

North Spray Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)
Rev. Lemuel Hardison, Pastor

Hangings of the Greens Service

November 27, 2022

*Congregation Sings

Prelude and Chimes (Please stand as the chimes begin to play.)

*"All the World Has Joy"

Advent Call to Worship Annette White

Leader: The darkness has long been upon us. We long for the light-- the fulfillment of God's promise of salvation. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light!

People: The light has not yet come. We wait and watch for the dawning of God's glory. A candle casts its light into the darkness. It reminds us to stay awake and watchful, for the Promised One will come to us at an unexpected hour!

Invocation

Leader: Let us pray. How we long for the Light of Your presence, Holy God! Guide us from the night of our hopelessness and lead us with joy toward the dawning of Your New Day. Amen.

*The Gloria Chorus #152

Fellowship and Greetings

Please Sign Attendance Sheets at Ends of Pews

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Advent Skit "The Innkeeper and His Wife" Paul & Annette White
"Emmanuel, Emmanuel" #140

Morning Prayer

Leader: Let us pray. O God, we thank You for the great gift of Christ our Lord. Truly, His coming causes our minds to swirl in wonder. Accept our deepest thanks for all that You have done for us in the sending of Jesus, our Savior. In His name, we pray. Amen.

Introduction

Leader: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of God's Royal Son?

People: With branches of cedar, the tree of royalty.

Leader: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the eternal Christ?

People: With garlands of pine and fir, whose leaves are ever living, ever green.

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

People: With wreaths of holly and ivy, telling of His passion, death, and resurrection.

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

People: By hearing again the words of the prophets, who foretold the saving work of God.

Leader: For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,

People: But that the world through Him might be saved.

*"I Wonder as I Wander" (Verse 1 with Coda) #165

God Will Send a Righteous King:

Jeremiah 23:5-6 Joe Shively

5 The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up from David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

6 In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

*"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (Verses 1 & 5) #133

The Prophet Declares a Child Will Be Born: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Mary Barrett

2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness -- on them light has shined.

6 For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

7 His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom.

Leader: Because the needles of pine and fir trees remain green from season to season, the ancients saw them as signs of things that last forever. Isaiah tells us that there will be no end to the reign of the Messiah. Therefore, we hang these wreaths of evergreens shaped in a circle, which itself has no end, to signify the eternal reign of Jesus, the Christ.

*"O Come, All Ye Faithful" #173
(Wreaths are placed on pulpit, lectern, and windows.)

A Servant Song: Isaiah 53:1-6 Diane Hughes

1 Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

2 For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

3 He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised and we held him of no account.

4 Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.

5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.

6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Leader: For Christians, this passage from Isaiah reflects the sufferings of Jesus, who saved us from our sins by His death on the cross, and by His resurrection from the dead. In ancient times, holly and ivy were considered signs of Christ's passion. Their prickly leaves suggested the crown of thorns, the red berries the blood of the Savior, and the bitter bark the drink offered to Jesus on the cross. As we hang the holly and ivy, let us rejoice in the coming of Jesus, our Savior.

*"The Holly and the Ivy" Congregation
(Greens are placed in windows.)

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

Refrain: 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 flow'r,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,
To be our sweet Savior: *Refrain*

The holly bears a berry, as red as any blood,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,
To do poor sinners good: *Refrain*

The holly bears a prickle, as sharp as any thorn,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
On Christmas day in the morn: *Refrain*
CCLI# 2905138 *Traditional English Carol*

The Lord's Supper

Paul White

Hanging of the Chrismons

(As the music plays, please come forward
and place a Chrismon on the tree.)

Leader: As we prepare for the coming of Jesus and remember that He is the Light of the World, we light the Christmas tree and the candles in the windows. (The tree and candles are lighted.)

*"Away in a Manger" #147

The Mystery of the Incarnation: John 1:1-5, 9-14 Cecil Stewart

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 He was in the beginning with God.

3-4 All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

9 The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

10 He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him.

11 He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him.

12 But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God,

13 who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of human will, but of God.

14 And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Special Music "Mary, Did You Know?" Gina Carter Kingston

The Reading of the Christmas Story Paul White
Luke 2:1-20 (KJV)

*"The First Noel, the Angel Did Say" (Verses 1-4) #162

Leader: This Christmas season, let us remember the One who brings light to our darkness, healing to our brokenness, and peace to all who receive Him. Let us celebrate that joy!

***Hymn of Dedication** "Joy to the World! the Lord Is Come" #146

Benediction

Leader: Dear God, We thank You for the gift of Your Son, Jesus. Help us prepare a place for Christ to be born anew in our hearts. Fill us with Your unending joy. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

***Congregational Response** "O Come, Let Us Adore Him" #126

Postlude

SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE

Good morning and welcome to North Spray Christian Church.

We're glad you chose to worship with us this morning, and we invite you to join with us as we celebrate the difference God's grace has made in our lives. Visitors, please stop by the sound booth at the back of the sanctuary to receive some special information.

