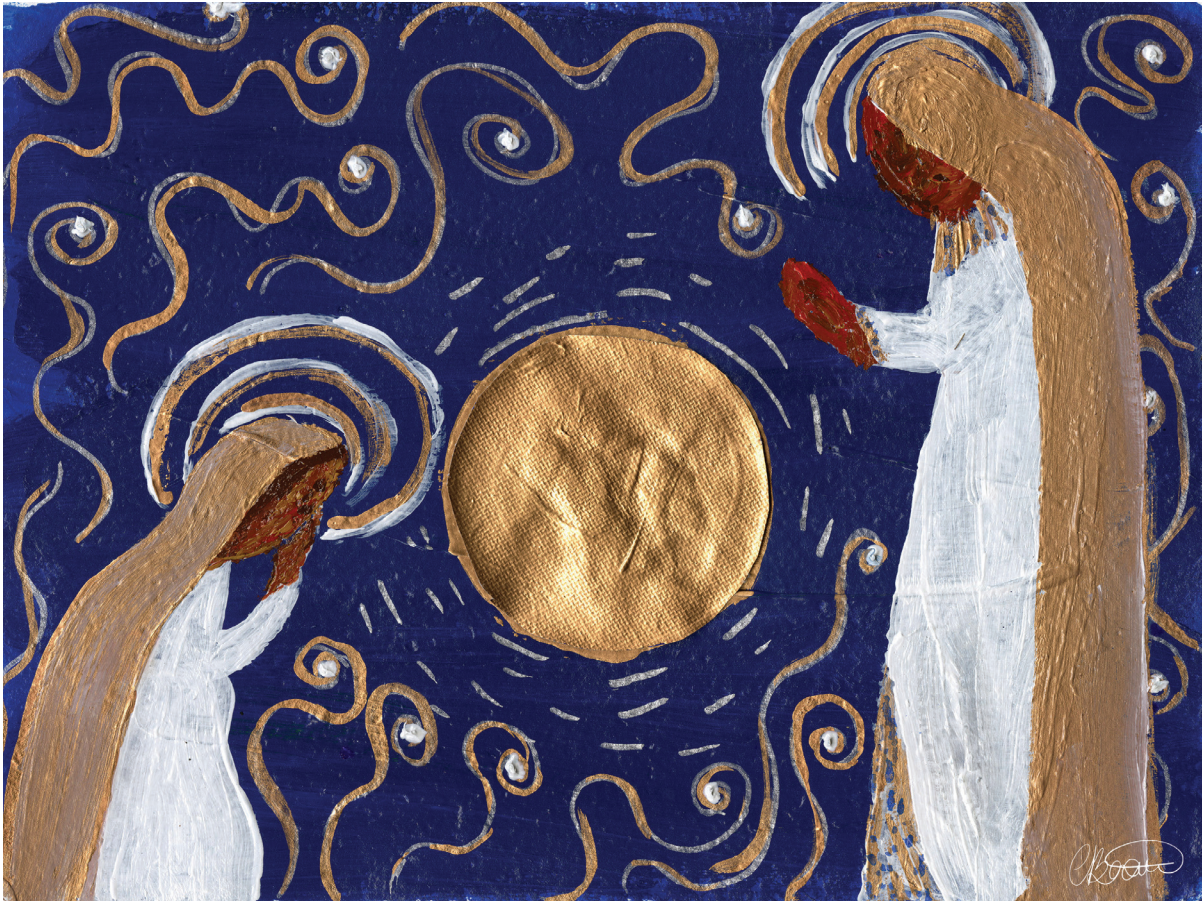


The Hanging of the Green

November 27, 2022



Mary's Golden Annunciation by Carmelle Beaugelin. Inspired by Luke 1:26-38 | Acrylic, gilding paint, canvas collage on handmade reclaimed paper

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Theme: From Generation to Generation

There is Room for Every Story

Please silence your cell phones during this time of worship.

**Please stand in body or in spirit.*

The Thematic Interpretation

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The Greeting

Rev. Dr. Kevin Gardner-Sinclair

The hope of the Christ child be with you. **And also with you.**

The Prelude

Jonathan Oblander

O Come, O Come Emmanuel, Richard Purvis

The Call to Worship

Sarah Sparks and Congregation

We believe in a God who promised to Abraham, who wrestled with Jacob, who walked with Ruth, who spoke with Moses, who grieved with Bathsheba, who danced with David, who dreamed with Joseph, and who hoped like Mary. We believe in a God who has been living, inviting, transforming, and challenging us from generation to generation. We believe that same God is here with us now, saying, Come on in, there is room for you here!

*The Advent Carol

Congregation

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, No. 133

Stanzas 1 and 2

The Old Testament Lesson

Zack Sparks

Genesis 1:1-5, 26-27

The Advent Carol (continued)

Congregation

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, No. 133

Stanzas 4 and 5

The New Testament Lesson

Sarah Sparks

Matthew 1:1-6, 16-17

The Instrumental Duet

Matt and Kathy Karr

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring, J.S. Bach

HOPE

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The circular Advent wreath reminds us of God's endless love and mercy, and the promise of life everlasting. The three blue candles represent the promise of hope, love, and peace of the Christ child. The rose candle, which is traditionally lit on the third Sunday of Advent, represents the joy of Mary upon the birth of the Christ child. The white candle in the center of the wreath is known as the Christ candle. This day we light the candle of Hope. May the light of hope burn brightly in our lives and in the world around us.

