

# *The Hanging of the Greens*

## **The Preparation for Worship**

<b>Prelude</b>	Holly Benedict
<b>Call to Worship</b>	"Still, Still, Still" Joyful Ringers
<b>Welcome &amp; Invocation</b>	Kay Johnson
<b>Carol of Expectancy</b>	"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Sanctuary Choir
<b>Video</b>	"The Promise of Advent: Hope"
<b>The Lighting of the Advent Candle</b>	Karla Adams

## **The Call to Worship**

<b>Responsive Reading</b>	Pastor & Congregation
<b>Pastor:</b>	Today we come together to prepare for the birthday of a King.
<b>Congregation:</b>	Today we make ready our welcome for God's only Son, Jesus of Nazareth.
<b>Pastor:</b>	We begin this special and holy season of Advent, the season of going toward the birth of Christ.
<b>Congregation:</b>	As we renew the special meaning of the Advent season, the season of going toward new hope and eternal life.

**Pastor:** Let us clear our minds and open our hearts to the coming of the Lord.

**Congregation:** Let us honor His birth by adorning our church for the coming of our King.

**Pastor:** Let our songs and symbols represent our personal rededication to the glory of God and the manifestation of His love through His Son, Jesus Christ.

**Congregation:** For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

**Carol of Praise**  
Hymn #89 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

## **The Ringing of the Bells**

**The Significance of the Bells** Benjamin Steward

**Carol of Joy** "Carol of the Bells"  
Joyful Ringers

## **The Prophecy of His Coming**

**Scripture Reading:** Julie Holder  
Isaiah 9:2-3, 6-7

**Carol of Promise** "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"  
Hymn #77

## **The Birth of the Christ Child**

**Scripture Reading:** Bob Peden  
Luke 2:1-7

**Carol of Christ's Birth** "Away in a Manger"  
Hymn #103

**Offertory** Holly Benedict

**Pastoral Prayer** Michael Tolar

## **The Hanging of the Greens**

**The Ritual of the Hanging of the Greens** Mount Moriah Church Members

**The Significance of the Greens** Allie Chasin

**Carol of Angels** "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"  
Hymn #88

## **The Adoration of the Child**

**Scripture Reading:** Leigh & Karen Hudson  
Luke 2:8-17

**Carol of the Nativity** "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"  
Hymn #106

**The Significance of the Poinsettia** Benjamin Steward

**Bringing Our Gifts of Flowers** Mount Moriah Church Members

**Carol of Peace** "Silent Night"  
Hymn #91

# The Celebration

**Scripture Reading:**

Zachary Johnson

John 1:9-14

**The Significance of  
Our Celebration**

Allie Chasin

**Carol of Celebration**

"Joy to the World!"

Hymn #87

**Benediction**

Michael Tolar

**Postlude**

Holly Benedict



## Let Heaven & Nature *Sing!*

### Christmas Cantata

December 9th & 10th at 7PM will be the MMBC Annual Christmas Cantata. The choir and orchestra will be sharing "Let Heaven & Nature Sing!" Invite someone to join you as we celebrate the birth of our Savior. Childcare will be available for nursery and preschool-age children. Tickets are available in the vestibule.

A "Sweet & Savory" reception will follow on Sunday, December 10th. Please bring a sweet or savory snack for the reception. Punch and drinks will be provided. Contact [office@mmbc.life](mailto:office@mmbc.life) for questions.

# Prayer Guide

Our **deepest sympathy** to the family of **Kenneth Lewter**; father of Kevin Lewter

