

Christ the King                      November 26, 2023                      9:30 AM  
Hanging of the Greens

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Gathering

Welcome

Procession

Prelude                                              Lois Hunter

\*Call to Worship

One: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the King?  
**All: With branches of cedar, the tree of royalty.**  
One: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the eternal Christ?  
**All: With garlands of pine and fir, whose leaves are ever living, ever green.**  
One: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of our Savior?  
**All: With wreaths of holly and ivy, telling of his passion, death, and resurrection.**  
One: How shall we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Son of God?  
**All: By hearing again the words of the prophets, who foretold the saving work of God.**  
One: For God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be through him saved.  
**All: Glory to God in the highest!**

**Window wreaths**

God will send a Righteous King                      Jeremiah 23:5-6  
Hymn                      *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*                      UMH 196, v. 1-2

**Door wreaths and sanctuary banners**

The prophet declares a Child Will be Born                      Isaiah 9:2, 6-7  
Hymn                      *O, Come, O Come Emmanuel*                      UMH 203, v.4

**Blessing the Advent Wreath**

One: Christ came to bring us salvation and has promised to come again. Let us pray that we may always be ready to welcome him.

**All: Come, Lord Jesus.**

One: That the keeping of Advent may open our hearts to God's love.

**All: Come, Lord Jesus.**

One: That the light of Christ may penetrate the darkness of sin.

**All: Come, Lord Jesus.**

One: That the wreath may constantly remind us to prepare for the coming of Christ.

**All: Come, Lord Jesus.**

One: That the Christmas season may fill us with peace and joy as we strive to follow the example of Jesus.

**All: Come, Lord Jesus.**

Hymn                      *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*                      UMH 203, v. 1

**Dedication of the Christmas Tree**

The mystery of the Incarnation                      John 1:1-5, 9-14  
Hymn                      *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*                      UMH 206, v. 1-3

Scripture Reading                      Psalm 100                      UMH 821

\*Hymn                      *Crown Him with Many Crowns*                      UMH 327

Scripture Reading                      Matthew 25:31-46

Sermon                      *The King of Kings*                      Pastor Sam

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

\*Closing Hymn                      *The Church's One Foundation*                      UMH 545

\*Blessing and Benediction

\*Recessional

Postlude                                              Lois Hunter

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**We invite you to keep the following people in your prayers:**

Joan Alsever, Family of Maryann Ayd, Family of Paulette Ayd, Miriam Baker, Tammy Baskaran, Bob Reed's cousin Lydia, Bruce Beckman, Chris Billings, Sherry Billings, Rob Brandt, Michael Brick, family of Michael Britt, Libby Bowerman, Amanda Buckley, Roy Callahan, Family of Dave Calloway, Carolyn's daughter Debbie, Family of Chris Davis, Steve Dawson, Family of Bill Dietz, Anna Doynov, Susan Getty, Tim Eichhorn, Family of Paula Farina, Pat Finley, Taliyah Fitzgerald, Family of Baby Graham Geschke, Lynn Gibbons, Family of Karen Goles, Brenda and Georges Guerrier, Lynah Guile, Mark Hardy, Jim Hobson, Ellie Hunter, Lois Hunter, Family of Dean Jestes, Family of Claire Kelly, Family of David Kirchner, Jan Lambert, Family of Patty Leupen, Billy Lewis, Ed Massey, Tiny Massey, Lisa McClay, Family of Tom Melkus, Mary Michael, Craig Moore, Kathy Moore, Kathy Mullins, Family of Pete Murdza, Mark Nicholson, Gail Phillips Smith and Miles Smith, Michael Smith, Theresa Schmitt and the Mullins children, Larry and Jackie Paulus, Linda Playdon, Joyce Ritter, Bob Reed, Family of Doris Rhinehart, Dana Rosendahl, Russell Rueling, Bob Russel, Family of Ed Scott, Pat Sievers, Jean Steigleman, Beth Spicher, Bob Spicher, Bob Smith, Lisa Summers, Sharon Truedel, Debbie Webb, Don Weinberg, Family of Harding Wescott, Bud Whitehead, family of Jamie Whitehead, family of Mary Francis Whitehead, Shannon Whitehead, Gertie Williams, Family of JoEllen Williams, Family of Reds Williams, Tom Wimsatt, Diane Withers, Family of Larry Wright, Jimmy Wylie, Family of Tony Zile

**Long-term prayer concerns:** Karyn Brandel, Jerry Fowler, Shirly Graham, Richard Giffin, Carrie Harrison, Robin Jones, Barbara Maury, Anna Catherine Miller, Dustin Summers, Ryan Whitehead and his family

**Thank you** to our Greeters and Ushers – Lynn and Jake Gibbons

**Thank you** to our Liturgist – Tom Weldon

**Bible Study this Week**

- Sunday School – immediately following the service of worship.
- Emory – Tuesday at 10 AM
- Gary Memorial – Monday at 10 AM; Tuesday 6:30PM

**Communion Stewards**

- December – Carol Blood

**Upcoming**

Welcome to

Emory United Methodist Church

November 26, 2023

