



# First Presbyterian Church

Moscow, Idaho

Revs. Sylvester & Beverly Bullock, Interim Co-Pastors

December 1, 2024 10:30 a.m.

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## *First Sunday of Advent—Hanging of the Greens*

Liturgical Color: Purple

### **PREPARING OURSELVES TO WORSHIP GOD**

Prelude

Ian 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.*

\*Hymn

“People, Look East”  
verses 1, 4, and 5

Hymnal #105

## **BRINGING OUR PRAYERS TO GOD**



**\*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.*

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**\*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



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