Hangings of the Greens Service

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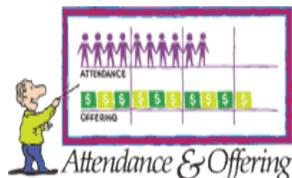
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FOR THE RECORD:

Worship Attendance for 11/20/22

In Person	29
Online	8
Total Attendance	37
Sunday School Attendance	10



Offering for 11/20/22

General Fund Offering	\$841.85
Thanksgiving Offering	50.00
Online Giving	175.00
Total Offering	\$1,066.85



We have four ways to join us each Sunday. We look forward to seeing everyone for our worship experience at church or online!

In Person

11:00 a.m. on Sundays

Online

<https://zoom.us/j/99879722687?pwd=MDMxQWRJYWxRMkw4MnhaNWljc1gwz09>

Zoom App

Join us on the Zoom Cloud Meetings app using 998 7972 2687 as the Meeting ID and 336 as the password.

Phone

Call 646.558.8656 and use 998 7972 2687 as the Meeting ID and 336 as the password.



Lem Hardison's Retirement Celebration will be on **Sunday, December 11!** Our Regional Minister, Bishop Valerie Melvin and other guests will be with us on that day! Mark your calendars and make plans to join us and invite your friends and family! There will be a **covered dish meal** after the service.

Our **annual congregational meeting** will occur on **Sunday, December 4.** At this time **deacon and elder candidates for 2023-2025** and the **2023 proposed budget** will be presented. Mark your calendar now and be present for this important meeting.



Our **Hanging of the Greens** service will be this **Sunday, November 27.** This begins the season of Advent.

GENERAL FUND FAITHRAISER

2022 Holiday Luminaries

In Honor or Memory of Loved Ones

\$5.00 Per Luminary

Deadline to Purchase Is Sunday, December 18

Luminaries will be on display at the Christmas Eve Service on Saturday, December 24.

We will be placing **luminaries** along the church walkways for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service as our next General Fund Faithraiser. If you would like to give a luminary in honor or memory of a loved one, please give **\$5.00 per luminary** to me on Sunday, along with the completed sheet, included in this bulletin. We will also have copies on the foyer table. All proceeds will go to the General Fund. **The deadline to get these in is Sunday, December 18.**

Coming in December

Draper Christian Church presents their *Night of Miracles Drive-Thru Nativity* on Friday and Saturday, December 2 & 3. The time will be 7:00-9:00 p.m. The church is located at 1122 Fieldcrest Road.



There will be a play rehearsal on Saturday, December 3, at 2:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.



You are invited to an *Open House* at the home of Marilyn and Lem Hardison, 200 Wilson Street, on Sunday, December 4 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Come and enjoy a festive time of fellowship and good food, too!



This year, you will have the opportunity to bring your *Christmas cards* to fellow church members/attenders and place them in the box on the table in the hallway. Please have your cards in **by Thursday, December 15 at noon**. Cards will be distributed on the Sunday before Christmas, December 18.



We are working on getting our **church directory** information updated to print a new directory. If you have a new physical or email address, home or cell phone number or you need to make other changes, please let Sylvia in the church office know. We will have a sample copy on the table at the back of the sanctuary soon for you to look over your personal information and make any necessary changes.

Remember to bring non-perishable food items **the first Sunday of each month** and place them in the box in the hallway for the **CCM Food Closet**. There is always a need for **2 lb. bags of sugar & flour, peanut butter and jelly, rice, Jiffy muffin mix, spaghetti sauce, powdered or canned milk, cereal, crackers, and all canned goods, especially meats, soups, and fruits**. Thank you for your contributions. Let's keep it going and help those who are less fortunate in our community!!



Help for Those in Need

CCM is more than a food closet. You may also give monetary donations to help clients with medications, utilities, rent, and for purchasing extra food. These can be put in a pew envelope and marked for CCM on the outside or send your donations to PO Box 931, Eden, NC 27289-0931. All your donations, food and funds, are greatly appreciated.

Your weekly/monthly tithe is important to maintain our facility and staff. If you are not attending in person, you may mail your offering to the church at 521 Washburn Avenue. **Please Note: When you send your tithe by mail please include your numbered offering envelope with it**, so that we will have a tangible record to keep after the money is deposited. Deposits are made on Mondays, so if your tithe is received after that, it will be deposited the following week.

Also, remember our **online giving** option. Gifts can be made to our General Fund and Memorial Fund, as well as for special offerings. You can give a one-time gift or setup recurring giving if you wish to give every week or month. Options are available to give either by credit/debit card or bank draft.

Visit northspraychristianchurch.com/giving to get started. If you have any questions, please contact Thomas Knight at tknight@northspraychristianchurch.com.



