

# First Sunday of Advent—Hanging of the Greens Liturgical Color: Purple

# PREPARING OURSELVES TO WORSHIP GOD

<u>Prelude</u> lan Wendt

Welcome and Announcements

Introduction to Hanging of the Greens Service

# **ENTERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE**

\*Passing the Peace of Christ

\*Call to Worship (based on Luke 21:25-28)

(Terri McDowell Ott)

One: Christ is coming!

All: We see the signs!

One: Christ is coming!

All: We will be ready!

One: Christ is coming! Raise your heads

because your redemption is drawing near!

All: Praise be to God! We will worship and prepare.

\*Opening Song "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" Hymnal #82

Call to Confession (Terri McDowell Ott)

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Prince of Peace, the wars and rumor of wars betray our addiction to violence, our destructive and dehumanizing ways. We deserve your judgment and condemnation. Yet, you remain faithful, a steadfast source of peace in the midst of our warring madness. Holy God, turn us from evil. Return us to Christ and his path of peace. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Amen.

#### Assurance of Pardon (in unison)

(Beth Merrill Neel)

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart, for indeed we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

### HANGING OF THE GREENS

Poinsettias: The Star of Bethlehem

The Advent Wreath: Themes of Advent

Advent Candle Lighting

Jim and Mary Robinson

Candle Lighting Song "Light the Candle"

Light the candle of HOPE today,
The Giver of HOPE is here!
Welcome the HOPE we long and wait for,
But only Christ can give.
Flicker and flame and glow with HOPE,
Light up the world around you.
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**Evergreens: Wreaths and Christmas Tree** 

Chrismons: Symbols of Christ and Faith

All are invited to come forward and hang a Chrismon to help decorate the tree.

\*<u>Hymn</u> "People, Look East" verses 1, 4, and 5

Hymnal #105

# **BRINGING OUR PRAYERS TO GOD**

#### Prayers of the People/Lord's Prayer

Place your written prayer requests in the basket at the back of the sanctuary. For other concerns, contact the church office <a href="mailto:office@fpcmoscow.org">office@fpcmoscow.org</a>,

# HEARING GOD'S WORD FOR OUR TIME AND PLACE

Old Testament Lesson Jeremiah 33:14-16

New Testament Lesson 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Gospel Luke 21:25-36

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

<u>Sermon</u> "Signs and Promises" Rev. Beverly Bullock

# RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Silent Reflection

Affirmation of Faith Insert

#### Offering

Please place your offering in the plate, mail your offerings to the church office, 405 South Van Buren St., Moscow ID 83843 or give online at this link: https://tithe.lv/give?c=982246

#### \*Song of Gratitude (Doxology)

Hymnal #607

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.

Text: Neil Weatherhogg. Music: Genevan Psalter, 1551 (OLD HUNDREDTH)

# **FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

\*Closing Song "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Verses 1, 2, 4, 7 Hymnal #88

<sup>\*</sup>Dedication of Our Tithes and Offerings

#### \*Charge and Blessing

If you have a prayer concern or would like to speak privately with a Stephen Minister, please come to the front of the sanctuary after the blessing.

#### Postlude

Refreshments are available upstairs in the Chapel Room following the service.

\*All who are able are invited to stand.

Worship Leaders – Kathy Pendegraft and Sarah Dossey Greeters – Ann and Mark Ulliman Usher – Susan Roberts Music Minister – Rev. Sylvester Bullock Accompanist – Ian Wendt Video – Adelia Hopper Sound – Matthew Mikami





Special thanks to those who helped set up the trees and prepare for this morning's service.