



Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
Hanging of the Greens

Hicks Memorial Chapel
Tuesday, November 29, 2022

GATHERING

*The service of worship begins with the music of the prelude.
Through its power and brilliance, may you feel the majesty and glory of God;
in its quietness, God's peace.*

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

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

***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 the Son into the world to condemn the world,
but that the world through him might be saved.

***People:* Glory to God in the highest!**

***Opening Hymn**

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

GtG #104

THE WORD

Invitation to Advent Preparation

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn Verse

*People, Look East
Stanza 1*

GtG #105

A Righteous King

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 23:5-6

Evergreen Wreaths

Hymn Verse

*People, Look East
Stanza 2*

GtG #105

An Everlasting Promise

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 41:17-20

Decorated Trees

Hymn Verse

*People, Look East
Stanza 3*

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A Tender Shoot

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 53:2-5

Sprigs of Holly

Hymn Verse

*People, Look East
Stanza 4*

GtG #105

A Light in the Darkness

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Leader: Let us live in peace with each other and our neighbors.

***People:* Let us walk in the way of the Lord.**

Leader: In the midst of conflict and unrest, we are called to be messengers of peace.

In a dark world, we are called to be carriers of God's light.

We light this candle as a symbol of Peace.

***People:* Make us ready, O God,
for the coming of Jesus, our light and our peace.**

Prayers of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

Ecumenical Version

Leader: A voice is crying in the wilderness:

let us prepare the way of the Lord.

God of our salvation,

***People:* hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for the church ...

Let us be a sign of your promised realm
and make us ready to meet our Savior Christ
when he comes again in glory.

God of our salvation,

***People:* hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for the world ...

Make a way in the wilderness of this world.
Bring justice and equality to every land
and let all creatures know your saving love.

God of our salvation,

***People:* hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for this community ...

Send messengers of your way among us
to kindle in us a passion for what is right
and cleanse us from all corruption.

God of our salvation,

***People:* hear our prayer.**

*please rise in body and/or spirit

Leader: We pray for loved ones ...
Let your tender mercy shine on them.
Give light to those who wait in darkness
and guide their feet into the path of peace.
God of our salvation,

***People:* hear our prayer.**

Leader: Prepare your way in us, O Lord,
that we may rejoice and be glad
when your reign of glory comes;
God of our salvation,

***People:* hear our prayer.**

Leader: God of our salvation, hear us as we pray as Jesus taught:

***People:* Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Hymn Verse

People, Look East

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Stanza 5

The Beginning and the End

Scripture Reading: Revelation 22:12-13, 16

Paraments

SENDING

***Sending Hymn**

Savior of the Nations, Come

GtG #102

***Benediction and Charge**

Leader: May the God of peace make you holy
and the power of the Spirit sustain you
until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

***People:* Alleluia!**

Leader: Prepare the way of the Lord!

Isaiah 40:3; Mark 1:3

***People:* Amen.**

Postlude

All may exchange signs of Christ's peace and reconciling love.