REMEMBER THESE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

(*NSCC members)



IMMEDIATE NEEDS:

- Roger Compton** – 248 Benson Road – No evidence of blood clots; still in atrial fibrillation. Had a cardioversion at Annie Penn Hospital on 11/16
- Jerry Dollins** – Barbara Spurlin's son-in-law – 4912 S. Land Ave., Oklahoma City, OK 73119 – heart pump stopped working; airlifted to hospital in Okla.
- Deanna King** – co-worker of Heather Wakefield – Rehab at Oak Forest Rehab, 5680 Windy Hill Dr., Winston-Salem, NC 27015 – still has a long way to go
- Patsy Rutherford** – Jeff's mother – cancer has returned & is spreading rapidly – 6424 Old National Pike, Boonsboro, MD 21712
- Belinda Smith** – Heather & Stephanie's cousin – Emergency hernia surgery on 11/18
- *Barney Strutton** – 334 Pine Road – has been diagnosed with myasthenia gravis; Bulging disc in back causing pain in leg; new medication is helping some
- *Charles Washburn** – 201 Saturn Drive, Ridgeway, VA 24148 – Pacemaker implanted 10/25 – doing well with it

ONGOING NEEDS:

- *Tim Bailey** – 443 Washburn Ave.
- Laura Brown** – Sylvia's sister – Early stages of Alzheimer's
- Phyllis Brown** – 638 John Street
- Ron Hardison** – Arbor Glen Apts., Apt. E, 637 S. Pierce Street
- Thomas Jarrell** – Friend of the Knights – Cancer Treatments – 1724 Woodrow Ave.
- *Connie Koontz** – 408 Highland Drive
- Ashley Long** – Diagnosed w/Ankylosing Spondylitis (a rare, genetic autoimmune arthritis) had her 1st Lidocaine infusion on 11/14 at Duke and had a rough week from side effects, one of them being blood pressure issues.–148 White Oak Ct.
- *Kim Morrison** – 230 Hidden Valley Dr., Apt. 237
- *Kathryn Metro Ragland** – 312 Coleman Street
- LaRue Roberts** – Copper Village, 5037 E. Broadway Rd., Mesa, AZ 85206
- *Barbara Spurlin** – 182 Sparrow Road – heart issues
- *Ray & *Angie Strader & Family** – 636 Riverside Drive – Angie has no feeling in her feet and legs and is confined to a wheelchair
- Caleb & Kayla Upchurch & Family** – 411 Sherwood Court
- *Harriett Washburn** – with Andi – 112 Allyson Street, Reidsville, NC 27320 – under Hospice care
- *Louise Washburn** – 201 Saturn Drive, Ridgeway, VA 24148
- *Melvin & *Faye Wood** – 9730 Hwy. 87, Reidsville, NC 27320

HOMEBOUND

- Belle Banks** – PO Box 554, Reidsville, 27323
- *Judy Barnes** – 316 Harry Akers Street
- Gayle Hand** – Chris' mother – Highgrove Long-term Care Center, Reidsville
- *Obera Harris** – 810 McConnell Avenue
- Judy Higgs** – Faye Wood's sister – Room 503, Jacob's Creek Nursing Center, Madison
- *Jeannie Hocutt** – Room 607, Jacob's Creek Nursing Center, Madison
- Luanne Joyce** – Sylvia Brown's sister – Room 403, Brookdale, Reidsville
- *Pauline Litaker** – c/o 5215 Southwind Road, Greensboro, NC 27455
- Bobbie Shough** – Bayberry Inn, 511 Carolyn Court
- Jill Slaughter** – Room 306, Brian Center, 226 N. Oakland Ave.
- Martie Stephens** – In the Alzheimer's unit at Meadows Mennonite Community in Chenoa, IL – send cards to: 14529 Saturn Circle, Bloomington, IL 61704
- Susan Talley** – 213 Portsmouth Drive
- *Nathan Townsend** – 241 Turner Drive, Unit C, Reidsville, NC 27320

Also remember:

- **Our Search Committee as they begin the task of seeking a minister for North Spray Christian Church**
- **Our military serving throughout the world. Especially remember the people of Ukraine.**
- **Those affected by COVID-19, flu, RSV, and other viruses going around.**

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the family of Arlyn Bunch at his death on November 19.

Our Sympathy is also extended to the family of Mike Perry at his death on November 22.

Nursing Center Addresses:

UNC Rockingham – 205 E. Kings Highway
UNC Chapel Hill – 101 Manning Drive, Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Brian Center - 226 N. Oakland Avenue
Bayberry - 511 Carolyn Court
Brookdale - 314 W. Kings Highway
Brookdale, Reidsville - 2931 Vance Street, Reidsville, 27320
Highgrove - 2135 S. Scales Street, Reidsville, 27320
Jacob's Creek - 1721 Bald Hill Loop, Madison, 27025
Penn - 618-A Main Street, Reidsville, NC 27320
Gibson House - Hospice of Rockingham County - 2150 NC Highway 65, Wentworth 27375



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