



# Aiken's First Baptist

Worshiping • Nurturing • Ministering • Witnessing • Including

Hanging of the Green

December 1, 2024

**Prelude** Ding Dong! Merrily On High arr. Young

**Chiming of the Trinity**

**Welcome** Zachary Derr

**Call to Worship** John Carroll

Let us prepare our hearts  
**as we await the coming of our Lord,**  
Let us watch for the one who heard our cries  
**and shouldered the suffering of our world,**  
Let us anticipate the coming of Christ's eternal world  
**with wholeness, reconciliation and plenty for all.**  
Let us wait in expectation for the day  
**when God's glory is revealed in all its fullness.**

**Special Music** Christmas Melodies

*Music Makers Choir*

*Under the direction of Margaret Campbell, Pam Jennings, Lauren Jennings, and Byron Jennings*

*\*We ask parents to please stand following the music so your children can see you to join your pew\**

**The Advent Wreath** Marc Joehnk

**Invocation and 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 103** O Come, All Ye Faithful ADESTE FIDELES

**The Poinsettias** *Galatians 4:4-7* Isabella McComb

**Special Music** Star of Wonder  
Come Christian Friends, Rejoice  
Amen! Siakudumisa!

*Young Musicians*  
*Under the direction of Zach Derr and Anna Derr*

**The Evergreens** *2 Corinthians 5:16-17* Caden Pniewski

**Hymn 102** Joy to the World ANTIOCH

**The Wreaths** *Psalms 136:1-9* Elizabeth Anderson

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
**for his steadfast love endures for ever.**

O give thanks to the God of gods,  
**for his steadfast love endures for ever.**

O give thanks to the Lord of lords,  
**for his steadfast love endures for ever;**

Who alone does great wonders,  
**for his steadfast love endures for ever;**

Who by understanding made the heavens,  
**for his steadfast love endures for ever;**

Who spread out the earth on the waters,  
**for his steadfast love endures for ever;**

Who made the great lights,  
**for his steadfast love endures for ever;**

The sun to rule over the day,  
**for his steadfast love endures for ever;**

The moon and stars to rule over the night,  
**for his steadfast love endures for ever;**

**Special Music** Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus arr. Derr

*William Fishpaw and Anna Derr*

**The Chrismons** *Luke 2:8-16* Holly Strother

**Hymn** Evergreen and Ever-Fragrant REGENT SQUARE

**Evergreen and ever-fragrant symbol of eternity,  
telling of the Christ within us, stand the wondrous Chrismon trees.  
telling of the Christ within us, stand the wondrous Chrismon trees.**

Light of lights to all descending, white of perfect purity,  
gold of majesty and glory crown the radiant Chrismon trees.  
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Star and creche and herald angel tell of love and mystery;  
celebrate the Christ among us, welcomed by the Chrismon trees.  
celebrate the Christ among us, welcomed by the Chrismon trees.

Cross of sacrifice and suff'ring, crown of life and victory,  
Jesus Christ our Lord revealing: honored through the Chrismon trees.  
Jesus Christ our Lord revealing: honored through the Chrismon trees.

<b>The Lights</b>	<i>John 1:1-14</i>	Melanie Pniewski
<b>Special Music</b>	A Midnight Carol <i>Anna and Zachary Derr</i>	arr. Hayes
<b>Seeking Christ</b>	<i>Matthew 2:1-11</i>	John Carroll
<b>Hymn 151</b>	We Three Kings	KINGS OF ORIENT
<b>Congregational Benediction</b>		John Carroll

Go forth from this place an awakened people, aware of the world's darkness, yet reaching for the light.

**We see God at work in our world, and that makes all the difference.**

Go forth from this place an expectant people, conscious of judgment in our midst, yet welcoming God's new order and justice.

**We welcome God's new day, believing that Christ will set us free.**

Go forth from this place a serving people, sensing anew the pain so many bear, yet confident God will bring healing, even through you.

**We open ourselves as channels of God's grace, for we have heard good news and we have been empowered to share it. Amen.**

<b>Postlude</b>	Go Tell it on The Mountain	arr. Whitworth
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*The Chrismon trees are placed to the glory of God and in loving memory of Willis and Lillian "Mootzie" Herndon by their family.*

*The Pew End Candles are placed to the glory of God and in loving memory of Harley G. Henkes by his family.*

## Announcements

**Poinsettias** - Plants may be purchased in the church office for \$17.00 each

**Called Business Meeting** - Sunday, December 8

**Christmas Shop Donations Needed** - We are collecting items that children can buy for their loved ones at the upcoming Very Merry Christmas Party on December 11. Donations can be left in the bins by the church office or in Matt's office.

**Very Merry Christmas Party** - December 11 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Join us to celebrate with a Christmas shop, food, family activities, games and more!

**Christmas Cantata** - Sunday, December 15th at 1:00 am

**Youth Christmas Party** - Wednesday, December 18 at 6:00 pm

**Christmas Eve Service** - December 24 at 5:00 pm

**ACTS Item for the Month of December** - canned complete meals

## Ministry Team

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**Gail Floyd**

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