,
a Savior who will lead us to our eternal home.
before him goes the herald, forerunner in the way,
the prophet of salvation, the harbinger of day.***

***On all by death imprisoned the sun begins to rise,
the dawning of forgiveness upon the sinner's eyes,
to guide the feet of pilgrims along the paths of peace;
O bless our God and Savior with songs that never cease!***

Benediction

Dr. Mark Bender

Postlude

Debbie Watson

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O Come, O Come Emmanuel

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

Refrain:

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

2. O come, O Wisdom from on high, [*Sapientia*]
and order all things far and nigh;
to us the path of knowledge show,
and cause us in her ways to go.
3. O come, O come, great Lord of might, [*Adonai*]
who to your tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times did give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe.
4. O come, O Branch of Jesse's stem, [*Radix*]
unto your own and rescue them!
From depths of hell your people save,
and give them victory o'er the grave.
5. O come, O Key of David, come [*Clavis*]
and open wide our heavenly home.
Make safe for us the heavenward road
and bar the way to death's abode.
6. O come, O Bright and Morning Star, [*Oriens*]
and bring us comfort from afar!
Dispel the shadows of the night
and turn our darkness into light.

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's deep shadows put to flight.

7. O come, O King of nations, bind [*Rex Gentium*]
in one the hearts of all mankind.
Bid all our sad divisions cease
and be yourself our King of Peace.

O come, Desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease;
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.

Sermon Notes

1. We had an arrangement

2. O Antiphons

3. A guided tour

4. Already/not yet

5. SARCORE/Ero Cras: *I shall be with you tomorrow*

**Through the New Testament
in a Year**

Join in an opportunity to grow your faith by joining Dr. Bender for a year-long Bible Study called *Through the New Testament in a Year*. Participants in this study will receive a book which divides the New Testament into 365 daily readings. Additionally, participants will have the opportunity to regularly gather with Dr. Bender to go deeper into what you are reading. If you are interested in participating in this study and ordering the book, call the church office or text **NT** to 940-310-5673 to register.

First Friday at First

The December edition of First Friday at First Christian Church will be on Friday, December 3rd, at 6:00 pm. You are invited to the Fellowship Hall for an evening of cookie decorating and bird feeder making! A light snack supper will also be available to enjoy. We ask that you please RSVP by calling the church office, 692-2282, so that we have enough supplies on hand.

CALENDAR

Sunday, November 28 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT		
8:40 am	Worship Service	Chapel
9:30 am	Sunday School	
10:45 am	Worship Service – Hanging of the Greens	Sanctuary/ Livestream
3:45 pm	Chancel Ringers (High School-Adults)	Stratten Hall
	NO Sunday Evening Activities	
Monday, November 29		
7:30 am–6:00 pm	Children Come First “CCF” (M-F)	
9:00–10:00 am	CCF Chapel	Chapel
9:00am–12:00pm	Young Ages Preschool “YAS” (M-F)	
7:30 pm	Boy Scouts Troop 15	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, November 30		
9:30 am	FCC Staff Meeting / Worship Planning	Room 310
6:30 pm	Common Ground Recovery Ministries Support Groups Anger Management, Parenting, Rebuilding Your Life, Domestic Violence Prevention	Rooms 304 to 308
Wednesday, December 1		
7:00 am	Elders' Breakfast	Room 405
9:00-11:00 am	CCF Spanish	Room 300
1:00 pm	Stretch Class	Parlor
5:30 pm	Brown Bag Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	Neighborhood Worship Service	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	First Kidz (PreK-5th)	Room 402
7:00 pm	Youth (Grades 6-12)	Room 403/Gym
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir (High School-Adults)	Stratten Hall
Thursday, December 2		
10:00 am	YAS Chapel	Chapel
Friday, December 3		
9:00-10:00 am	CCF Music	Room 300
10:00 am	YAS Chapel	Chapel
5:30 pm	Keystone Class Decorating	Portico
6:00 pm	First Friday at First	Fellowship Hall
Saturday, December 4		

Fain Sock Tree

Now that the weather has turned into more like Fall, it's time to be thinking about gathering socks, scarves, hats, gloves, and pajamas for the children at Fain School. The Christmas tree is up in the church office and we need to remember to “decorate” the tree with these items. If you remember last winter in February, we had an icy blast and the children needed those hats, gloves, etc. to keep warm. So, as you begin to do your Christmas shopping, remember to pick up some hats, scarves, gloves, socks and pjs for the children at Fain. The counselor said that the pajamas sizes 6-12 are especially needed. We will deliver these items to Fain right before they begin their Christmas holidays.

Pantry Sunday

The December collected items will be: jelly (small & large) and spaghetti sauce.

You can continue to help keep the pantry shelves filled by: Donating the monthly items or any type of food items directly anytime into the large box on the porch by the Chapel entrance.

Save the Date:

Rise Against Hunger

January 8, 2022
Fellowship Hall

POINSETTIAS

\$9.00 each

We will be using Poinsettias to decorate for Advent. If you would like to furnish a poinsettia in memory or in honor of a loved one, please fill out the form below and return it with your check to the church office.

Given by _____

(Circle one)

In memory / honor of _____

FOR OFFICE USE: Date received _____ # of Poinsettias _____ Total \$ Paid _____ Cash/Check # _____

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