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9:00am Adult Sunday School 10:15am Sunday Worship 6:00pm Thursday Prayer Time

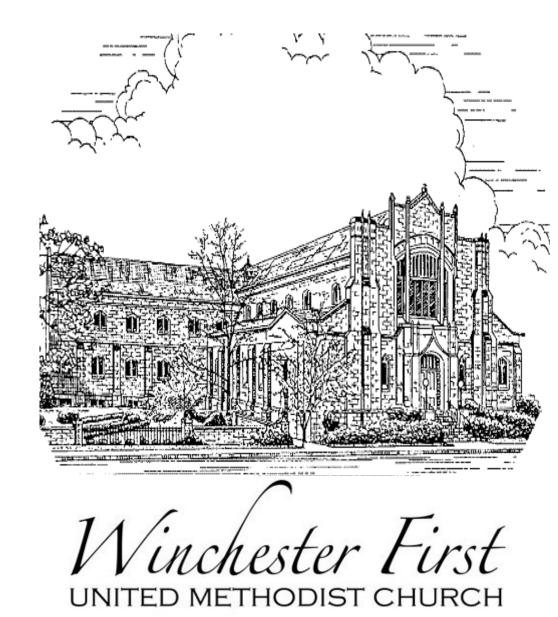
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## HANGING OF THE GREENS Order of Worship December 4, 2022

**Prelude** 

Of the Father's Love Begotten arr. Wilbur Held

**Greeting & Welcome** 

**Bishop Gwinn** 

**Call to Worship** 

How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the King?

With branches of pine and the tree of royalty!

How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the Eternal Christ?

With garlands of greens whose needles are ever living, ever green!

How shall we prepare this house for the coming of our Savior?

With sprigs of holly telling of his passion, death and resurrection!

How shall we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Son of God?

By hearing again, the words of scriptures, foretelling the saving work of God. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world but that the world might be saved through him. Glory to God in the highest!

\*Opening Carol

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

**UMH 196** 

**Lighting of the Advent Candle** 

Candice and Teddy Branton Rosie & Wesley

Anthem

Wexford Carol arr. Ken Berg

David Powell, English Horn Chancel Choir

We thank Marge Whitley for the donation of this anthem in December 2016 to honor her son, Mark Whitley. Although he passed away earlier this year, today we remember Mark with the singing of this anthem.

Offertory

Lo, How a Rose e'er Blooming M. Praetorius (1571-1621)

David Powell, *Oboe*Anne Willis

**UMH 221** 

\*Offertory Response

What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb. If I were a wise man, I would do my part; yet what I can I give him: give my heart. **Placing of the Poinsettias** 

Susan Riggs, Reader

Carol

The Holly and the Ivy

The holly and the ivy, when they are both full grown, Of all the trees that are in the wood, the holly bears the crown.

**CHORUS:** The rising of the sun and the running of the deer, The playing of the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir.

The holly bears a blossom, as white as the lily flower, And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ to be our sweet Savior.

**REPEAT CHORUS** 

**Hanging of the Wreaths** 

Marian Sublette, Reader

**Hanging of the Chrismons** 

Garnett Davis, Reader

Children are invited to come forward at this time.

**Dedication of the Christmas Tree** 

Rick Catron, Reader

\*Carol

There's a Song in the Air

**UMH 249** 

Message

*Is There a Song in Your Heart?* 

Bishop Gwinn

Bringing in of the Crèche

Martha Lopresti, Reader

**Anthem** 

Sing We Now of Christmas arr. Kyle Pederson

David Powell, Oboe

**Chancel Choir** 

Benediction

**Postlude** 

\*Stand as you are able.

There are candles at the altar. If you have prayer requests, please light one (or several) to lift those prayers to God.