



Aiken's First Baptist

Worshipping • Nurturing • Ministering • Witnessing • Including

Hanging of the Green

November 30, 2025

Prelude The First Noel arr. Keveren

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 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 Cody Funderburk

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 Tommy Sessions

Special Music

On This Silent Night
Joy to the World
Children, Go Where I Send Thee

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

The Evergreens

2 Corinthians 5:16-17

Vicky McCullough

Hymn 102

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

The Wreaths

Psalms 136:1-9

Alex Hartsell

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

The Peace Carol
Christian and Dana Burton

Beers

The Chrismons

Luke 2:8-16

Karen Edwards

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.**

The Lights	John 1:1-14	Debra Haney
Special Music	A Christmas Medley <i>Francine Alsbrooks</i>	arr. Buono
Seeking Christ	Matthew 2:1-11	John Carroll
Hymn 151	We Three Kings	KINGS OF ORIENT
Congregational Benediction		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.

Postlude

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

arr. Young

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 or online for \$17.00 each.

Very Merry Christmas Party - December 3 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Join us to celebrate with a Christmas shop, food, family activities, games and more!

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 3. Donations can be left in the bins by the church office or in Matt's office.

Christmas Cantata - Sunday, December 14, at 11:00 am

Christmas Eve Service - Wednesday, December 24, at 5:00 pm

ACTS Item for the Month of December - canned complete meals

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