**Elizabeth Ashley 11**; mother of Crystal Ashley; hip replacement; 11/30; REX

**Bill Collins**; (trumpet player) recovering from first of 2 back surgeries

**Jan Wilkins 22**; mother of Daryn Wilkins; recovering from 2 strokes; improving

**Cindy Lowery 11**; Laurels; recovering from left leg amputation

**Mike Kemp 12**; diagnosed w/Lewy body dementia and Parkinsons; related issues

**Angela Debelak 14**; coworker of Tammy Sanderford; widespread brain cancer; chemo

**Carl Carlson 11**; co-worker of Jeff Storms; advanced pancreatic cancer

**Charlene Cove17**; in-home IV infusions; chronic knee infection

**Dot Hensley 19**; Laurels; kidney infection

**Jeri Taylor 13**; consultation on 12/1 to discuss heart valve replacement

**Kevin McKenzie 13**; brain tumor; undergoing radiation

**Mike Fischer 22**; father of Rayce Fischer; recovering from heart LVAD surgery

**Mark McDaniels 14**; son of Pat McDaniels; cancer has spread to liver & stomach

**Hannah Keller 22**; niece of Nancy Corzine; 39 years old w/ 2 children; MDS

## Friends & Family Battling Cancer

Ronnie Albertson 23

Mike Bailey

David Bunn 13

Danny Byrd 14

Mackey Bullock 13

Dr. Ray Carr

Robby Dillard 12

John Denning

Katie Dowdy 15

Connie Faison 25

Pearl Fowler 25

Sarah Glad 20

Phillip Hedrick 15

Leigh Hudson 21

Lynn Ingalls 25

Bonnie Johnson

Paula Klein 24

Doug Poole 19

Linda Powell 17

Ralph Price 20

Jennifer Rodeniser

Jeffrey Stuart 15

C.G. Townsend 25

Daryn Wilkins 22

David Wilver 12

## Friends & Family with Continuing Needs

Phil Aquino 18

Stacy Busch 15

Gene Clark 15

Sam Cunningham 22

Lewis Dowdy 15

Lois Evans 22

Gordie Graham 17

Jan Hupman 14

Betty Johnson 23

Rochelle Kemp 15

Terris Klausing 22

Milton Kraft 17

Tammy Nance 15

Sandra Parrish 25

Trevor Sanderford 14

Lessie Scott 16

Dyke Starnes 18

Peggy Stevens

Tom Underhill 11

J.C. Whitt 22

Wendy Wilburg

## **Welcome to Mount Moriah**

We hope that you experience the presence of the Lord as we worship together. If you are a guest with us today, please fill out a blue welcome card and place it in the offering; we would love to connect with you! We also invite you to say hello to our Welcome Team in the foyer after worship for a small gift.

## **No Preschool Worship**

There is no preschool worship today for the 11AM service. The nursery is available for infants - 2 years old.

## **Bridal Shower**

There will be a Bridal Shower celebrating Storm Stuart and Alex Risher; TODAY, from 2PM-4PM in the Fellowship Hall. The shower is being hosted by friends and family.

## **December Fellowship Meal**

Sign up for the December Fellowship Meal on 12/6 by contacting Joan Cooper at [fellowshipmeal@mmbc.life](mailto:fellowshipmeal@mmbc.life) or (919) 730-6662 by 12/4.

## **December Save the Dates**

12/3 - Christmas Caroling | 4:15PM  
12/6 - Fellowship Meal  
12/7 - Triple L Day Trip  
12/9 & 12/10 - Christmas Cantata | 7PM  
12/10 - Sweet & Savory Fellowship  
12/12 - Triple L Monthly Meeting  
12/16 - Golden Wishes | 11AM  
12/17 - Lottie Moon Offering  
12/24 - Worship Service Only | 11AM  
12/25 - No Christmas Day Service  
12/31 - Worship Service Only | 11AM

## **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering**

We will collect the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering on Sunday, December 17th. Our goal is \$12,000. **The Week of Prayer for International Missions begins today, December 3rd.** See the enclosed prayer guide. We see lives transformed by the gospel through our support of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Together we make a difference in the world's greatest problem - lostness - by supporting IMB missionaries. Join us in reaching the nations for Christ.

## **Lottie Moon Mailbox**

MMBC supports the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering each year during the Christmas Season. Individuals are encouraged to make donations by saving on postage and "sending" Christmas cards through the Christmas Card Mailbox. Instead of mailing your cards to members of the MMBC family, place your cards/letters in the Lottie Moon Christmas Mailbox and donate the money you saved on postage to support missionaries around the world!

## **Triple L Meeting**

The next Triple L Meeting is Tuesday, 12/12 at 11AM in the Fellowship Hall. The meal will be a Pot Luck lunch (the meat will be provided).

We will be collecting new adult ladies underwear for the Women's Center.

RSVP to Jennifer Sehon at [jhsehon@yahoo.com](mailto:jhsehon@yahoo.com) or (919) 621-2779

## **Golden Wishes Gifts & Delivery**

Golden Wishes is our way of spreading Christmas joy to the senior citizens in our community. We work with social services to obtain names and gift ideas from seniors they serve, then share their wishes and needs through Sign-up Genius. A sign-up sheet is also available in the church vestibule. All gifts will be collected at church a week before delivery so we can ensure that each person on the list is covered.

On Saturday, December 16th, we will require many volunteers to deliver the gifts and a meal to every recipient. The meal is provided and cooked at the church and picked up along with the gifts. We also reach out to elderly or sick church members who may enjoy a visit or meal and include them on the day of delivery. However, we do not provide gifts for our church seniors.

You can choose to buy a gift, deliver gifts, or do both to help with this ministry. Many people enjoy visiting the person they purchase a gift for. Presently, 56 individuals may require a visit on December 16th, and we will need many volunteers for this day. We will meet at the church at 11AM to pick up gifts, meals, and contact information. The length of your visit is up to you, and you do not need to return to church afterward. For questions or to volunteer contact Kay Johnson at [graced2cre8@yahoo.com](mailto:graced2cre8@yahoo.com).

## **Daily Scripture Reading**

**Sunday, Dec. 3, 2023:** Isaiah 64:1-9; Ps. 80:1-7, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9;  
Mark 13:24-37

**Monday, Dec. 4, 2023:** Psalm 79; Micah 4:1-5; Revelation 15:1-8

**Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2023:** Psalm 79; Micah 4:6-13; Revelation 18:1-10

**Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2023:** Psalm 79; Micah 5:1-5a; Luke 21:34-38

**Thurs, Dec. 7, 2023:** Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; Hosea 6:1-6; 1 Thessalonians 1:2-10

**Friday, Dec. 8, 2023:** Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; Jeremiah 1:4-10; Acts 11:19-26

**Saturday, Dec. 9, 2023:** Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; Ezekiel 36:24-28; Mark 11:27-33

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