



Hangings of the Greens

Anaheim First Presbyterian Church

November 28, 2021

10:30 am

PRELUDE

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

arr. Gilbert Martin

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW YEAR, NEW COLORS

Changing of the Paraments

INTROIT

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

arr. Frank Butcher

CALL TO WORSHIP

How shall we prepare this house for the birth of the eternal Christ?

With garlands of pine and fir, whose leaves are ever living, ever green.

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

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

For in the story of Jesus we are called home to embrace God's vision of wholeness, justice and peace for all creation.

Thanks be to God!

HYMN NO 12 (v. 1, 4 &5) People, Look East

Besancon

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 and sing today: love the guest is on the way.

Stars keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall brim,

Shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together.

People, look east and sing today: Love the star is on the way.

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to earth.

Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming.

People, look east and sing today: Love the Lord is on the way.

ETERNAL GOD, EVERGREEN GARLANDS AND WREATHS

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SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

HYMN NO 36 (v 1 & 2)

In the Bleak Midwinter

Cranham

LIGHTING THE WAY, THE ADVENT WREATH

Lighting the Candle of Hope

CANDLE LITURGY

Alan and Glory Lopez

We hope for a world where all are fed, with more bridges than walls, and wide open doors.

We hope for a world with contagious laughter where trees grow tall and creeks run clean.

We hope for a world where all people feel at home—

in their bodies, in the church, in their physical homes.

We hope for that world. We long for that world. We are homesick for that world

So today we light the candle of hope, because hope keeps our hearts alive as we wait.

Light the Candle of Hope

May this light be a reminder that the wait is always worth it. We are close to home.

May we carry hope with us this Advent. Amen.

ANTHEM All Loveliness New-born Bradley Ellingboe

STAR OF BETHLEHEM, FLOWER OF THE HOLY NIGHT Placing the Poinsettias

LIGHT OF THE WORLD, LET IT SHINE Lighting the Christmas Tree

SCRIPTURE READING John 1:1-5

SYMBOLS OF CHRIST, REMEMBERING THE REASON Chrismon Ornaments

HYMN This Little Light of Mine

Refrain: This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine (Sing 3x)

Let it Shine, let it Shine, let it Shine.

From the heart of Anaheim, I'm gonna let it shine (Sing 3x)

Let it Shine, let it Shine, let it Shine. (Refrain)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

HYMN NO 2 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Come, Thou long expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free; From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art; Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King, Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring. By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone; By Thine all sufficient merit raise us to Thy glorious throne.

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Hyfrydol* arr. Mark Kellner

Today's Worship Leaders:

Rev. Forrest Claassen, Preacher, Kim Skilling, Pastor

David Hughes, Director of Music

Carol Hughes, Accompanist

Abbott Hatch, Rick Connor, & Richard Ramich, Video and Sound

Carolee Ramich, Linda Hammontree, Sam Miller, Readers