

## The Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

*On This Day Earth Shall Ring/Go Tell It on the Mountain* • Traditional  
Children's Choir

## Prayer of Dedication



## THE PARAMENTS

**Scripture** | Exodus 39:6; Numbers 4:13-14; Daniel 5:29; John 19:1-3; Mark 15:20

## Carol | *I Wonder as I Wander*

I wonder as I wander, out under the sky, how Jesus the Savior did come for to die for poor ordinary people like you and like I; I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.

When Mary birthed Jesus, 'twas in a cow's stall, with wise men and farmers and shepherds and all, but high from God's heaven a star's light did fall, the promise of ages it then did recall.

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## Why Purple?

## THE CHRISMONS



**Scripture** | Revelation 1:8

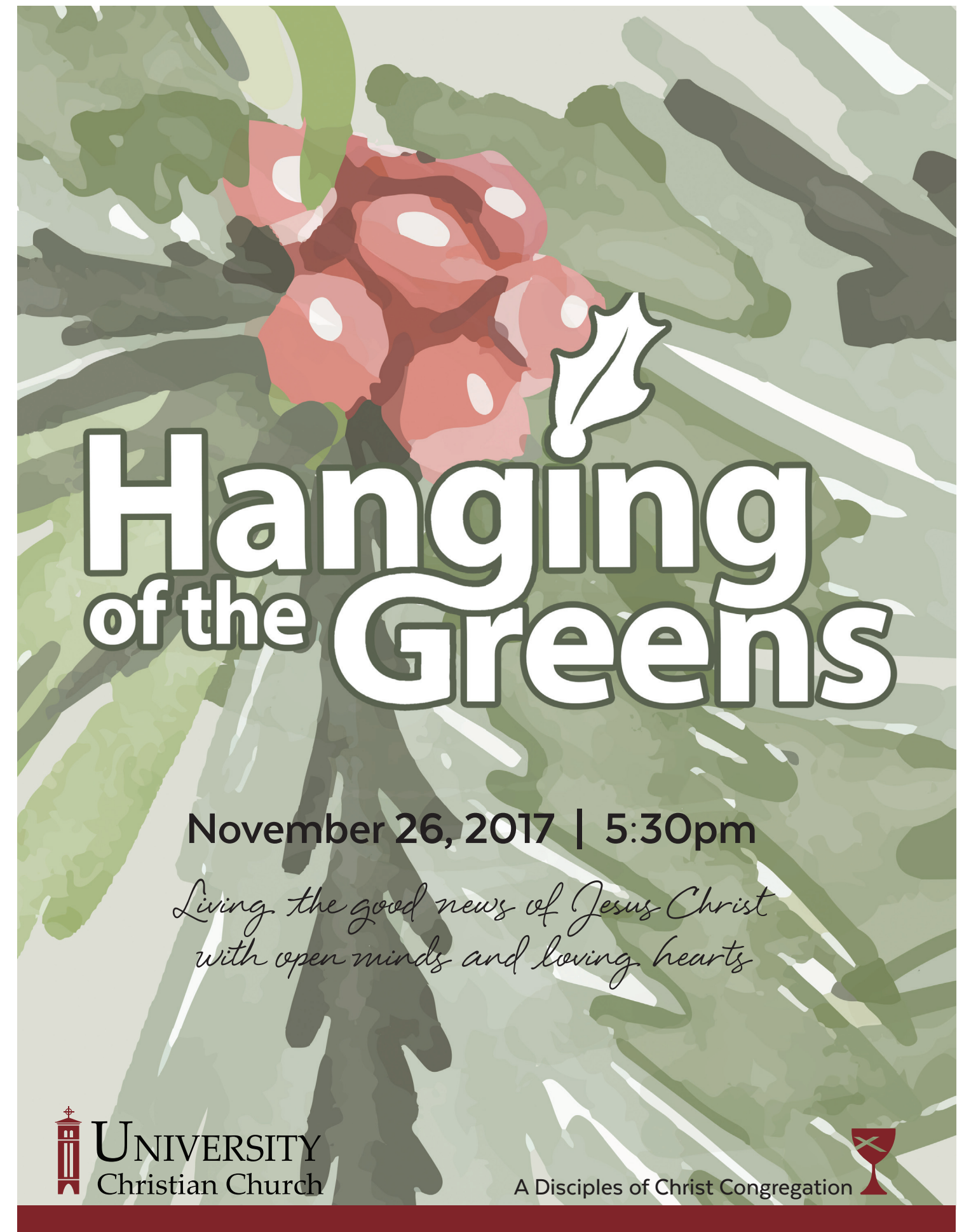
## Carol | *O Christmas Tree*

O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree! How lovely are your branches: O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree! How lovely are your branches: Your boughs are green in summer's clime and through the snows of wintertime. O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree! How lovely are your branches!

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree! You have a wondrous message: O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree! You have a wondrous message: You do proclaim the Saviour's birth, good will to all, and peace on earth! O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree! You have a wondrous message.

## The Symbolism of the Chrismons


## \*Benediction




# Hang of the Greens

November 26, 2017 | 5:30pm

*Living the good news of Jesus Christ  
with open minds and loving hearts*

 UNIVERSITY  
Christian Church

A Disciples of Christ Congregation 

Welcome

Prelude

*Christmas Joy* • arr. Chris Peck  
UCC Bronze

\*Call to Worship

**One:** From the prophet Isaiah--In the days to come, the mountain of God’s house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hill; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say:

**All:** Come, let us climb God’s mountain, to the house of the God of Jacob, that we may learn God’s ways and that we may walk in God’s paths.

**One:** With what shall we come to God’s house?

**One:** Bring branches of cedar and holly! Bring evergreens and a tree! Hang wreaths and garlands!

**All:** Make the church beautiful with symbols of the season. As we hang the greens, hear holy scriptures, sing favorite carols, and listen to festive music, let us prepare our sanctuary and our hearts for the coming of the One who brings us new life. We await the light of the Prince of Peace!

Opening Prayer

Opening Carol and Procession of the Symbols | *The First Noel*

The first Noel, the angel 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.

(Refrain) Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star shining in the east, beyond them far, and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. (Refrain)

And by the light of that same star three wise men came from country far; to seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went. (Refrain)

This star drew nigh to the northwest, o’er Bethlehem it took its rest, and there it did both stop and stay, right over the place where Jesus lay. (Refrain)

Then entered in those wise men three, full reverently upon their knee, and offered there, in his presence, their gold and myrrh and frankincense. (Refrain)



THE NATIVITY SCENE

**Scripture** | Luke 2:8-12

**Carol** | *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light; the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; cast out our sin, and enter in; be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, our God, Emmanuel.

The Legend of the Nativity Scene

THE GARLANDS & WREATHS



**Scripture** | Isaiah 9:6-7

**Organ Solo** | *The Holly and the Ivy* • arr. Richard Ellsasser  
Joshua Ridenour, Organ Scholar

Why Do We Hang Greens?



THE ADVENT WREATH

**Scripture** | John 1:1-5

**Anthem** | *What Child Is This?* • arr. Margaret R. Tucker  
Whitechapel Handbell Choir

**Light/Darkness**

*adapted from the writings of Susan Palo Cherwien*

THE POINSETTIAS



**Scripture** | Matthew 2:1-2, 9-11

**Carol** | *Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming*

Lo, how a rose e’er blooming from tender stem hath sprung, of Jesse’s lineage coming by faithful prophets sung; it came a flow’ret bright, amid the cold of winter when half spent was the night.

Isaiah ‘twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind; with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind. To show God’s love aright she bore to us a Savior when half spent was the night.

The Legend of the Poinsettia