

Today's bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of
our mother, Roma Paul,
from Nancy and Anthony

St. James United Church

December 1, 2013

Advent 1/Hanging of the Greens

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Organ Prelude: *Of The Father's Love Begotten* arr. Wilson
O Come Emmanuel arr. Germain

Welcome & Life and Work of St. James

Invitation to Worship

Introit: *God of all Places* Choir

Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: How shall we prepare this house for the birth of Jesus?

All: With branches of cedar, the tree of excellence and strength.

One: How shall we prepare this house for 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 prophet of Galilee?

All: With wreaths of holly and ivy, telling of his passion, death and resurrection.

One: How shall we prepare our hearts for this revelation of God?

All: By hearing again the words of the prophets and the promises of God.

One: For in the story of Jesus we see revealed the transforming power of God. We are reminded anew of God's vision of wholeness, justice and peace for all creation..

All: Thanks be to God.

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Opening Prayer: (together) O come, O come, Emmanuel, to the empty-handed and the heavy-hearted, to the despairing and the despised. Enter this world, giving love to the lowly and hope to the downcast. Dwell among us, and teach us Your ways, saving the lost and strengthening the weak. Be made incarnate within us, that we might cast away fear and live boldly by faith. With gratitude that You have come to be with us, we joyfully worship this day. Amen.

Hymn: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, v.1,2,5,7* 1

Children's Time – Advent Wreath Lighting

Hymn: *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* 2

Offertory Invitation

Choir Offertory: *Star Child*

Offertory Hymn: *In the Bleak Midwinter* 55 v. 4

Offertory Prayer: (together):

Accept, O God, this money offered, these gifts given, the goodwill of our hearts, that disappointment may be turned to hope, and worry may be turned to anticipation, as we await with wonder the birth of Christ. Amen.

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Introduction

The Banners & Paraments: *The Art of Praise*

The Garland: *God's Welcome Extended to All People*

Hymn: *All Earth Is Waiting* 5

The Poinsettia: *A Symbol of the Unexpected*

Isaiah 35: 1-2

The Wreaths: *A Symbol of Never-Ending Love*

Luke 1: 5-25

Hymn: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* 333

The Christmas Tree: *A Symbol of Celebration and Rebirth*

The Star: *Leads Us Through the Night*

The Candles & Lights: *God Promises to Give Light*

Isaiah 9: 2, 60: 1-3

The Manger: *The Spirit of Love*

Anthem: *A Tiny Child Will Come* Choir

Meditation & Dedication of the Greens

Hymn: *Hark the Glad Sound* 29

Choral Blessing: *Peace Be With You*

Blessing & Sending Forth

Postlude: *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star* Nicolai

Ushering this week is provided by:

Ushers in Charge: Oliver Wellon

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Ushers: Rev. Bill Coish, Linda Babstock, Phil Saunders,
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