

*Welcome to
St. Peter's Pikeland
United Church of Christ*



*We Celebrate
the Hanging of
the Greens*

December 6, 2020
7:00 p.m.

PRELUDE

“Deck the Halls”

THE GREETING

We gather as God's people to celebrate again
what Christ's coming means to the world.

Welcome to this service of
the Hanging of the Greens.

CALL TO WORSHIP

*The people will make the responses in the **bold print**.*

We are now in the season of Advent,
a time of waiting and preparation,
of expectation and hope.

Each of Advent's four Sundays
brings us closer to Christmas,
the Nativity of our Lord.

**Tonight, we continue our preparation
for the coming of the Christ Child,
making this sanctuary ready for
the people of God, so that we may
celebrate and welcome the coming of the
Savior of the World.**

THE CANDLES

COMING OF THE LIGHT

A READING FROM JOHN

John 1:1-9

Wayne Freese

INTERLUDE

“What Child Is This?”

arr Guaraldi

The Thin Line

THE GREENS

THE POINSETTIAS AND THE BELLS

INTERLUDE “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

THE CRECHE

INTERLUDE “O Tannenbaum” arr Guaraldi
The Thin Line

THE CHRISTMAS TREE

CAROL SING-ALONG

*All at home are invited to sing along with
Kat Bowman for some favorite Christmas carols.
We will sing the first verse of each carol.*

“Deck the Halls”

*Deck the halls with boughs of holly
Fa la la la la la la la la
'Tis the season to be jolly
Fa la la la la la la la la
Don we now a gay apparel
Fa la la la la la la la la
Troll the ancient Yuletide carol
Fa la la la la la la la la*

“The First Noel”

*The First Noel, the Angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel!*

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

*Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly swinging o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains
Gloria In Excelsis Deo
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“Away in a Manger”

*Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep in the hay.*

“Good Christian Men Rejoice”

*Good Christian men, rejoice
With heart, and soul, and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say:
News! News! I
Jesus Christ was born to-day:
Ox and ass before Him bow,
And He is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today.*

THE WINDOWS

INTERLUDE “Christmas Time Is Here” Guaraldi/Krall
Emily Gorge, soloist

PROCLAMATION AND PRAYER

I proclaim that with our carols and our prayers
this house of God is now prepared.
The candles have been lighted,
the greens have been hung.
Our church is ready for the coming of Christmas.

Let us now ask for God's help
in these days of Advent,
that we may prepare
our hearts and our lives
for the glad tidings of great joy
which shall be to all people.

**Gracious God,
as we stand at the beginning
of this year's journey
toward Bethlehem's manger,
we praise and thank you
for the joy that has been ours
to share this evening.**

**Yet, decorating this church is the easy part
of our preparation for Christmas.**

**By your gracious and empowering Spirit,
help us to prepare ourselves
for the coming of the Christ Child.**

**May we receive him in faith,
and in receiving him
may we welcome you. Amen.**

BLESSING

Let all the mountains and hills
break forth into singing,
and all the trees of the field
clap their hands,
for God reigns overall.

And now, may the grace of Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
go with you, now and always. Amen.

POSTLUDE “We Wish You a Merry Christmas”



Merry
Christmas

*To all in our St. Peter's Church family and
to all of our online guests tonight –*

We greet you in the name of Jesus, the Child
of Bethlehem, and welcome you to this
annual service of The Hanging of the Greens.



We extend special thanks to
Cindy Warner for coordinating this service.
We are also grateful to everyone who helped
prepare for this wonderful event.

Our narrator is Pastor Doug Hanson. Our
organist and Music Director is Kat Bowman.

The Angel ornament at the top of the
Christmas tree is placed in loving memory of
Laura Beitler.

The red heart-shaped candle on the altar is in loving memory of
^^Jeremy P. Wilson^^

The poinsettia on the altar is in honor of our church family, both
here and in Heaven.

Special Thanks to ...

... The anonymous donors of our Christmas tree and wreaths.

... Pete Warner, for recording the service, and adding to the music

Join us as we continue our celebration of Advent
at our 10 a.m. Service of Worship each Sunday.

*May the true peace and joy of this beautiful season
-- the gift of God in Jesus Christ –
sustain you and yours now and always.*



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