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 60:1-3

New Testament Lesson

Luke 1:26-27,30-33

The Lighting of the Candle of Hope

Sparks Family

The Musical Reflection

Chancel Choir

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly, arr. Wilberg

PEACE

Placing of Poinsettias

Many churches bring poinsettias into the sanctuary as an Advent symbol. The leaf of the flower is shaped like a star and reminds us of that greatest of stars. The bright red of the flower is a sobering reminder that this Child would give his life out of love for others.

The Call to Confession

Rev. Dr. Kevin Gardner-Sinclair

In God's house, everyone is welcome—those who seem like they have it all together, and those who feel like their world is falling apart. No matter who we are, there is room for us here. With that confidence, we turn to God in prayer, speaking the truth. Let us pray.

The Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dr. Kevin Gardner-Sinclair

God of today and God of tomorrow, you say, bring your full self. There is room for you here. But we say, our lives are too messy. You say, bring your hopes and your dreams. There is room for you here. But we say, it is too risky to hope. You say, bring your grief and your prayers. There is room for you here. But we say, some things are easier to forget. God of today and God of tomorrow, we know in our hearts that there is room for us here. Forgive us for withholding our full selves from you. Forgive us for only giving you a portion of who we are. And in your mercy, remind us that it is more important to know where we are going than where we have been. And as we move forward along our Advent journey, help us remember there is room enough for every story. Amen.

The Words of Forgiveness

Family of faith, we who feel scattered are held together. We who have lost our way are forgiven and found. And we who are lonely are brought into the fold and are told, there is room for you here. From generation to generation, this is the good news of the gospel. **In Jesus Christ we are held, forgiven, found and welcomed. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

The Piano Solo

Jennifer Harberson

Of the Father's Love Begotten, arr. Thompson

The Placement of Poinsettias

JOY

Placing of the Evergreens

The beginning of Advent is a time for the hanging of the green. We hang these evergreens in our sanctuary because, throughout the centuries in the Church, they have represented everlasting life. The circle of the wreaths reminds us of the cycle of life, the repetition of the seasons. The story of Christ knows no end as it inspires and challenges us again and again.

Old Testament Lesson
New Testament Lesson

Isaiah 40:3-5
Luke 1:46-49

***The Carol of Advent**

Congregation

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus, No. 135

The Placement of Nativities in Windows and Garland

LOVE

Placing of Chrismons

In 1957, Mrs. Frances Kipps Spencer developed what we call the Chrismon tree. She used classical Christian symbols, which had been developed by the Church over many centuries, and called them Chrismons, or monograms of Christ. A Chrismon may be a monogram, a sign, or a symbol. The one requirement is that it refers primarily to Christ.

The Old Testament Lesson
The New Testament Lesson

Isaiah 9:6-7
John 3:13-17

The Hanging of Chrismons

Families of Children

The Instrumental Duet

Matt and Kathy Karr

The Holy and the Ivey, God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

The Musical Reflection

Children's Choir

This Little Light of Mine, arr. Helvey

***The Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Kevin Gardner-Sinclair

***The Postlude**

Jonathan Oblander

Sussex Carol, Richard Lind

Prayer Concerns

Jim Thurmond, health concerns

Robin Riddle, recent surgery

Donna Hancock, recent surgery

Ben Thomas, health concerns

David McMullin, brother of Jean Henry, health concerns

CONCERTS

Brass Concert, Under the Lights at Broadway

Sunday, November 27 at 6 p.m. We started this new tradition during the pandemic, and we will continue to enjoy the sounds of brass, lights on the grounds, and good fellowship. Invite your friends and neighbors for a great outdoor event.

The Louisville Orchestra Holiday Concert

The Louisville Orchestra will be here on Tuesday, December 13 at 7 p.m.

There will be no cost to those who attend. Please spread the word!

Angel Tree

We will be sponsoring angels this year through Chenoweth Elementary and Choices Inc. (transitional housing for women and families). Chenoweth and Choices Inc. are two of our mission partners with which we work year-round. The Angels will be available at the church as well as online via the Atrium Facebook Page beginning November 27 (or possibly sooner). Please contact Susan Reed at susanr@broadwaybaptist.org if you have any questions. If you're unable to shop and would like to financially sponsor an angel, please contact Susan as well.

Christmas Cheer Dinner

Broadway's annual Christmas Cheer Dinner will be Friday, December 2nd at 6:30 p.m. in Friendship Hall. This is a special evening open to all Broadway members, their friends and families. Jonathan Oblander will provide the musical entertainment. Ellenbee's catering will provide the special and delicious meal along with the best dessert table. Cost is \$25 per person. Reserved tables will be available for parties of 8. A reservation and payment are required by Monday, November 28. To make a reservation, please contact Donna Williams by call or text at 502-774-0515 or make a reservation online!

Advent Theme 2022



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**How will you retell this generational story for the people in your extended family?
How can you include more than just your nuclear family within your story for future generations?**

We need your help in telling your generational story.

What will you do to help share the story here at BBC?

Bring a framed picture of your family so we can display them arrived the church.

Please bring them to the church office of to your Sunday School Classroom by Sunday, December 4.

Advent Worship and Music Calendar

November 27, Hanging of the Green, 11 a.m.

November 27, Lights Under Broadway, Brass concert on the front steps, 6 p.m.

December 4, Peace Sunday

December 11, Lullaby Carols and Songs by choir, bells, and congregation

December 18, String Quartet, Organ, and Chancel Choir present *A Service of Lessons and Carols*

December 24, Christmas Eve Services, 5 p.m. and 11 p.m.

December 25, a simplistic Christmas Day Service

Our promise to each other:

We pledge ourselves to be the family of God for you in this place. We offer you our love, our care, our kinship, and our hopes. We hope to learn from you, give to you, and receive from you by God's grace.

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